

TOWN OF NEWARK

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Town of Newark
Minutes of the May 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:29pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call: Present; Barb Lange, Jeff Bovee, Kevin Kangas, Jacki Olson, Kelly Fallon.
Approximately 15 audience members. (residents leaving from BOR, some joining Bd. meeting)

Barb Lange made a motion to end the meeting at 10pm, Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. Kevin Kangas made a motion to amend the motion to end the meeting at 9pm. Barb Lange stated she would prefer ending the meeting at 10pm. A second to the motion at 9 pm was not had. Motion dies. A vote to end the meeting at 10pm, unanimous. The motion to end the meeting at 10 pm passes.

Kevin Kangas made comment the minutes for 4/17/2027 and 3/27/2024 were not on the agenda. Barb Lange stated the request for these came through during a webinar and would be on the next agenda.

Approval of the Agenda:

Kevin Kangas made a motion to approve the agenda as written with the qualification the meeting adjourn at 10pm. Barb Lange seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Report: none

Town of Beloit Fire Dept. Report -none

Approval of minutes:

April 15, 2024: Kevin Kangas stated the minutes were incomplete, as he had a recording of the meeting and there were important points left out of the minutes that he believes needed to be added in. Given the amount of information Kevin wanted added back in, Barb Lange asked that he send an email to the Clerk with the additions for the Board to review at a later date. Kevin Kangas agreed to send an email to the Clerk. Kevin Kangas then commented we are over budget on Waste Management, Clerk is over budget for

computers. Barb Lange made a motion to hold the minutes for review at the next meeting. Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

May 9, 2024: Jeff Bovee made a motion to approve the May 9, 2024, minutes as presented. Barb Lange seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Communication:

Tim Tollefson, Clerk for Town of Harmony and WTA Clerk stated he and his wife Lisa Tollefson help out new Clerks. He and Lisa looked over previous CT Reports for the Town of Newark, beginning with year 2022, completed in 2023. Tim commented that there were massive errors on the report, many problems and over a \$400,000 rounding error. Lisa and Tim Tollefson both looked over the report and they felt the report could not be reconstructed to correct the massive errors. It is not an easy report to do. Kudos to Kelly Fallon, Barb Lange and Jacki Olson, the 3 pulled together to submit the 2023 report (completed in 2024) as accurately as possible, leaving only a \$1000 adjustment. Barb is most likely the only Chair in Rock County who knows how to do a CT Report. Tim stated that he and Lisa were shocked the CT Report had such a small adjustment and was filed on time. Kudos to them! Last year's report was filed 1 day late.

Marie Ayen stated she would like a formal viewing/ hearing for a fence. Marie also asked where is the \$400,000? Barb Lange stated she would be in touch with Marie Ayen. Barb Lange has been working with Marie Ayen.

Review of Proposed Bills:

Kevin Kangas made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Kevin Kangas did ask for verification that Newark did not have a bill from Rock County. Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Jacki Olson presented the report. Kevin Kangas had several questions. Barb Lange asked for clarification of what Kevin Kangas wants. Barb Lange made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Barb Lange yay, Jeff Bovee yay, Kevin Kangas nay.

Annual Meeting Follow-up:

Jacki Olson and Barb Lange have been meeting to review financials. Barb Lange made a motion to hold the Annual Meeting **informational follow-up** on June 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Calling Recall Election:

A formal recall election will take place on June 25, 2024. This is a formal election for recall of Supervisor position, Kevin Kangas. Ballots will be presented. Barb Lange made a motion for a recall election on June 25, 2024. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

Planning Commission Recommendations:

CUP - Parcel 6-14-30, Peter Landis: The Planning Commission recommend to approve the Conditional Use Permit. Kevin Kangas made a motion to approve the CUP for Peter Landis for the number of animals on his property, as presented. Barb Lange seconded

the motion and recommended to remove “usually 35 chickens”. Motion passed unanimously.

CUP – Parcel 6-14-79.1 John Terrones (Sawflyer Landscaping) Discussion for verification. Jeff Bovee asked John Terrones if he does snow removal. The CUP does not include snow removal. Discussion included whether a greenhouse counted as an accessory building and the Board was informed it was PVC with plastic over it and not assessed. Zoning is A2, just over 10 acres. Kevin Kangas made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for John Terrones, Sawflyer Landscaping. Barb Lange seconded the motion, allowing landscaping and snow removal. The motion passed unanimously.

John Sheehan, Planning Commission chair stated the Commission had completed the first review of zoning rewrite and would like to ask for a joint workshop with the attorney after the next Planning Commission Meeting. He would like it on the June Board meeting to schedule a workshop.

Newark Concerns:

Bennett Land Division: Barb Lange stated there is nothing in Newark or State ordinances making a motion “null and void” with regards to non-conforming lots. The land division took place. Conversation took place, Bennett’s won’t farm, but will stay on their 5 acres. Kevin Kangas compared with other towns. Jeff Bovee commented that a non-conforming lot was created. Resident John Woodworth commented there are non-conforming all over Newark. After further discussion Barb Lange made a motion to accept the land division that took place and will not be on the agenda again. Jeff Bovee amended the motion to include, and a non-conforming lot was created. Barb Lange seconded the amendment and to accept the Bennett land division as it is a non-conforming lot by ordinances. Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dogs on St. Lawrence: Jeff Bovee told Mrs. Schoon, owner of the dogs, to license 3 dogs and get rid of 2 or apply for a conditional use permit to allow all 5 dogs. Mrs. Schoon has 2 weeks to comply. Date, May 29, 2024. Kevin Kangas asked if the original complaint was about dogs at large and it was. Jeff Bovee commented there is not an ordinance regarding dogs at large and residents should call the Sheriff’s Department. Jeff Bovee will follow up after May 29, 2024.

Abel Gutter: Jeff Bovee reported they were told in November to get a Conditional Use Permit. They are located on Smythe School Rd.

Brian Damm: Brian Damm reports the ordinance indicates more than 1 large animal per acre and he had understood he can combine all of the acres he owns. Jeff Bovee states he cannot find such ordinance language and the ordinance is by parcel. Jeff Bovee reports the number of large animals is less on smaller lots. A3, 1 large animal per 2 acres, A2 is 1 large animal per acre. Brian Damm states he has 320 acres in Newark. Jeff Bovee told Brian Damm to apply for a conditional use permit. The Planning Commission is working on changes to the ordinances. An audience member commented, Damm has had the cows for years, it seems unfair a CUP is now required. Barb Lange explained it is because a complaint was received. Damm agreed to look into a CUP.

Martin's Faith Farms: This was investigated because of a complaint. Zoning is A2 – 27.5 acres. Faith Farms has been operating for 6 yrs., they were never told they needed a CUP. They did get a permit for the pole barn. They indicated they would contact the Clerk regarding a CUP.

12439 S. County Rd. K: According to ordinances, they have too many buildings, they have added onto buildings without permits and too many animals on the property. The building inspector, Barb Lange and interpreter will visit the property and Barb will report back at the next Board meeting.

Derik Valosek property: Barb Lange has visited this property. A number of animals are gone. No odors. Marie Ayen commented there is a housing issue. Kevin Kangas commented the property is 1.8 acres. Jeff Bovee asked if this is 1 lot. Barb Lange commented it is 2 parcels, 2 buildings were on the land when purchased. Barb Lange will continue to work on this matter.

Building Permit time limits: John Sheehan reports there are limits on building permits as the State says 24 months for new construction and 12 months for electrical.

Building Maintenance:

Roof update- Request for Proposal Notice is posted with sealed bids due Tuesday, June 11, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. All sealed bids will be opened at 6:30pm.

Lighting update- The electrician will begin work at 7:00 am tomorrow, May 22, 2024.

Window update- Kevin Kangas made a motion to revise the bid to \$33, 500, to include the mullion strips. Barb Lange seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

June meeting date- Barb Lange made a motion to move the June Board meeting to June 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Barb Lange made a motion to complete the balance of this agenda June 4, 2024, immediately following the Annual Meeting Informational Follow-up. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion and amended the motion to include the addition of the meeting minutes of March 27, 2024, and April 17, 2024. Barb Lange seconded the amended motion. Motion passed unanimously. The June Board meeting will be June 11, 2024

Adjournment: Jeff Bovee made a motion to adjourn. Barb Lange seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:07pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Fallon, Clerk