

Amended APPROVED BY TOWN OF NEWARK BOARD

Minutes of the June 12, 2023, Town Board Meeting

The Newark Town Board met on June 12, 2023. Present were Barb Lange, Kevin Kangas, Jacki Olson and Jeannette Bell. Jeff Bovee was absent. There were 20 guests in the audience.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Barb Lange, Chair, at 7:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

The agenda was reviewed by the Town Board. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Kevin Kangas. Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried 2-0:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The May 8, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed by the Town Board. Motion to strike the discussion in the ARPA Funds of the minutes was made by Kevin Kangas. Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried 2-0:

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:**

Audience Communication was opened with the RCSD deputy asking the audience and Board if there were any issues to be addressed. The audience and Board gave a list of problem areas. Barb Lang, Chair, asked that there be more coverage on Highway 81 due to the excessive speed and passing in no passing zones.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Jeannette Bell, Clerk reported that she would be retiring from the clerk's position. Thanking all the wonderful people of Newark for their support for the 20 years of service.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPEN:**

Barb Lange opened the Public Hearing.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Clerk read the June 8, 2023, Plan Commission Meeting Minutes into record.

Re: Marcus Carratt, 10161 W. Laird Road, Beloit, WI 53511, request a 3-lot land division of his parcel 6-14-23.1 in section 4 of the Town of Newark. Motion to approve the Land division as presented and change the 5-acre parcel zoning from A1 to A3 and the other 2 parcels will be zoned A1, was made by Kevin Kangas. Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried 2-0:

Re: Steven Poppie, 9241 S. Smythe School Road, Beloit, WI 53511 request for a Conditional Use Permit for a variance for a lot-line and a variance for an agricultural driveway. Kevin Kangas agreed with the Plan Commission to reject the Conditional Use Permit. Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried: Kevin Kangas made motion to approve the variances. Attaching a written motion." Whereas there are flooding/drainage issues to the South, a septic drainage field in the front and a site grade issue behind, the Board approves the variance request to locate the pole building 25 feet from the North lot-line and the variance request for the agricultural driveway." (attached). Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried 2-0:

Re: Phillip Bellin, 7308 W. State Road 81, Beloit, WI 53511, request for a land division of a 5-acre lot and to rezone from A1 to A3 from 6-14-200 in Section 24 located off W. Spring Creek Road Beloit, WI 53511. Motion to approve the land division of the 5-acres and the zoning change from A1 to A3 was made by Kevin Kangas. Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried 2-0:

Ralph Kramer, 11742 South County Road K, Beloit, WI 53511, for The Little Country Store LLC at 11744 South County Road K, Beloit, WI has applied to the Town Clerk for a **Renewal of Tobacco Sales, Class "A" Liquor, Class "A" Beer and Class C Wine** License for the period ending June 30, 2023. Kevin Kangas made a motion to approve the request for the renewal of the Alcohol and tobacco licenses. Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried 2-0:

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:**

Barb Lange, Chair, closed the Public Hearing.

**WHILDEN HUGHES REQUEST FOR VARIANCE:**

Motion to approve the request for alterations to the previously granted variance was made by Kevin Kangas. Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried:

**FIRE AND EMS REPORT:**

Barb Lange reported on the Fire and EMS meeting that had been attended by her and several residents. The action to change to the Town of Beloit Fire District has been started.

**REPORT ON PARCEL 6-14-242:**

Barb Lange reported on the calls and emails that have transpired over the last month and still no resolution. Suggested getting the attorney involved. No actions of permit applications have happened as of this date. Barb Lange made a motion to table with the understanding that the Town must receive letters from the DNR and Rock County before any permits can be issued by the Town or to move forward. Seconded by Kevin Kangas; Motion carried:

**ASSIGNMENTS OF DUTIES OF WHISTLER AND PASER PROGRAMS:**

Barb Lange made motion to make the Whistler and Paser Programs the Chair responsibility. Seconded by Kevin Kangas; Motion carried:

**AUDIO AND VISUAL SUPPORT:**

Barb Lange made a motion to table until after the financial workshop. During the discussion several people offered to donate for a type of audio support. Barb Lange rescinded her motion. Barb Lange made motion to approve and accept the donation of the \$300.00 for the purchase of audio equipment. Seconded by Kevin Kangas; Motion carried:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS:**

Barb Lange made a motion to table and add to the Financial Workshop Agenda and the July Agenda. Seconded by Kevin Kangas; Motion carried 2-0:

**ATV/UTV DISCUSSION:**

Barb Lange reported that the County Road ATV/UTV Ordinance had passed. The Town will have to make an application to the County to open the County Roads in the Town of Newark. Barb Lange made motion that Kevin Kangas do the research of comparisons of the existing Town ATV/UTV Ordinance and report to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Kevin Kangas; Motion carried 2-0:

**ROADWORK 2023:**

Discussion of road work plans for 2023. The Town met on May 23, 2023, to review and make suggestions to the County Department of Public Works on the roads that will be done.

**ARPA FUNDS:**

Reported that there had been no funds used this month. ARPA funds remaining balance is \$153,767.05.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Jacki Olson read the financial report into records. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Kevin Kangas. Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried 2-0:

**BILLS:**

Town bills were reviewed by the board. The motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Kevin Kangas. Seconded by Barb Lange; Motion carried: Orders were drawn and signed for total \$26,027.11.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Kangas. Seconded by Barb Lange: Motion carried: Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Jeannette Bell, Clerk