

**TOWN OF NEWTON
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2025**

The January 8, 2025 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, WI

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and 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 Mike Slattery – Zoning Administrator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Behnke moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

Supervisor Behnke moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Vogt submitted the treasurer's report prior to the meeting with no there being no questions, Supervisor Christiansen moved to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mary Roedig wanted to thank Chairperson Thomas for the follow-up letter in regard to Town personnel files. She then presented the Board with more information on the Wisconsin Retirement System. Roger Busse had a few questions on the Check Detail. Dan Habermann questioned why his tax bill increased so much. Lastly, Larry Stock gave his opinion on retirement matters. Chairperson Thomas then closed public input after everyone had their chance to speak.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Road Supervisor Mueller reported the air compressor had broken valves, the road signs by Gass Lake Road and Center Road. He issued the permit for the City Water Project. Received rims from Bauer Built for plow trucks and mentioned we need a torque wrench.

Law Enforcement – Law Enforcement Officer Mueller reported two calls of loose dogs.

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

Supervisor 1 – Supervisor Behnke is trying to set up a date for our electronic collection. He then reported on the upcoming Manitowoc County Road projects.

Supervisor 2 – Supervisor Christiansen reported that the broadband is going through the federal chain and is currently in their hands. Soon we will know more. He then reported the next Fire Dept building meeting is Jan. 18th at 10 a.m.

Chairperson – Chairperson Thomas reported that she had our Attorney write up a non-binding Resolution for the new fire house for the Spring Election. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to approve the resolution to be placed on the Spring Election ballot. Seconded by Supervisor Behnke,

all approved, motion carried. Next, Chairperson Thomas made a motion to appoint Mark Knorr as secretary and Steve Fischer as members of the Board of Appeals and for Roger Sieben and Ed Downing as members of the Plan Commission for a three-year term. Seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried. Supervisor Behnke then made a motion to hire Dan Goodie as the new Town Building Inspector, seconded by Chairperson Thomas. All approved, motion carried. Lastly, she reported that the Town of Manitowoc is keeping us informed on the City Water Project.

Clerk – Clerk Grotegut, read an invitation from the Newton Fire Department inviting the Town Board to their Company’s Annual Meeting. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the paying of the bills, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Meeting with Dan Goodie – January 31, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Monthly Town Meeting – February 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further discussion Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Behnke. The motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk