## **TOWN OF NEWARK**

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Town of Newark Minutes of the December 11, 2023, Board meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barb Lange at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present Chair, Barb Lange, Supervisor Jeff Bovee, Supervisor Kevin Kangas, Treasurer Jacki Olson, Clerk, Kelly Fallon. 18 audience members were present.

## The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kevin Kangas made a motion to amend the agenda and move items 4,5, 6 to the top of the agenda. All financials to the top of the agenda to try and adjourn at 9:00 p.m. A vote was taken, Kevin Kangas Aye, Jeff Bovee Aye, Barb Lange nay. Motion passed.

Sheriff Report: Deputy read the report. No audience comments or questions.

**Approval of minutes:** November 13, 2023, minutes: Jeff Bovee made a motion to approve the minutes. Barb Lange seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Kevin Kangas abstained, Jeff Bovee Aye, Barb Lange Aye. Motion passed.

**November 13, 2023, Emergency minutes:** Jeff Bovee made a motion to approve the minutes. Barb Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**November 30, 2023, minutes:** Strike AARPA and replaced with ARPA. Jeff Bovee made a motion to approve the Levy meeting minutes on 11-30-2023, including aforementioned changes. Barb Lange seconded the motion. A vote was taken, Barb Lange Aye, Jeff Bovee Aye, Kevin Kangas Nay.

**Budget meeting: 11-30-2023,** Jeff Bovee made a motion to approve the minutes of the budget meeting. Barb Lange seconded the motion. A vote was taken, Barb Lange – Aye, Jeff Bovee- Aye Kevin Kangas abstained.

## Audience communication: none

**#4 Budget Resolution:** Kevin Kangas made a motion to delay the vote on Resolution 23-07 until he has the opportunity to review. The motion dies. Kevin Kangas, Supervisor, would like a copy of supporting documents for resolution 23-07. Barb Lange explains the resolution must be completed prior to the end of the year. Barb Lange stated you may review but we need resolution to move forward in correct direction.

Discussion about the budget. Audience members spoke up about lack of cooperation. within the Board. Barb Lange explained that in previous years there have been errors and the County Clerk and Town of Harmony clerk have had to assist in current year reports due to errors in previous years.

Jeff Bovee asked if we can use check stubs to balance the current year. Jeff Bovee made a motion to table Resolution until December 19, 2023. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. It was agreed per diems to Board members for the meeting on December 19, 2023, will be waived.

**Loan update**: Kelly Fallon read current report. All documents are completed and awaiting funds from the Commission of Public Lands. No questions.

**Resolution 23-06: (ARPA)** After discussion of previously allocated ARPA funds; Jeff Bovee made a motion to approve Resolution 23-06. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Fire Service debt:** Jeff Bovee read a letter from the Newark's Town Attorney regarding the debt service, and a letter from the Bank of Brodhead. Jeff Bovee made a motion to pay \$24,530.04 for Newarks' share of debt to Orfordville Fire Department. Barb Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Banking and budget reporting:** 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".

**Treasurers Report:** Jacki Olson indicates the Treasurers Report was not reconciled as Blackhawk Bank was sold and the bank statement was not available. Kevin Kangas made a motion to defer the Treasurers Report until December 19, 2023. Barb Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed bills:** Bills were reviewed. Jeff Bovee made a motion to pay the bills. Barb Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nomination to Planning Commission:** Barb Lange made a recommendation to appoint Andrew Dautermann to the Planning Commission. Jeff Bovee made a motion to appoint Andrew

Dautermann to the Planning Commission. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**Appointment of Election Poll Workers:** Barb Lange read the list of proposed election poll workers. Kevin Kangas made a motion to approve the workers as presented. Barb Lange seconded the motion. A vote was taken, Barb Lange aye, Kevin Kangas aye, Jeff Bovee abstain. Motion passed.

**UDC Ordinance**: John Sheehan explained the proposed ordinance follows the state building codes. After discussion, Jeff Bovee made a motion to send the proposed Uniform Dwelling Code back to the Planning Commission to review and propose something that does not conflict with existing ordinances. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Fire Inspection:** A fire inspection was completed. To become compliant the fire extinguishers must be updated. Barb Lange made a motion to approve the estimate from ABC Fire Safety and Update to become compliant. Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Spectrum/Internet:** Jeff Bovee made a motion to engage with Spectrum for internet services at \$54.99 the first year and \$84.99 thereafter. Barb Lange seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Employee Payroll/ taxes resolution: Tabled until the January 8, 2024, Board meeting.

**Power Poles**: Jeff Bovee made a motion to approve resolution 23-05 and include the easement page from Rock Energy regarding parcel 6-14-242. Kevin Kangas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance /Zoning map**: After discussion Barb Lange made a motion to table the zoning maps and have further investigation by the Planning Commission . Jeff Bovee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Jeff Bovee made a motion to adjourn. Barb Lange seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Fallon, Clerk