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The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 7:00 pm. Present were Deputy Mayor Elvidge, Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Diglio, Mrs. Le Frois, Mayor Levante, and Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager. Ursula Leo, Esq., Town Attorney was also present.

Mayor Levante made the following declaration “in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this public meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 31, 2016.”

Mayor Levante led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Clerk called the roll. Upon motion of Mr. Flynn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Elvidge and carried, the minutes for August 28, 2017 Regular and Executive meetings were unanimously approved.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Levante read the following statement:

“At this point in the meeting, the Town Council welcomes comments from any member of the public on any topic. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to 5 minutes. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a copy and email a copy to the Clerk’s Office after making your comments so it may be properly reflected in the minutes.”

Mel Dennison, business owner of 18 Church Street, inquired about the various parking issues on Halsted Street. He also asked if the Town could replace a faded sign, which is hard to read, on Church Street.

Mayor Levante also had concerns with the traffic and parking issues from residents on Halsted Street and asked Council to review these issues in the near future.

There being no one else from the public to be heard, Mayor Levante closed the hearing to the public.

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

a. SCCC Community Center - Dr. Christopher Robertozzi

Dr. Robertozzi made a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed Sportsplex to be located at Sussex County Community College. He outlined the proposed sports complex and explained the many reasons for creating such a facility.

The facility will include a turf field, hockey rink, gymnasium, lap pool, community pool, track, fitness center, racquet ball court, teen center, senior center, community meeting room, babysitting facilities, **café**, classrooms, party rooms, locker rooms and bleachers. He noted the target area is a 16 mile radius with a target population of 127,169. The facility will be 247,110 square feet with two stories and is estimated to cost \$65 to \$91 million dollars with a completion date set for 2021.

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Dr. Robertozzi advised of a current facility similar to the proposed facility and invited the Town Council to go on the scheduled road trip to RiverWinds Community Center, in West Deptford, NJ, on October 18th or October 25th.

Mayor Levante opened this portion to the public.

Mel Dennison, Andover Boro resident, questioned the tax impact to the residents of the County and was advised it's all privately funded with no tax impact to the residents.

The Governing Body asked several questions which were posed to Dr. Robertozzi. Council thanked Dr. Robertozzi for the presentation.

Councilman Flynn commended the GNCC for Taste of Newton event held on Monday, September 11th. It was well attended and the food was terrific, he concluded.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Levante directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to final adoption.

ORDINANCE 201 7-18

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE MERRIAM GATEWAY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "Act"), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment or areas in need of rehabilitation, as such terms are defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2007, the Town of Newton (the "Town"), designated certain properties within its borders as an area in need of rehabilitation in accordance with the Act (the "Rehabilitation Area"); and

WHEREAS, in November 2010, after review and comment by the Town's Planning Board in accordance with the Act, the Town implemented a redevelopment plan (the "Initial Redevelopment Plan") for a portion of the Rehabilitation Area then identified on the official tax map of the Town as: Block 18.03, Lot 10 (then Block 1104, Lot 22); Block 22.02, Lots 8, 9 and 10 (then Block 1209, Lots 10, 11, 12.01); Block 18.02, Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 (then Block 1301, Lots 1, 1.04, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16); and Block 22.04, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (portion), 13, 14 and 15 (then Block 1308, Lots 1 (portion), 1.01, 1.02, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14), together with the public streets and rights-of-way adjacent thereto (collectively, the "Plan Area"); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 2012-23 adopted on September 12, 2012 and Ordinance 2015-8 adopted on March 23, 2015, the Town previously amended the Initial Redevelopment Plan (as amended, the "Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Town now wishes to amend the Redevelopment Plan to permit wireless communication facilities as an additional permitted use or on a permitted structure, and to make certain other amendments as further detailed in the proposed amendments to the Redevelopment Plan (the "Proposed Amendments"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 137-2017 adopted on July 17, 2017, the Town referred the Proposed Amendments to the Planning Board for its review and comment, pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed and constituted public meeting of the Planning Board held on August 16, 2017, Jessica Caldwell, P.P., A.I.C.P. (the "Planning Consultant") presented the Proposed Amendments and further addressed any questions and comments presented by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the Proposed Amendments, testimony regarding the Proposed Amendments, and discussion of the foregoing, the Planning Board recommended the Proposed Amendments be modified to encourage that cables for a wireless communications

facility be located on the back of a building whenever practical. The Planning Board also determined the Proposed Amendments are consistent with the Town's Master Plan, and recommended the Town adopt the Proposed Amendments, including the Planning Board's recommended changes, as an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to adopt the Proposed Amendments with the Planning Board's recommended changes and has incorporated the Planning Board's recommended changes into the Proposed Amendments (including the Planning Board's recommended changes, the "Plan Amendment" attached hereto as EXHIBIT A);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AS FOLLOWS :

Section 1. The Town concurs with the Planning Board's determination that the Plan Amendment is consistent with the Master Plan. The Plan Amendment as filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, and attached hereto as EXHIBIT A, is hereby approved.

Section 2. The zoning map of the Town of Newton is hereby amended to incorporate the provisions of the Plan Amendment, and to delineate the boundaries of the Plan Area, as amended by the Plan Amendment.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Mayor Levante opened the hearing to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Flynn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Elvidge and unanimously carried, the hearing was closed.

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mr. Flynn, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and roll call resulted as follows:

Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mrs. Le Frois	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
	Mayor Levante	Yes	

This Ordinance will take effect after publication and adoption according to law. The Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Levante read the following statement:

"All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Town Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda."

Mr. Russo reviewed the Resolutions on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION # 178-2017*

AUTHORIZE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND A TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 22.02, LOT 4

WHEREAS, Block 22.02, Lot 4, also known as 17 Merriam Avenue, is now owned by Vanessa Oliviero; and

WHEREAS, there was an over payment of \$710.41 made on August 2, 2017 by Allied Title, LLC for the 3rd quarter, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Allied Title LLC, who coordinated the settlement, has requested the overpayment be made to the previous owner, Arthur Brown;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the tax overpayment for Block 22.02, Lot 4 to Arthur Brown in the amount of \$710.41.

RESOLUTION # 179-2017*

CHANGE OF TEXT AND TITLE TO THE TOWN OF NEWTON 2017 CURRENT BUDGET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85 provides the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may, at the request of, or with the consent of, the Governing Body, make such correction of the title, text, or amount of any appropriation appearing in the budgets as may be necessary to make said item of appropriation available for the purpose or purposes required for the needs of any such municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85 the Town of Newton requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to make the following corrections in the Current Budget of the year 2017:

From: Current: Court - Salary & Wages #1059101 \$12,000.00

To: Current: Court - Other Expenses, Contractual #1059217 \$12,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the foregoing correction is, in the opinion of the Governing Body, warranted and authorized by the statute above referred to, and is necessary for the orderly operation of the Town of Newton for the reasons hereinafter set forth:

The Municipal Court Administrator (paid from salary and wages) is out for eight weeks on a medical leave of absence. The Town, with approval from the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC), is paying for court staffing coverage on a contractual basis. The Deputy Court Administrator position (budgeted from salary and wages) is vacant, thereby freeing up funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the electronic Budget Amendment Certification Form along with this resolution be emailed to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION # 180-2017*

AUTHORIZE CREDITS DUE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Collector has determined the following Water and Sewer Utility Accounts are due credits for the reasons stated:

CREDIT FOR READING ESTIMATED INCORRECTLY:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5792	74 High Street	\$284.13

CREDIT FOR INCORRECT METER READING:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
25414	7-10 Hillside Terrace	\$2158.20

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Water and Sewer Collector is hereby authorized to credit the aforementioned accounts for amounts billed incorrectly due to the reason(s) stated.

RESOLUTION # 183-2017*

AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO LIBERTY STREET (SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PORTION) PROJECT

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2017 the Newton Town Council adopted Resolution #49-2017, awarding a contract to Your Way Construction, Inc., for the Proposed Improvements to Liberty Street (sidewalk improvement portion) Project in the amount of \$26,957.16; and

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WHEREAS, on August 14, 2016 the Newton Town Council adopted Resolution #143-2017 authorizing Change Order No. 1 for said project resulting in a new contract total of \$28,227.76; and

WHEREAS, the Project Engineer, Harold E. Pellow of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., in his memo dated September 6, 2017, prepared Change Order No. 2, for the Improvements to Liberty Street (sidewalk improvement portion) Project. This change order will result in a \$5,577.15 decrease in the contact to a new contract total to \$22,650.61;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby concurs with the Project Engineer's recommendation and accepts Change Order No. 2 for the Proposed Improvements to Liberty Street (sidewalk improvement portion) Project new contract total of \$22,650.61; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 2 be attached to and made part of this Resolution

RESOLUTION # 184-2017*

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS SERVICE FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, Town of Newton has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure natural gas for Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of natural gas supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, Town of Newton will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, if the auction achieves a price of \$0.521/term or less for a 12-month term, a price of \$0.519/term or less for an 18-month term, or a price of \$0.515/term or less for a 24-month term; Town of Newton may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Manager or Mayor of the Town of Newton be and [he/she] hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Newton any natural gas contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction if the auction achieves a price of \$0.521/term or less for a 12-month term, a price of \$0.519/term or less for an 18-month term, or a price of \$0.515/term or less for a 24-month term; Town of Newton may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

RESOLUTION # 185-2017*

AMEND AGREEMENT WITH JOHN J. SCHERI, PE, BCEE, ENV, SP, OF MOTT MACDONALD, LLC., SEWER ENGINEER FOR 2017

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton requires the services of a qualified Sewer Engineer for certain specific matters under non-fair and open contracts pursuant to provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council appointed John J. Scheri, PE, BCEE, ENV, SP, of Mott MacDonald, LLC., as Sewer Engineer for calendar year 2017 by the adoption of Resolution #259-2017 at their meeting on December 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, said contract stipulated that the amount expended during the term of the contract is not expected to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, due to circumstances beyond the Town's control the costs sewer engineering services will exceed the \$25,000.00 allocated; and

WHEREAS, both parties have agreed to increase the amount of the original contract to be increased by \$15,000.00 to a new amount not to exceed \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds in the additional amount of \$15,000.00 are available in the 2017 Water Sewer Utility Budget - Other Expenses, Consultant Services #6051216;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to amend the agreement with John J. Scheri, PE, BCEE, ENV, SP, of Mott MacDonald, LLC., as the Town of Newton’s Sewer Engineer for the remainder of calendar year 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a fully executed copy of said amended agreement be provided to John J. Scheri, PE, BCEE, ENV, SP, of Mott MacDonald, LLC.. and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

RESOLUTION # 186-2017*

APPROVE BILLS AND VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that payment is hereby approved for all vouchers that have been properly authenticated and presented for payment, representing expenditures for which appropriations were duly made in the 2016 and 2017 Budgets adopted by this local Governing Body, including any emergency appropriations, and where unexpended balances exist in said appropriation accounts for the payment of such vouchers.

TOWN BILLS

38707	AG CHOICE, LLC.	438.00
38708	SYNCHRINY BANK	76.90
38709	ARF RENTAL SERVICES, INC.	430.92
38710	B & R UNIFORM, INC.	581.85
38711	BONNIE MESSINA	997.50
38712	BOONTON TIRE SUPPLY INC.	629.46
38713	BUCKMAN'S INC.	506.04
38714	CINTAS FIRE PROTECTION	229.75
38715	CODE 96 LLC	145.00
38716	COOPER ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	66.90
38717	DIAMOND SAND & GRAVEL, INC	532.00
38718	FIREFLOW SERVICES, LLC.	4,234.30
38719	HAMPTON BODY WORKS, INC.	1,137.78
38720	HAYEK'S MARKET INC.	17.70
38721	J & D SALES & SERVICE, LLC.	316.66
38722	J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	354.00
38723	JENNIFER DODD	21.61
38724	JCP&L	479.18
38725	JK HVAC SERVICE, LLC.	224.00
38726	JOHN MULHERN	3,809.17
38727	KIEFFER ELECTRIC, INC.	723.85
38728	KLIPPEL, JO ANN	200.00
38729	KRAVE CAFÉ	25.38
38730	LADDEY, CLARK & RYAN, LLP	2,462.50
38731	LIFESAVERS, INC.	544.64
38732	MILLER, THOMAS	150.00
38733	MITCHELL AGENCY, INC.	3,147.00
38734	MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY, INC.	81.38
38735	MORRIS ASPHALT SUPPLY, LLC	2,403.06
38736	MUNICIPAL GRAPHICS INC	119.72
38737	NEWTON FIRST AID SQUAD	6,125.00
38738	NEWTON TROPHY	7.80
38739	NITE RIDER TECHNICAL LIGHTING SYSTE	64.16
38740	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSOC., INC.	260.00
38741	QUILL CORPORATION	92.95
38742	R.S. PHILLIPS STEEL LLC	331.00
38743	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC.	4,141.89
38744	REISINGER OXYGEN SERVICE, INC.	107.96
38745	ROSE FISCHER	130.00

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38746	SARAH GRUB	775.00
38747	SCHENCK, PRICE, SMITH, & KING, LLP	3,694.84
38748	SEBRING AUTO PARTS, INC.	179.93
38749	SLOAN, JAMES PPC.	106.25
38750	SOL AZTEKA MEXICAN GRILL	32.97
38751	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, INC.	374.81
38752	TAYLOR OIL CO., INIC	1,451.73
38753	THE CANNING GROUP, LLC.	535.71
38754	THOMAS, CHRISTINE M.	250.00
38755	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP.	219.50
38756	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	334.00
38757	USA HOISTCO., INC.	220.00
38758	VERIZON WIRELESS, INC.	193.38
171059	BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON	402,200.00

CAPITAL

8646	ENVIRO VISION ENVIROMENTAL	3,036.00
8647	J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	59.00
8648	JESCO, INC.	78,180.95
8649	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSOC., INC.	4,188.20
8650	TRACTOR SUPPLY	194.24
8651	YOUR WAY CONSTRUCTION, INC.	6,823.59

Total TOWN BILLS \$ 539,397.11

WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT

16492	CAMPBELL'S SMALL ENGINE INC.	164.54
16493	CIT-E-NET, LLC	1,000.00
16494	COYNE CHEMICAL CORP., INC.	10,511.53
16495	FAMILY FORD, INC.	540.61
16496	GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES INC	1,075.00
16497	JESCO INC.	78,180.95
16498	KRAVE CAFÉ	25.37
16499	NEW JERSEY WATER ASSOCIATION	280.00
16500	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	268.75
16501	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMM.	6,280.00
16502	PUMPING SERVICES, INC.	7,992.00
16503	SMALLEY, JOHN H	1,250.00
16504	SOL AZTEKA MEXICN GRILL	32.98
16505	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, INC.	25.48
16506	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP.	472.08
16507	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	98.22
176027	STATE OF NEW JERSEY	474.65

CAPITAL

2456	FRED DEVENS CONSTRUCTION	24,186.89
2457	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSOC., INC.	160.40

Total WATER & SEWER Bills \$ 133,019.45

TRUST ACCOUNT

3652	FERDENZI, JACQUIE	239.00
3653	GREEN TOWNSHIP	5,550.00
3654	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSOC., INC.	1,250.20
3655	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSOC., INC.	1,868.75
3656	SLOAN, JAMES PPC.	1,125.00

Total TRUST ACCOUNT Bills \$ 10,032.95

DEVELOPERS ESCROW (FUND 72) ACCOUNT

1284	MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC	357.50
1285	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSOC., INC.	692.95

Total DEVELOPERS ESCROW (FUND 72) ACCOUNT Bills \$

1,050.45

FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS

1372	MOVIES IN MOTION	700.00
1373	SWANK MOTION PICTURES	413.00
Total FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS Bills		<u>\$ 1,113.00</u>

A motion was made by Mrs. Le Frois to approve the **COMBINED ACTION RESOLUTIONS**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Elvidge and roll call resulted as follows:

Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mrs. Le Frois	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
	Mayor Levante	Yes	

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION #1 81-2017

APPROVE AMENDED CHANGE ORDERS NO. 3 AND 4 FOR FOX HOLLOW LAKE TRANSMISSION MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA FOR THE TOWN OF NEWTON

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton awarded the contract for the Fox Hollow Lake Transmission Main Replacement Project in the Township of Sparta to Montana Contracting Corp, Inc., on Monday, August 22, 2016 by the adoption of Resolution #142-2016 for a total contract amount \$878,311.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #175-2017 authorized change orders for a total construction price of \$1,187,507.75, which exceeded the original bid by more than 20%, and included the Certification by David Earp, President of Walker Diving Underwater Construction, LLC in support of the change of work order due to unforeseen circumstances in the discovery of significant boulders and rock discovered during the process; and

WHEREAS, Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., the Town Engineer, has prepared an Amended Change Order No. 4 to increase the total contract amount by \$133,435.15 for costs for the underwater diving services needed to excavate and move underwater boulders and rocks for the 20" HDPE trench, grout mat installation, remobilization, and final quantities; and

WHEREAS, Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., the Town Engineer, has also prepared an Amended Change Order No. 3 to increase the total contract amount by \$175,761.60 for additional costs associated with the underwater diving services needed to excavate and move underwater boulders and rocks for the 20" HDPE trench; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available to support CO#3-revised in the amount of \$175,761.60 from the Water Sewer Capital Fund -Ordinance 2017-14 Supp. Fox Hollow Watermain A/C#6191714. Note also the recertification of funds for CO#4 as follows: \$155,147.24 A/C#6191405 per R#128-2017, and \$133,435.15 A/C #6191405 for CO#4-revised.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Change Orders No. 3 and 4 are hereby approved for a new contract total of \$1,187,507.75 for costs associated with the underwater diving services, excavation and removal of underwater boulders and rocks for the 20" HDPE trench, grout mat installation, remobilization, and final quantities.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Elvidge to approve **Resolution #181-2017**, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and roll call resulted as follows:

Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mrs. Le Frois	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	No
	Mayor Levante	Yes	

INTERMISSION - None

DISCUSSION

a. Food Truck Ordinance

Mr. Russo and Mayor Levante provided some statistics from other Towns in regards to Food Truck Ordinances.

After a lengthy discussion, Council directed Mr. Russo and Mrs. Leo to draft an ordinance based on the proposed recommendations. It was also recommended to incorporate a fee for utilization of parking spaces.

b. Parking Authority Review (as per Best Practices)

Mr. Russo and Ms. Babcock reviewed the Best Practice requirement surrounding the Newton Parking Authority. Municipalities are required to annually assess the authority created and publicly discuss their findings and conclusions.

After a detailed discussion, the Town Council agreed the Newton Parking Authority, in its current form, budget and mission, continues to serve the public and is more efficient than other potential alternatives in providing services and financing public parking facilities.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC _____

Mel Dennison, Andover Borough resident, requested restrictions on the food trucks during special events sponsored by the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce (GNCC). He was concerned with the potential loss of revenue for the GNCC during special events.

Michael Malone, 59 Trinity Street, asked several questions regarding the potential food trucks which were addressed by the Mayor and Town Council.

There being no one else from the public to be heard, Mayor Levante closed the meeting to the public.

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS

Mayor Levante disclosed the approved Resolutions supporting school consolidation from Hopatcong, Green, Newton and Sussex. He attended Andover and Sparta Council meetings this week and advised they were very receptive to the idea of school consolidation and a feasibility study. Mayor Levante will continue to visit other municipalities as well as continue to compile information on school consolidation.

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mrs. Le Frois, seconded by Mr. Flynn and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorraine A. Read". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'L'.

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk