



## **Building Trades Board Meeting Agenda**

***Thursday, June 19, 2025 - 5:00 PM***

Newton City Hall - Council Chambers  
101 W 4th St S  
Newton, IA 50208

- I. Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting: October 14, 2025
- III. Review of City Code 152.05- Swimming Pool Enclosures/Covers
- IV. Adjourn

**Members:** Rebecca Decker, Carroll Depenning, Antonia Sicilia, Jack Topp, Bill Yeager

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Newton Building Trades Board**  
**City Hall Council Chamber**  
101 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Newton, IA 50208

**October 14, 2024**

**Roll Call.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Decker. At 3:00 PM

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Yeager, DePenning, Decker,
COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:	Sicilia, Topp
STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:	Erin Chambers, Community Development Director Mike Flahive, Building Inspector Toni Werden, Newton Utilities Billing

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**Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** Previous meeting minutes, February 22, 2024, were reviewed and approved unanimously. **Motion** by DePenning, **second** by Yeager, Voice Vote: 3-0, Approved.

**Public Hearing: 909 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street South, Appeal to Issued Notice and Order. Thorson, Appellant and Property Owner.**

Chair Decker calls Building Inspector Flahive to review the case. Flahive states that 909 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street South has had no water service for over 1 year. Notice and Order dated Sept. 18, 2025 requires reconnection to water. Flahive reviewed the code requirements (2015 IRC Section P2602.1 and City Code Section 52.003)

Curt Thorson, 909 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street South, spoke. He stated he has resided at the property since 1994. Thorson described storm water issues in his basement. Stated that because he was getting these storm water back ups, he stopped paying for his service. Thorson reviewed the billing and the leins history as he understood it.

Board Member Yeager stated that water service and sewer/storm sewer back-up are unrelated.

Community Development Chambers reminded the Board of their scope on the hearing.

Toni Werden, Newton Utilities Billing reviewed the payment and lien history for the property beginning in December 2022.

**Motion** by DePenning, **Seconded** by upholding the Notice and Order and requiring the property owner reestablish water/sewer service within 30 days from October 14, 2024.

**Adjournment.** **Motion** by DePenning, **seconded** by Yeager to adjourn the meeting. Voice Vote: Approved 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:38 pm.

## **SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENT- REVIEW**

**Context:** A local property owner is currently in the process of having an in-ground pool installed at their property. The owner plans to install a cover that is rated to prevent drowning accidents along with a fence on three sides. A large hedge is located on the fourth side. The owner has asked for review of the City's code, noting that it is more restrictive than swimming pool enclosure rules in other area communities.

It is noted that the City of Newton City Code requirement for an enclosure is more restrictive than the International Code Council's 2015 ISPC.

### **Current Code (City of Newton specifically adopted):**

#### **§ 152.05 ENCLOSURE REQUIRED.**

Every outdoor swimming pool, except all aboveground swimming pools with sides extending not less than four feet in height above the surface of the ground, shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than four feet in height and at least four feet from each side of the pool. Such fence or wall, and the sides of any aboveground pool exempted herein, shall be approved by the Building Department to be non-climbable and constructed sufficiently strong and of such structural design as to make the pool inaccessible to small children. There shall not be a distance greater than ten feet between fence posts.

(2011 Code, § 22.0105) Penalty, see § [10.99](#)

### **2015 Swimming Pool and Spa Code (International Code Council):**

The code section from the 2015 ISPC that allows an exception (Exception 2) for the installation of a powered safety cover that complies with ASTM F 1346 in lieu of a 4 foot fence or barrier.

## **SECTION 305 BARRIER REQUIREMENTS**

### **305.1 General.**

The provisions of this section shall apply to [the design of barriers for pools and spas](#). These [design controls](#) are intended to provide protection against the potential drowning and near

drowning by restricting access to such [pools or spas](#). [These requirements provide an integrated level](#) of protection against potential drowning through the use of physical barriers and warning devices. Outdoor pools and spas and indoor swimming pools shall be surrounded by a barrier that complies with Sections 305.2.1 through 305.7 of the ISPSC.

**Exceptions:**

1. Spas and hot tubs with a lockable *safety cover* that complies with ASTM F 1346.
2. Swimming pools with a powered *safety cover* that complies with ASTM F 1346.

**Staff Comments:** Building Inspector Mike Flahive and Community Development Director Chambers will be present at the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to participate in the Board's discussion and answer any questions.