

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2024

The October 9, 2024, the meeting of the Town of Newton was called to order by Chairperson Thomas at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 6532 Carstens Lake Road, Manitowoc.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, members present were Denise Thomas – Chairperson, Kevin Behnke - Supervisor 1, Kelly Christiansen – Supervisor 2, Alyssa Grotegut – Clerk, Paulette Vogt – Treasurer, Dave Mueller – Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer. Excused was Mike Slattery – Zoning Administrator.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING – APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

An affidavit is on file stating the agenda was posted in the proper places. Supervisor Christiansen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Vogt submitted her report prior to the meeting, there were no questions. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairperson Thomas opened public input. Jeff Rothen from the Pine Creek Conservancy gave the board an update on the records request the Town received. With no further input, public input was closed.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve Bill Heckmann boring the powerline from the road to the salt shed for \$2730.00. Seconded by Supervisor Christiansen, all approved, motion carried. Dave then mentioned Center stripping was finished and that he started ditch cutting and tree cutting. Supervisor Christiansen requested we inform homeowners that may be responsible for trees from their property falling into the road and potentially causing something to happen.

Law Enforcement – Dave mentioned he had a sheep and dog call.

Zoning Administrator – Mike submitted his report prior to the meeting, there were no questions. But Rick Wetenkamp’s fee was \$55.

Supervisor 1 – The electronic collection went great. The County Board received their County Exec. Budget, and the increase of sales tax should generate 7.7 million dollars in revenue. 4.7 million plans to go to the Human Services department. Before it is approved, they need to see more of where the revenue from the sales tax will be placed. Lastly, Supervisor Behnke questioned our Village powers documentation.

Supervisor 2 – The Fire departments next informational meeting for the Town will be held November 19th at 6 p.m.

Chairperson – Chairperson Thomas turned over the meeting to Supervisor Behnke. Supervisor Behnke then made a motion to approve the Plan Commission’s recommendation for Grotegut Dairy Farm 7427 Newton Road, 5-acre zone change from A-3 Farmland Preservation to A-1 Agricultural/Rural Residential District located in SE ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 28. Supervisor Christiansen seconded, all approved with a roll call vote. Two ayes, one abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried. The meeting was turned back over to Chairperson Thomas. The Newton Fire Company gave the Board the requested budget for 2025 at \$82,000. The Ambulance Contract increased to \$15 per resident and the City requests we pay an annual fee instead of quarterly. Supervisor Christiansen then made a motion to approve the Firestone tires from Pat’s Tire for the tractor. Seconded by Chairperson Thomas, all approved, motion carried. There is still ARIP paperwork that needs to be done but we have until 2029. Lastly, the Town of Manitowoc requested a meeting with us and the City of Manitowoc to go over the contract we received on the City Water Project.

Clerk – Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the paying of the bills, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried. Next, Clerk Grotegut read a letter from the County, looking for a Board of Adjustment letter. If you are interested reach out to her.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Special Budget Meeting – October 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Monthly Town Meeting – November 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Fire Department Informational Meeting – November 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

With no further discussion Supervisor Behnke moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. Said motion was adapted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk