

TOWN OF NEWARK

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Approved February 20, 2024

Minutes of the January 22, 2024 Town Board Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Present: Chair, Barbara Lange, Supervisor, Jeff Bovee present by phone, Supervisor Keven Kangas, Treasurer Jacki Olson, Clerk, Kelly Fallon

19 Audience members present.

Agenda: A motion was made by Kevin Kangas to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Jeff Bovee. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of December 11, 2023.

Kevin Kangas made a motion to strike last line of Budget meeting 11-30-23 paragraph.

Barb Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget and Banking: Kevin Kangas made a motion to change the language in the Banking and budget reporting paragraph to read: Discussion about switching to a local bank as Blackhawk Bank was sold. Kangas made a motion, "that we accept the proposal for banking needs that was presented at the December 11, 2023 meeting and give the clerk and chair the power to negotiate the implementation with the bank they find to be most appropriate." Clerk asked for restatement. The chair restated, "Kevin Kangas made a motion to accept the proposal for banking needs as presented, giving the clerk, the chair and the treasurer the power to investigate and implement with the bank deemed best suited for Town of Newark." Barb Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Kangas made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Jeff Bovee. A vote was taken, Kevin Kangas, nay; Barb Lange, Aye; Jeff Bovee Aye.

Minutes of December 19, 2023.

Kevin Kangas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Jeff Bovee. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience communication: none

Fireworks Request: Kerry Torsini has made a request to practice setting off fireworks at the Town ball field. After discussion Kevin Kangas made a motion to reject Mr. Torsini's request to detonate fireworks on grounds owned by Town of Newark. Barb Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WTA membership for PC Chair: Barb Lange requested the Planning Commission Chair be listed as an affiliate member to have access online at WTA. The fee is \$30.00. After discussion Barb Lange made a motion to spend \$30.00 to WTA to allow the Planning Commission Chair access online as an affiliate member. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Maintenance:

A. 24 Hour Comfort Services: Barb Lange explained the duct work for the heating system needs to be re-worked to better regulate and maintain the temperature in the Town Hall. 24 Hour Comfort services has given a quote of \$5,400.00 for the ductwork and an additional \$1,000.00 for the removal of the extra ductwork. After discussion Barb Lange made a motion to have 24 Hour Comfort Services to do the work for \$5,400.00 and \$1,000.00 for removal of old ductwork. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion led to Kevin Kangas agreeing to getting window replacement quotes. Discussion was for at least three quotes to be brought before the Board. Kevin Kangas stated he received quotes for lighting in the Hall. This will all be placed on the February agenda.

B. Tom Popp Inc. Repairs:

Barb Lange explained the basement wall repairs and the finding of needed repairs to the septic system. The total repairs cost \$7180.00. The Board would like Tom Popp to work with the plumber regarding a septic quote. Barb Lange will talk with Tom regarding this.

C. Networking Equipment: Barb Lange made a motion for Jeff Bovee to get quotes to make town hall more technology friendly and set up networking equipment. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. Barb Lange rescinded the motion. It was clarified this was not just internet equipment. Barb Lange made a motion to update the network infrastructure, including routers and an external microphone, with a "not to exceed" of \$2,000.00. This would allow for a private and public network. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

90-year Celebration:

Barb Lange stated the Town Hall was built in 1935 and there are lots of historical documents regarding the Town. We would like a committee to put together a celebration for a 90 year celebration. Barb Lange made a motion to put together a committee for the 90-year celebration. Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly meeting schedule: After discussion Barb Lange made a motion to move the Board meeting to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. The motion

passed unanimously. The Planning Commission will discuss their future meeting dates on February 8, 2024 for the Planning Commission.

Payroll sheets: Barb Lange explained the updated payroll sheets, which will make figuring payroll and reports easier. Kevin Kangas cited an ordinance which states the Planning Commission will get paid yearly in December.

Treasurer's Report: Jacki Olson explained most of the money has been moved to Bank of Brodhead from Blackhawk Bank. Jacki Olson presented and explained the banking account sheet.

Proposed Bills: Kevin Kangas made a suggestion to put the budget number on the proposed bill report. Kevin Kangas made a motion to approve the bills of January 22, 2024 and reimburse Kelly Fallon for paying Spectrum internet. Barb Lange seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Kevin Kangas made a motion to adjourn. Barb Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 9:09pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Fallon, Clerk.