

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The November 13, 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. The Public hearing to adopt the budget was postponed until November 29th at 8 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, members present were Denise Thomas – Chairperson, Kevin Behnke - Supervisor 1, Kelly Christiansen – Supervisor 2, Alyssa Grotgut – 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 then made a motion to accept all the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Vogt submitted her report prior to the meeting. Chairperson Thomas asked about our CD. After a discussion, Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve a 4-month CD at 4.65% at Community First. Seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried. Supervisor Christiansen then made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairperson Thomas opened public input. Roger Busse asked a few questions about the new Budget and the election. Ed Downing gave praise to every member of the Board on the job they are doing for the Town. Lastly, the clerk read a letter that was given to her from Larry Stock about the Budget Hearing that was supposed to take place this evening. With no further input, public input was closed.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Dave began his report discussing the driveway permit requirements for residents, since there were some questions. C.F Heckmann bored the powerline and electrical should be handled from a hired source. Next, the history of the blacktop on orchard subdivision and what to do next was discussed. Lastly, there is a culvert being put in on Carstens Road to help prevent drainage into Carstens Lake.

Law Enforcement – Update on the burning citation contest with Shawn Stelzer. Then a resident had many situations on having their neighbor’s dog in their yard. They started to feel as though the dog had become a threat, and therefore called Dave.

Zoning Administrator – Mike submitted his report prior to the meeting, there were no questions.

Supervisor 1 – Kevin just discussed that the County Board approved the County budget; along with the process that comes with that.

Supervisor 2 - The Fire departments next informational meeting for the Town will be held November 19th at 6 p.m. They are working on getting a letter together to be sent along with the taxes.

Chairperson – Denise began her report with recommendations from the Plan Commission. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve Matthew Kieker to rezone a 3-acre parcel of land from A-3, Farmland Preservation District, to A-1, Agricultural/Rural Residential. Seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. Both voted aye, motion carried. The next recommendation was for Rodney and Tracy Fisher to rezone a 2.61-acre parcel from A-3 to A-2. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to approve the rezone, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. Aye by both allowed the motion to carry. Next, a discussion about power poles that were placed in the right of way. Chuck from WPS will be at the December meeting to talk more about this. Essential Sewer and Water came and sprung the culvert on Gass Lake back up, free of charge to the

Town. Stangel Salt was next on the agenda. Denise gave everyone pamphlets and asked them to look and see what they think, and they will be put back on the agenda at a later date. That discussion led to Dave stating he was looking for a new sand supplier. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to approve Jim's Excavating at \$17/yard, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried. The culvert on Union Road was brought up and was decided it will be a discussion in spring. Northeast Asphalt fixed Gass Lake road, therefore Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve paying that bill. Supervisor Christiansen seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried. Denise then mentioned that our 10-year update to Farmland Preservation is due, and Cedar Corp will be helping with that process. This isn't in our budget, and we will have to take out of the committed fund. Denise then moved on to ARIP grant, we have received our contract and the timeframes. She will find out more with payments and reimbursements in time. The City Water Project, phase 2 & 3 was approved, now we are waiting for contracts to be discussed and approved by both sides before it can continue.

Clerk – The Christmas Party will be held at K-City Pub in Kellnersville on December 5th at 6 p.m. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to approve the paying of the bills, seconded by Chairperson Thomas. All approved, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Fire Department Informational Meeting – November 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing to adopt the 2025 Budget w/ 2024 tax levy – November 29, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

Monthly Town Meeting – December 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk