

April 12, 2021
(VIA ZOOM)

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held, via Zoom, on the above date at 7:01 pm. Present were Mr. Couce, Mrs. Diglio, Deputy Mayor Schlaffer, Mrs. Teets, Mayor Dickson, and Thomas S. Russo, Jr, Town Manager. Eric Bernstein, Esq., Town Attorney was also present.

Mayor Dickson then made the following declaration "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this Regular meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on January 4, 2021."

Mayor Dickson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Municipal Clerk called the roll. Upon motion of Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mrs. Teets and unanimously carried, the minutes for the March 22, 2021 Special and March 22, 2021 Regular meetings were approved.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

At this time, Mayor Dickson 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 take one turn at the microphone and please limit their comments to 3 minutes. The Municipal Clerk will keep time. 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. Council may choose to comment after the entire public portion has concluded."

Peg Baldini, 10 Barry Lane, asked several questions regarding various Resolutions on the consent agenda.

Alex Majewski, 90 Trinity Street, read from a prepared statement:

"Good Evening Council,

I look forward to the council's discussion tonight on an introduction of an ordinance to approve the financial agreement with a redeveloper for the property located at 121 Water Street.

I've heard good things and bad things about this development plan, and I personally believe that moving forward with this will be a tremendous benefit to the town and surrounding area. Not only does it create jobs and revenue, but it will also encourage more people to come to Newton and see what the town is all about. The way I see it is that we can have the land remain vacant, or we can take this opportunity to build on it – I recommend the later.

At the end of the day, it's impossible to make everyone happy and there will always be opposition, but I truly believe this is a right path to making Newton a focal point of the county.

The recommendation I have to the Council tonight is to consider hosting a town hall or roundtable discussions regarding this new development. I think that the more that people hear about what you all are looking to do, the more that people will appreciate it and realize the pros outweigh the cons. Thank you."

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Ludmilla Mecaj, 9 Madison Street, addressed concerns surrounding the redevelopment project on Water Street and asked Council to keep the taxes low for the residents of Newton.

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

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Russo – Mr. Russo addressed the questions of Ms. Baldini, Mr. Majewski, and Dr. Mecaj. He noted the redevelopment plans will be presented to the Planning Board in May. Mr. Doyle added additional comments regarding the redevelopment project on Water Street.

Councilwoman Teets – Nothing to report at this time.

Councilwoman Diglio – She started planning, along with the VFW Commander and the American Leagion Caommders, the Memorial Day service which will take place on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 11:00am. Two gentlemen will be honored at this service.

Councilman Couce – He attended the Newton BOE meeting and provided the updates to Council. He noted today was National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and took a moment to recognize the Newton dispatchers for their hard work.

Deputy Mayor Schlaffer – Nothing at this time.

Mayor Dickson –

“ COVID numbers:

From April 9th to April 12th, 2021 the Sussex County Division of Health reported 210 additional cases of COVID-19 among County residents, with an average of 70 cases daily, for a total number of 13,161 confirmed cases. Of the 13,161 cases, 11,857 cases have been classified as recovered. Additionally, the Sussex County Division of Health reports no new deaths for a total of 289 deaths.

COVID testing:

Sussex County is offering 2 types of free at home COVID testing: the Labcorp nasal swab for residents 18 and older and the Vault health saliva test available to residents 6 and older. Testing information can be found at sussex.nj.us .

Sussex County has contracted with [Zufall Health Center](#) to conduct weekly COVID-19 testing clinics at no cost to residents. Zufall will be rotating the clinics between two locations in Sussex County:

4/15/2021	Newton VFW, 85 Mill St, Newton	Noon - 4 p.m.
4/22/2021	5 West Shore Trail, Sparta	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
4/29/2021	Newton VFW, 85 Mill St, Newton	Noon - 4 p.m.
5/6/2021	5 West Shore Trail, Sparta	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
5/13/2021	Newton VFW, 85 Mill St, Newton	Noon - 4 p.m.

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Vaccines:

Sussex County has a notification system in place. You will no longer need to check the Appointment Plus calendar for openings. Pre-register with Sussex County at <https://www.sussex.nj.us>, under the Coronavirus Vaccination section. The e-mail address provided by you will be used by the County when announcing openings.

As a block of openings become available, an e-mail blast will go out to everyone who has signed up. You must respond to the e-mail to schedule a time and date for your vaccination. Appointments will be scheduled in order of the receipt of responses to the e-mail blast. If you do not successfully schedule your appointment when openings occur, your e-mail address will remain in the notification system for the next round of openings. Your e-mail address will continue to remain in the system until such time that you are able to schedule a vaccination.

The Sussex County Division of Senior Services is providing assistance to our seniors. The staff will help with a referral to Skylands Ride and/or help fill out the vaccination registration and appointment scheduler. You can call the office at 973 579-0555 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Atlantic Health is also offering appointment alerts for when vaccines become available at their clinics and that can be done at Atlantichealth.org and clicking on the COVID vaccine section.

The State of NJ site to register for the COVID vaccine is covidvaccine.nj.gov. The State has also set up a hotline that residents call for assistance to the State's system at 855-568-0545.

Shoprite Pharmacy vaccine information can be found at vaccines.shoprite.com. For vaccine information at RiteAid go to riteaid.com/pharmacy/covid-qualifier. For Walgreens go to a Walgreens.com and click on schedule vaccine.

Vaccine information at Weis can be found by going to weismarkets.com and clicking on the scheduling link in the vaccination banner.

I wanted to welcome two new businesses to Spring St. The Mi Rancho Meat Market, a deli and convenience store located at 189 Spring St. and Benny's Bodega at 166 Spring St. Benny's Bodega is a non-profit which distributes basic needs items for families in need of support. We are excited to welcome both and wish them nothing but success.

Now hiring:

The Town of Newton is now hiring summer positions at the Newton Pool. We are looking for DPW Summer Seasonal workers, PT Seasonal Assistant Pool Manager, PT Seasonal Lifeguards, and PT Seasonal Pool Assistants. If you are interested or know someone who might be, the applications can be found on the Town of Newton website.

Spring brush pickups start the week of May 3rd according to your zone. Brush must be curbside by 7:00 am. Tree limbs must be smaller than 4 inches in diameter and no leaves will be picked up during the spring cleanup.

The bulk pick-up and paper shredding event is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, May 1st. With a proper permit, you are able to place curbside up to 500 lbs. of bulky waste items. Materials may include household appliances (commonly referred to as white goods, with Freon removed), couches, tables chairs, mattresses, bedsprings. Due to social distancing requirements, our annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors event previously scheduled for the same day has been cancelled."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

ORDINANCES –

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Mayor Dickson directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

ORDINANCE 2021-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEWTON AND WSR I URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Deputy Mayor Schlaffer, who moved its introduction, seconded by Mrs. Teets and roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Couce	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Deputy Mayor Schlaffer	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
	Mayor Dickson	Yes	

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on the same to be held on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Mayor Dickson directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

ORDINANCE 2021-6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEWTON AND WSL URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mrs. Diglio, who moved its introduction, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schlaffer and roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Couce	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Deputy Mayor Schlaffer	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
	Mayor Dickson	Yes	

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on the same to be held on Monday, April 26, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Dickson 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 consent agenda items.

RESOLUTION #95-2021*

IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A VETERAN CENTER IN NORTHWESTERN NEW JERSEY

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WHEREAS, veterans in the State of New Jersey deserve high quality and accessible mental health care; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a long history of providing assistance to veterans, beginning in the colonial era; and

WHEREAS, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a law to establish a national soldiers and sailors asylum, creating the blueprint for future VA hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in 1917, the United States Congress established a new system for veterans benefits, expanding services and providing soldiers returning from World War I with access to newly established hospitals that specifically addressed the needs of veterans; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, the population of veterans increased, leading the United States Congress to enact new benefits for veterans and to the modernization of the VA; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the United States Congress recognized the mental health needs of veterans who had returned from Vietnam and created Vet Centers to provide mental health and readjustment services to veterans; and

WHEREAS, Vet Centers provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help the veteran make a successful readjustment to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Vet Centers provide veterans, service members, and their families with readjustment counseling including individual and group counseling, family counseling, bereavement counseling, military sexual trauma counseling and referral, and substance abuse assessment and referral, and with other medical and social services to assist veterans; and

WHEREAS, separate from VA sites to ensure confidentiality of services and easy access to care, Vet Centers are located within the community to best serve veterans, service members, and their families; and

WHEREAS, there are currently five(5) Vet Centers in New Jersey, none of which are located in the northwestern part of the State; and

WHEREAS, as of September 30, 2020, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has estimated that about 40,000 veterans reside in Morris, Sussex, Warren, and Hunterdon counties; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a Vet Center in the northwestern part of the State creates a burden on veterans, service members, and their families who are forced to travel long distances or travel out of State to receive much needed mental health services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that it supports the efforts of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey as it respectfully urges the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a Vet Center in Northwestern New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #96-2021*

AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR GRANT CYCLE JULY 2021-JUNE 2022

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government, law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth, and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, recognizes the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further recognizes it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Sussex;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Town Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the **Action Municipal Alliance** grant for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$6,037.00
Cash Match	\$1,509.25
In-Kind	<u>\$4,527.75</u>
Total Alliance Budget	\$12,074.00

2. The Town Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____
Matthew S. Dickson, Mayor

RESOLUTION #97-2021*

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-3522 CREATING LOCAL PART OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)

WHEREAS, county, municipal, and other local governments have met their pension obligations as employers for more than a decade while the State of New Jersey has continued to underfund the pension systems in varying degrees since 1996 and thus created one of the worst publicly funded retirement systems in the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, despite fulfilling their fiduciary duties in meeting their pension obligations, local governments across the State will experience double digit percentage increases in total employer pension contributions in 2021 as determined in figures recently published by the Division of Pension and Benefits in the State Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, even more alarming for local government employers is the fact the unfunded accrued liability once again increased in 2021 to a staggering \$26.6 billion for the Public Employee's Retirement System ("PERS") alone, causing in part, a decrease in the funded ratio for the Local Part of PERS to 65.4%, the State Part to 31.2%, and the combined rate to a disconcerting 52.2% far below the target funded ratio of 75.0%; and

WHEREAS, S-3522 would divide PERS into two parts; A State Part for State employees, and a Local Part for all other employees; and

WHEREAS, the legislation creates a seven member board consisting of: three labor employee representatives, three management representatives, and one determined by the Board, tasked with operating the retirement system and directing policies and investments to achieve and maintain full funding; and

WHEREAS, S-3522 would protect local governing bodies from the State of New Jersey further directing property taxpayer dollars to subsidize its long mismanagement

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and underfunding of the pension systems as it would provide the new balanced Board of Trustees of PERS with the ability to determine or modify member benefits, direct policies and investments to achieve full funding, and serve as fiduciary of the system;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton does in fact hereby support S-3522, which would establish a new Board of Trustees for the Local Part of PERS to preserve the structure and integrity of the more solvent Local Part; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Sen. Steven V. Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space, Assemblyman Harold J. "Hal" Wirths, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION #98-2021*

CONCUR WITH THE TOWN MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER FROM CERTIFICATION NO. OL210154

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body concurs with the Town Manager's appointment of the following individual as a Police Officer from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission "Certification of Eligibles For Appointment" list No. OL210154 effective April 12, 2021:

Justin E. Sibblies

RESOLUTION #99-2021*

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF WATER STREET HOLDINGS LLC AS REDEVELOPER AND THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEWTON AND REDEVELOPER

WHEREAS, the Town is a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey (the "State"), located in the County of Sussex; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 69-2018 adopted on February 26, 2018, the Town Council of the Town (the "**Town Council**") designated Block 10.01, Lot 4, commonly known as 121 Water Street, as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment the "**Redevelopment Area**" or "**Project Area**") in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* (the "**Redevelopment Law**"); and

WHEREAS, by the adoption of Ordinance 2020-14 on July 13, 2020, the Town Council duly adopted a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area, entitled, "121 Water Street Redevelopment Plan", prepared by Topology and dated June 22, 2020 (as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time, the "**Redevelopment Plan**"); and

WHEREAS, Redeveloper is formed as a limited liability company and is the contract purchaser of the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper has proposed to undertake the following actions, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Redevelopment Plan: (i) acquire the Project Area; (ii) demolish the existing improvements on the Project Area; (iii) design, develop, finance, construct, operate, and maintain a multi-family rental housing development including residential buildings containing a minimum of 80 and a maximum of 120 residential apartment units; (iv) design, develop, finance, construct, and lease to third parties two, single-story commercial buildings totaling approximately 8,700 square feet; and (v) construct all necessary on and off-site infrastructure improvements (items (i) through (v), as more specifically described in Section 4.1 herein, collectively, the "Project" or "Redevelopment Project"); and

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WHEREAS, in order to effectuate the Redevelopment Plan, the Project and the redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area, the Town has determined to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper, which Redevelopment Agreement designates Redeveloper as the "redeveloper" of the Project in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and which specifies the respective rights and responsibilities of the Parties with respect to the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town hereby designates WATER STREET HOLDINGS LLC as Redeveloper of the Project.
2. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Redevelopment Agreement, subject to such additions, deletions, modifications, or amendments deemed necessary by the Town Manager in his discretion in consultation with counsel, which additions, deletions, modifications, or amendments do not alter the substantive rights and obligations of the parties thereto, and to take all other necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the Redevelopment Agreement.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION #100-2021*

REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER FOR BLOCK 17.01, LOT 42, ALSO KNOWN AS 45 MASON AVENUE

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 23, 2019, a lien was sold on Block 17.01, Lot 42, also known as 45 Mason Avenue, Newton, NJ for 2018 delinquent utility charges; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2019-008 was sold to Fig cust Fig NJ 19, LLC & Sec Pty for a 0% redemption fee; and

WHEREAS, the paramount lienholder, HTC REO, LLC has effected the redemption of Certificate #2019-008 on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the former lienholder, Fig cust Fig NJ 19, LLC & Sec Pty made a tax payment in error in the amount of \$2,413.03;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges Fig cust Fig NJ 19, LLC & Sec Pty is entitled to a refund of the tax payment made in error in the amount of \$2,413.03; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton confirms and acknowledges the Treasurer shall issue a check, in the amount of \$2,413.03 to Fig cust Fig NJ 19, LLC & Sec Pty, PO Box 54226, New Orleans, LA 70154.

RESOLUTION #101-2021*

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 946 – THE STOP THE ATTACK LOCAL TAXPAYERS ACT

WHEREAS, each provision of the Federal Tax Code, which is incredibly complex, was enacted for a reason. While some of those reasons may no longer serve the public's interest, others remain fair and effective tools that promote the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the deduction for State and local taxes (SALT) has been a feature of the tax code for more than 100 years. In 1913, the first federal income tax form allowed taxpayers to deduct State and local taxes, one of only six deductions allowed at the time; and

WHEREAS, a federal tax reform law passed in 2017 capped the deductibility of State and local taxes at \$10,000, forcing double taxation for residents that pay in excess

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of that amount, as well as harm to States and communities that rely on tax payments that support public services which benefit all citizens, such as K-12 schools, law enforcement and public safety, transportation and infrastructure, and vital community and public health services; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey 9th District Congressman Bill Pascrell has introduced H.R. 946 the Stop the Attack on Local Taxpayers (SALT) Act, which eliminates the \$10,000 cap on property tax deduction and retroactively removes the cap; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers in all 50 states benefit from the SALT deduction that is claimed by taxpayers of all income levels; and

WHEREAS, the deduction is especially important for middle-income homeowners, as fifty percent of the deductions claimed by taxpayers making \$50,000 to \$100,000 are for property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the SALT deduction does not unfairly benefit taxpayers in high tax states. To the contrary, low tax states are generally more dependent on the federal government, receiving more in federal funding than they pay in federal taxes. According to one study, New Jersey, New York, and Illinois are among the states that receive less than \$1 from the federal government for every \$1 paid in federal taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton, supports the full tax deductibility outlined in H.R. 946 and urges all members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation as well as all members of Congress to support the SALT Act, with voice and vote, to restore the fair and reasonable SALT deductibility provision from the Federal Tax Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Congressman Josh Gottheimer, Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menedez, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION #102-2021*

AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF TAXES; BLOCK 22.10, LOT 9, FOR A 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, Lawrence Pittenger owns Block 22.10, Lot 9, also known as 49 Sussex Street, Newton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Assessor has granted a 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption on April 7, 2021 for the property owned by Lawrence Pittenger; and

WHEREAS, the property taxes for Block 22.10, Lot 9, are paid through the 1st quarter of 2021 and a portion of the 2nd quarter taxes need to be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined the amount of the portion of the 2nd quarter taxes to be cancelled is \$1,375.46;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Governing Body acknowledges a portion of the 2nd quarter taxes need to be cancelled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel a portion of the 2nd quarter taxes.

RESOLUTION #103-2021*

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAXES; BLOCK 5.01, LOT 20, ALSO KNOWN 49 HIGH STREET

WHEREAS, Helping Hand Pregnancy Center of SC owns Block 5.01, Lot 20, also known as 49 High Street, Newton, New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has granted a 100% Tax Exemption for the property owned by Helping Hand Pregnancy Center of SC, effective January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lakeland Bank made a payment on January 11, 2021 towards the anticipated 1st quarter 2021 taxes resulting in an overpayment in the amount of \$3,806.00 and has requested the overpayment be refunded; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Governing Body acknowledges a refund is due to Lakeland Bank in the amount of \$3,806.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tax Collector be authorized to refund the tax overpayment in the amount of \$3,806.00 to Lakeland Bank, Attn: Diane Perez, 250 Oak Ridge Rd, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

RESOLUTION #104-2021*

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 2020 and 2021 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

3411	2799 -	AFLAC	PO 58991 March 2021- Vol Ben - Disability, Hospit	2,111.98	2,111.98
3412	4106 -	ALL GAS & WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC.	PO 58918 MIG/WELDING Spls	386.40	386.40
3413	1651 -	AMANJ	PO 58966 2021 AMANJ DUES	75.00	75.00
3414	3508 -	AMERICAN AQUATIC TESTING, INC.	PO 58905 CHRONIC BIOASSAY	1,650.00	1,650.00
3415	3869 -	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	PO 58976 March 2021 - Vol Benefits - LTD, Critic	659.56	659.56
3416	3868 -	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE COMPANY	PO 58977 FSA - March 2021	546.66	546.66
3417	3079 -	AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS,	PO 58952 2021 ASCAP LICENSE	367.00	367.00
3418	4394 -	BERNARD HATTERSLEY	PO 58799 CODE ENFORCEMENT- Office Supplies	22.99	22.99
3419	1132 -	BOONTON TIRE SUPPLY INC.	PO 58452 B: POLICE VEHICLE MAINT	157.22	
			PO 58940 2006 FORD BUS - Blower Switches / Side M	337.28	494.50
3420	702 -	C W A LOCAL 1032	PO 58980 Police Dispatch Dues - Mar 2021	269.12	269.12
3421	3893 -	CAMPBELL SUPPLY OF SUSSEX CTY LLC	PO 58715 Truck /Trk#4 Rprs	3,302.12	3,302.12
3422	192 -	CAMPBELL'S SMALL ENGINE INC.	PO 58920 REPLACEMENT BLADES/NEW EQUIP/S	507.51	507.51
3423	3015 -	CAPITOL SUPPLY CONST PRODUCTS, INC.	PO 58910 Supplies/ Dist RPR	1,003.10	1,003.10
3424	2206 -	CENTER FOR PREVENTION & COUNSELING, INC	PO 58901 Community Event	1,000.00	1,000.00
3425	163 -	CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	PO 58406 B: ALARM CIRCUITS	125.85	125.85
3426	163 -	CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	PO 58971 PHONE	1,252.22	
			PO 58971 PHONE	3,020.35	4,272.57
3427	2639 -	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	PO 58948 Pay 1st Qtr Taxes due on Pilot, ThorLabs	8,509.00	8,509.00
3428	176 -	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	PO 58955 COUNTY PURPOSE TAX-2ND QTR	941,169.53	941,169.53
3429	178 -	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	PO 58956 COUNTY LIBRARY TAX-2ND QTR	67,568.16	67,568.16
3430	1425 -	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	PO 58964 COUNTY OPEN SPACE TAX-2ND QTR	3,873.67	3,873.67
3431	2361 -	CSS INC.	PO 58694 B: PR-EMPLOYMENT/POST ACCIDENT DRUG	144.00	144.00
3432	4386 -	DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP	PO 58932 WATER STREET HOLD LLC	11,024.80	11,024.80
3433	4180 -	DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN,PC	PO 58677 TOWN OF NEWTON ADV. NEWTON	60.00	60.00
3434	2386 -	DOMINICK'S PIZZA LLC	PO 58899 03/22/2021 - Lunch - Online Class -	16.95	
			PO 58899 03/22/2021 - Lunch - Online Class - 8 pa	16.95	33.90
3435	1303 -	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSO.	PO 58916 LAB CHEMS/PH CHLORINE ACCT	269.42	269.42
3436	4385 -	ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	PO 58692 B: LEGAL FEES NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000	7,709.00	
			PO 58692 B: LEGAL FEES NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000	104.00	
			PO 58692 B: LEGAL FEES NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000	1,703.00	
			PO 58931 WATER STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT	520.00	10,036.00
3437	225 -	FEDERAL EXPRESS	PO 58541 B: EXPRESS MAIL	37.64	37.64
3438	2640 -	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC #3326	PO 58907 Water Supplies/ Flags/Valve	456.45	456.45
3439	1707 -	FINKLE, DANIEL	PO 58559 FCC GMRS Radio Operator Licensing Regist	70.00	70.00
3440	373 -	GALLS, LLC	PO 58851 PPE Masks and Disinfectant Wipes	233.11	233.11
3441	4398 -	GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS LLC	PO 58927 Recycling Collection 2020	19,665.60	19,665.60
3442	789 -	GREATER NEWTON CHMBR OF COMM.	PO 58883 2021 MEMBERSHIP	195.00	195.00
3443	230 -	HAYEK'S MARKET INC.			
			PO 58884 3/19/2021 - Working lunch - Redevelopmen	15.43	
			PO 58884 3/19/2021 - Working lunch - Redevelopmen	15.42	
			PO 58938 Town Manager's Lunch and tour with A. El	22.77	
			PO 58938 Town Manager's Lunch and tour with A. El	22.77	76.39
3444	4337 -	HFE SERVICES LLC	PO 58914 Upgrade Water/Sewer Buildings	1,419.98	
			PO 58947 Renewal 3 Microsoft Office 365 Business	450.00	1,869.98
3445	3876 -	HOLLAND COMPANY, INC.	PO 58484 B: EPIC 2400 (\$85,800	6,639.60	6,639.60
3446	1866 -	HOME DEPOT, INC.	PO 58778 Jan-Feb2021 Mat/ Spls/ Repairs	2,012.23	
			PO 58778 Jan-Feb2021 Mat/ Spls/ Repairs	353.84	2,366.07

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3447	1237 -	IAAO	PO 58895 2021 IAAO DUES	40.00	40.00
3448	3235 -	J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	PO 58913 HPC CONSULT-FEB ESCROW		315.00
			PO 58984 ALFRED STEWARD-MAR ESCROW	65.00	
			PO 58985 AHS-MAR ESCROW	455.00	
			PO 58986 QUANTUM REALM-MAR ESCROW	65.00	
			PO 58987 PB CONSULT-MAR 2021	195.00	
			PO 58990 THORLABS-MAR ESCROW	130.00	1,225.00
3449	113 -	JCP&L	PO 58929 STREET LIGHTING	6,289.95	
			PO 58930 ELECTRIC - FEB	2,219.35	
			PO 58953 ELECTRIC-WOODSIDE FIRE DEPT	600.83	9,110.13
3450	3772 -	JK HVAC SERVICE, LLC.	PO 58223 NEW HEATING UNITS GROUND	19,387.25	19,387.25
3451	2618 -	JMC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.	PO 58892 TOWN GARAGE G	1,675.15	1,675.15
3452	3667 -	JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC.	PO 58906 HVAC CONROLLER RPR	1,062.00	1,062.00
3453	3778 -	JP MONZO MUNIC CONSULTING, LLC	PO 58942 NJ Start & Green Purchasing	50.00	50.00
3454	114 -	KELLER WELDING COMPANY, LLC.	PO 58909 Rpr Mount/Welds	255.00	255.00
3455	3711 -	KKPR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS,	PO 58561 B: PUBLIC RELATIONS \$8800.00		337.50
			PO 58561 B: PUBLIC RELATIONS \$8800.00 (FEB-DEC)	337.50	675.00
3456	1141 -	MCGUIRE, INC.	PO 58917 TRUCK #9 Rpr CUST #2252	147.13	147.13
3457	62 -	55555MGL FORMS - SYSTEMS, LLC.	PO 58852 TAX COLLECTOR HOMEST	158.00	158.00
3458	4381 -	MID-AMERICAN ELEVATOR CO., INC.	PO 58605 B: ELEVATOR MAINT	475.00	475.00
3459	3651 -	MORTON SALT, INC.	PO 58635 SALT 350 TONS @ \$51.98/TON cust #3681777	17,444.49	17,444.49
3460	3339 -	MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION OF NJ	PO 58802 2021 Virtual Education	125.00	125.00
3461	3886 -	MUSKY TROUT HATCHERIES, LLC.	PO 58912 2021 FISH MORRIS LAKE	500.00	
			PO 58912 2021 FISH MORRIS LAKE	1,380.00	1,880.00
3462	3997 -	NEW JERSEY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASS	PO 58870 Annual NJ Emergency	75.00	75.00
3463	116 -	New Jersey Herald	PO 58889 NJH February 2021 billing	271.80	271.80
3464	255 -	NEW JERSEY PLANNING OFFICIALS	PO 58949 4/1/2021 - PB Mandatory	121.00	121.00
3465	240 -	NEWTON FIRST AID SQUAD	PO 58943 B. 2021 CONTRIBUTION	6,250.00	6,250.00
3466	700 -	NEWTON PATROLMANS ASSOCIATION	PO 58979 PBA DUES - Mar 2021	720.00	720.00
3467	1745 -	NEWTON SUPERIOR OFFICERS	PO 58978 SOA DUES - MAR 2021	420.00	420.00
3468	2835 -	NJMEBF	PO 58968 MEDICAL/DENTAL - APRIL	113,169.01	
			PO 58968 MEDICAL/DENTAL - APRIL	31,300.00	
			PO 58968 MEDICAL/DENTAL - APRIL	22,772.99	167,242.00
3469	3649 -	NORTH CHURCH GRAVEL, INC.	PO 58776 GRIT (72.7 TONS)	660.85	660.85
3470	4350 -	NW FINANCIAL GROUP LLC	PO 58963 BROOKSIDE TERRACE/121 WATER	112.50	
			PO 58963 BROOKSIDE TERRACE/121 WATER STREET	1,792.50	1,905.00
3471	4383 -	OPTIMUM	PO 58919 B: DIGITAL CONVERTER DPW	51.70	51.70
3472	2216 -	PALL CORPORATION	PO 56971 2020 SVC CONTRACT FILTERS	5,587.04	5,587.04
3473	4401 -	PASSAIC COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY	PO 58962 ACADEMY TUITION	1,155.00	1,155.00
3474	4404 -	PAUL REIHER	PO 58974 CDL PHYSICAL REIMBURSEMENT	175.00	175.00
3475	64 -	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	PO 57819 On-Street Overnight Parking Stud	497.63	
			PO 58600 Biennial report for Plan Endorsement	1,245.63	
			PO 58639 B: WATER ENGINEER not to exceed \$30,000	2,242.50	
			PO 58904 WATER ST HOLDINGS-DEC 2020 ESCROW	740.50	
			PO 58939 DENNIS LIBRARY-FEB ESCROW	488.25	
			PO 58972 95 SPARTA AVE/FALCON/CAMPBELL FEB ESCROW	130.00	
			PO 58988 THORLABS-JAN 2021 ESCROW	746.75	6,091.26
3476	64 -	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	PO 58989 THORLABS-FEB 2021 ESCROW	650.00	
			PO 58994 THORLABS-NOV 2020 ESCROW	1,905.50	
			PO 58995 THORLABS-NOV/DEC 2020 ESCROW	1,781.20	
			PO 58996 QUANTUM REALM-FEB ESCROW	1,073.25	
			PO 58997 WATER ST HOLDING-FEB ESCROW	65.00	
			PO 58998 FARM POINTE-FEB ESCROW	65.00	
			PO 58999 WEIS-FEB ESCROW	32.50	
			PO 59000 AHS-FEB ESCROW	292.50	5,864.95
3477	64 -	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	PO 59001 PB CONSULT-FEB 2021	682.50	
			PO 59002 ALFRED STEWARD-FEB ESCROW	130.00	812.50
3478	4204 -	PLANET NETWORKS INC.	PO 58449 B: INTERNET TH	159.95	
			PO 58612 B: INTERNET est.\$339.90 x 4=\$1359.60 ID#	339.90	499.85
3479	4126 -	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING INC.	PO 58638 B: SEWER ENGINEER	165.00	165.00
3480	39 -	QUILL CORPORATION	PO 58529 B: POLICE OFFICE SUPPLIES	109.97	109.97
3481	251 -	R.S. PHILLIPS STEEL LLC	PO 58915 STEEL FOR PLOW REPAIR	230.36	230.36
3482	2478 -	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC.	PO 58430 B: GAS	4,574.87	4,574.87
3483	3731 -	READY REFRESH BY NESTLE	PO 58481 B: WATER DELV	7.96	7.96
3484	3660 -	SCHENCK, PRICE, SMITH, & KING, LLP	PO 58688 B: SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX	132.83	132.83
3485	126 -	SCMUA	PO 58890 TRASH REMOVAL	521.92	521.92
3486	611 -	SEBRING AUTO PARTS, INC.	PO 58880 Battery/Oil/Filters/spark plugs/parts	478.42	478.42
3487	2145 -	SEELY BROTHERS, INC.	PO 58894 Townhall Rpl Flags	110.00	110.00
3488	4165 -	SF MOBILE-VISION, INC.	PO 58886 PD DVR REPAIR #SO033981	272.50	272.50
3489	4024 -	SPECTROTEL	PO 58408 B: LOCAL/LONG DISTANCE PHONE	595.12	595.12
3490	2257 -	STAPLES	PO 58530 B: POLICE OFFICE SUPPLIES	499.70	
			PO 58891 OPRA copies 46-2021	54.05	
			PO 58893 Notebook and Pencils	26.68	
			PO 58900 FINANCE OFFICE SUPPLIES	39.47	619.90
3491	2257 -	STAPLES	PO 58900 FINANCE OFFICE SUPPLIES	358.64	
			PO 58926 Office Supplies - Clerk	250.35	608.99
3492	3442 -	SUNLIGHT GENERAL	PO 58970 MARCH SOLAR BILL	534.36	
			PO 58970 MARCH SOLAR BILL	1,076.19	1,610.55
3493	556 -	SUSSEX COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC.	PO 58967 2021 COUNTY ASSESSOR DUES	100.00	100.00
3494	2113 -	SUSSEX COUNTY MAILING SERVICE	PO 58946 RECYCLING LETTERS MAILED 2021	912.08	912.08
3495	2479 -	TAYLOR OIL CO., INC.	PO 58431 B: DIESEL	1,740.02	1,740.02
3496	4278 -	TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PO 58981 March 2021 - Life Insurance	35.45	35.45
3497	676 -	THE EQUITABLE	PO 58992 Equitable - Def Comp - Mar 4, 2021	12,330.00	12,330.00
3498	4197 -	TOPOLOGY NJ, LLC.	PO 55325 CAF: CONFLICT PLANNER REDEVEL	3,448.14	
			PO 55325 CAF: CONFLICT PLANNER REDEVEL BL#10.01	1,004.54	4,452.68
3499	691 -	TRANS WORLD ASSURANCE CO.	PO 58993 TWA - Voluntary Life - MAR 2021	1,074.50	1,074.50
3500	2781 -	TRIMBOLI & PRUSINOWSKI, LLC.	PO 56374 B: LABOR ATTORNEY	5,701.00	

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		PO 58732 B: SPECIAL ATTORNEY FOR LABOR RELATIONS	297.50	
		PO 58732 B: SPECIAL ATTORNEY FOR LABOR RELATIONS	297.50	6,296.00
3501	4305 - UGI ENERGY SERVICES LLC	PO 58928 NATURAL GAS - FEB	1,353.34	
		PO 58928 NATURAL GAS - FEB	3,603.24	4,956.58
3502	1469 - UNIVERSAL SUPPLY GROUP INC.	PO 58908 AIR FILTERS CUST #3193	809.95	809.95
3503	1257 - UNUM LIFE/DISABILITY INSUR	PO 58982 UNUM - Voluntary - LTD - MARCH 2021	581.48	581.48
3504	2716 - UPSEU LOCAL 424J	PO 58983 DPW - Monthly Dues - Mar 2021	672.00	672.00
3505	1280 - VERIZON WIRELESS, INC.	PO 58954 CELL PHONE-MAR	78.10	
		PO 58954 CELL PHONE-MAR	194.48	272.58
3506	1158 - VISION SERVICE PLAN	PO 58969 VISION - APRIL 2021	1,179.97	1,179.97
3507	1819 - VOGEL,CHAIT,COLLINS,SCHNEIDER, PC,	PO 58973 PB CONSULT-DEC 2015	150.00	150.00
TOTAL				1,388,306.46

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
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101261	DUE COUNTY - ADDED & OMITTED TAX			3,873.67	
101262	DUE COUNTY - LIBRARY TAX			67,568.16	
101263	DUE COUNTY - PURPOSE TAX			941,169.53	
101299	Due to Clearing	0.00		1,235,966.33	
104490	TOTAL MISC REVENUE NOT ANTICIPATED			8,509.00	
1050200	TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE - OTHER EXPENSES			786.33	
1051200	TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - OTHER EXPENSES			646.74	
1054200	FINANCE ADMINISTRATION - OTHER EXPENSES			380.87	
1055200	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES - OTHER EXPENSES			215.00	
1056200	COLLECTION OF TAXES - OTHER EXPENSES			185.77	
1058200	LEGAL SERVICES - OTHER EXPENSES			8,139.33	
1058200A	(2020) LEGAL SERVICES - OTHER EXPENSES			6,177.13	
1059200	MUNICIPAL COURT - OTHER EXPENSES			92.10	
1060200A	(2020) ENGINEERING - OTHER EXPENSES			81.50	
1061200	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSES			2,863.78	
1062200	PLANNING BOARD - OTHER EXPENSES			998.50	
1062200A	(2020) PLANNING BOARD - OTHER EXPENSES			150.00	
1063200	HISTORIC COMMISSION - OTHER EXPENSES			315.00	
1064200	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - OTHER EXPENSES			195.00	
1066200	EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE - OTHER EXPENSE			114,523.98	
1074200	POLICE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSES			1,931.18	
1074300	COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - OTHER EXPENSES			109.97	
1076200	AID TO FIRST AID ORGANIZATION - OTHER EX			6,250.00	
1077500	CODE ENFORCEMENT - OTHER EXPENSES			22.99	
1078200	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - OTHER EXPENSES			595.00	
1080200	ROAD REPAIR & MAINT - OTHER EXPENSES			757.79	
1081200	SNOW REMOVAL - OTHER EXPENSES			21,705.26	
1083200	RECYCLING/SANITATION - OTHER EXPENSES			531.33	
1083200A	(2020) RECYCLING/SANITATION - OTHER EXPENSES			19,665.60	
1083300	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - OTHER EXPENSES			1,375.05	
1085200	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH - OTHER EXPENSES			144.00	
1089200	UTILITY EXP/BULK PURCH - OTHER EXPENSES			24,049.97	
1091200	PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSES			352.57	
1094550	RECYCLING TAX (PL2007 c.311)O/S CAP			10.56	
1094575	STATE OF EMERGENCY - CORONAVIRUS			233.11	
1095200	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - OTHER EXPENSES			112.50	
1095200A	(2020) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - OTHER EXPENSES			1,248.06	
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TOTALS FOR	CURRENT FUND	187,523.68	27,322.29	1,021,120.36	1,235,966.33
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111200	APPROPRIATED RESERVES FOR GRANTS				1,000.00
111299	Due to Clearing		0.00	1,000.00	
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TOTALS FOR	FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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301299	Due to Clearing			0.00	25,572.54
3091709	ORD 2017-9 VARIOUS \$1,405	1,675.15			
3091817	ORD 2018-17 Prelim Plan/Redev \$50T fully	3,448.14			
3091903	ORD 2019-3 Var-B&Groof/skidSteer/Plainfl	20,449.25			
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TOTALS FOR	CAPITAL	25,572.54	0.00	0.00	25,572.54
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601299	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	59,025.02
6051200	W&S OPERATING - TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	53,437.98			
6051200A	(2020) W&S OPERATING - TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES			5,587.04	
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TOTALS FOR	WATER/SEWER UTILITY	53,437.98	5,587.04	0.00	59,025.02
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611299	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	104.00
6191708	ORD 2017-8 SPARTA AVE PUMP STATION (SWR)	104.00			
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TOTALS FOR	WATER/SEWER CAPITAL	104.00	0.00	0.00	104.00
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711208	RES RECREATION (ALL)		1,380.00		
711210	RESERVE FOR RECYCLING		912.08		

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711299	DUE TO CLEARING		0.00		3,917.83
711440	ENGINEER REVIEW FEES			1,625.75	
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TOTALS FOR	TRUST	0.00	0.00	3,917.83	3,917.83
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721299	DUE TO CLEARING		0.00	20,527.00	
721311	THORLABS - PL BD ESCROW (5/10)				5,213.45
721359	WATER ST HOLDING (10/19)				805.50
721362	WEISS #143				32.50
721365	QUANTUM REALM,PUNC EQ (12/20)				1,138.25
721368	WATER ST HOLDINGS,LLC REDEV				13,337.30
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TOTALS FOR	DEVELOPERS ESCROW (Fund 72)	0.00	0.00	20,527.00	20,527.00
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811241	UNION DUES - PBA				1,140.00
811242	UNION DUES - IUE #911				672.00
811243	UNION DUES - CWA #1032				269.12
811261	DEFERRED COMP - EQUITABLE				12,330.00
811272	TWA SAVINGS PLAN				1,074.50
811275	AFA LTD				303.72
811276	AFA Med FSA				246.66
811277	AFA Critical Illness				39.84
811278	AFA Life Ins.				316.00
811279	AFA Texas Life				35.45
811280	AFA - DEPENDENT CARE FSA				300.00
811282	UNUM DISABILITY INS.				581.48
811284	HEALTH INS. EMPLOYEE				22,772.99
811287	AFLAC DISABILITY Post Tax				1,170.60
811288	AFLAC ACCIDENT Pre Tax				653.08
811289	AFLAC HOSPITAL Pre Tax				155.00
811290	AFLAC CANCER Pre Tax				133.30
811299	Due to Clearing		0.00	42,193.74	
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TOTALS FOR	PAYROLL	0.00	0.00	42,193.74	42,193.74
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Total to be paid from Fund 10 CURRENT FUND				1,235,966.33	
Total to be paid from Fund 11 FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS				1,000.00	
Total to be paid from Fund 30 CAPITAL				25,572.54	
Total to be paid from Fund 60 WATER/SEWER UTILITY				59,025.02	
Total to be paid from Fund 61 WATER/SEWER CAPITAL				104.00	
Total to be paid from Fund 71 TRUST				3,917.83	
Total to be paid from Fund 72 DEVELOPERS ESCROW (Fund 72)				20,527.00	
Total to be paid from Fund 81 PAYROLL				42,193.74	
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				1,388,306.46	

Checks Previously Disbursed

42726	NJ DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	PO# 58950 APPLICATION FOR HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY	130.00
218119	ADP, LLC	PR 3-4-21	194,262.68
216015	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	Water Sewer Cash	39,848.65
217113	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	Trust Cash	3,186.20
211112	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	Grant Cash	890.92
211025	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	April 1 PR	193,492.95
216014	USDA	USDA LOAN PRIN & INT #6 OF 40 YR @	17,359.00
17977	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	PO# 58896 SPARTA AVE PS WETLANDS PERMIT APPL	1,000.00
17976	NJ DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	replace lost check po#57789	1,055.00
218115	PRUDENTIAL RETIREMENT DCRP	DCRP plan #316149 sub plan #022060	890.36
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			\$452,115.76

Totals by fund	Previous Checks/Voids	Current Payments	Total
Fund 10 CURRENT FUND	193,622.95	1,235,966.33	1,429,589.28
Fund 11 FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS	890.92	1,000.00	1,890.92
Fund 30 CAPITAL		25,572.54	25,572.54
Fund 60 WATER/SEWER UTILITY	59,262.65	59,025.02	118,287.67
Fund 61 WATER/SEWER CAPITAL		104.00	104.00
Fund 71 TRUST	3,186.20	3,917.83	7,104.03
Fund 72 DEVELOPERS ESCROW (Fund 72)		20,527.00	20,527.00
Fund 81 PAYROLL	195,153.04	42,193.74	237,346.78
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BILLS LIST TOTALS	452,115.76	1,388,306.46	1,840,422.22

The Clerk presented a membership application from **Thomas Donnelly**, 2 Palmer Street, Newton, NJ into the Newton Fire Department. It was noted the application was in order and signed by the Fire Chief.

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

Mr. Couce	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Deputy Mayor Schlaffer	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
Mayor Dickson		Yes	

DISCUSSION - None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Dickson opened the meeting to the public.

Ludmilla Mecaj, 9 Madison Street, questioned the proposed apartments with the redevelopment project on Water Street which was addressed by Mr. Russo.

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

HEARING ON THE 2021 BUDGET

Mayor Dickson opened the hearing to the public on the 2021 Municipal Budget and W/S Budget.

Monica Miebach, CFO, advised the Council of the annual requirement of the Resolution and provided the fund balance updates.

Upon motion Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mrs. Teets and carried to waive the reading of the budget in full and roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Couce	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Deputy Mayor Schlaffer	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
Mayor Dickson		Yes	

At this time, Mr. Russo presented the PowerPoint presentation on the 2021 Municipal and Water & Sewer Utility Budget.

TOWN OF NEWTON

2021 Budget

Thomas S. Russo, Jr., MPA, CPM Town Manager

4.12.2021

FISCAL FACTS

YOUR TAX DOLLARS

The property tax is divided among the County of Sussex, County Library, County Open Space, Newton Board of Education, and the Town of Newton. The chart below

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illustrates the percentage each of the jurisdictions received in 2020 from the average taxpayer in the Town.

Newton Board of Education	50.80%	\$2.247
Town of Newton	33.78%	\$1.494
County of Sussex	14.31%	\$.633
County Library	1.04%	\$.046
County Open Space	.07%	\$.003
Total	100.0%	\$4.423 per \$100 of assessed value

APPROPRIATIONS 2020 vs. 2021

Comparison of Appropriation Budgeted Amounts for 2020 and 2021

Salaries	\$5,056,610	38.1%	\$5,253,451	39.2%
Health/Dental/Vision/Work Comp.	\$1,712,935	12.9%	\$1,683,230	12.6%
Pensions	\$1,084,112	8.2%	\$1,181,090	8.8%
FICA/SUI	\$253,800	1.9%	\$244,000	1.8%
Retirement/LOSAP/Accum. Absence	\$51,000	.4%	\$51,950	.4%
Subtotal	\$8,158,457	61.5%	\$8,413,721	62.8%
General Operating Expenses	\$1,932,126	14.5%	\$1,941,355	14.5%
Debt/Capital/Deferred Charges	\$2,604,473	19.6%	\$2,465,301	18.3%
Reserve for Tax Appeals	\$25,000	.2%	\$ 25,000	.2%
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$526,206	3.9%	\$545,225	4.1%
Grants	\$37,700	.3%	\$18,195	.1%
Total	\$13,283,962	100.00%	\$13,408,797	100.00%

TOP 10 BUDGET APPROPRIATION INCREASES BY DOLLAR AMOUNT

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>2020 BUDGET</u>	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Swimming Pool S&W	2,000	80,000	78,000	3,900%
Group Insurance	1,455,368	1,538,530	83,162	5.7%
Streets/Roads S&W	539,865	600,581	60,716	11.25%
Declared State of Emergency COVID-19	0	59,500	59,500	
CENCOM S&W	387,420	430,608	43,188	11.15%
Swimming Pool OE	8,100	35,000	26,900	33.2%
Snow Removal S&W	65,000	89,000	24,000	36.9%
Comm. Dev. S&W	50,840	68,508	17,668	34.8%
Other Insurance Premiums	78,135	95,640	17,505	22.4%
Finance S&W	75,320	89,000	13,680	18.1%

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REVENUE HISTORY

The chart below tracks revenues over the course of the last five (5) years. As you can see, State Aid has continued to stay flat while the taxpayers of Newton have had to pick up where the State has left off. Local fees continue to fluctuate along with the ability of the Town to create a consistent level of fund balance. Here is a comparison of revenues from the period of 2017 – 2021:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Aid	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916
Local Fees, Fines, Interest	620,003	587,015	614,048	632,470	593,904
Fund Balance (Surplus)	887,000	1,096,000	1,320,000	1,304,500	1,425,200
Delinquent Taxes	359,000	350,000	350,000	420,000	450,000
Municipal Taxes	8,733,000	8,815,313	8,878,190	8,928,098	8,916,873
Interlocal Agreements	123,640	82,000	84,448	90,000	129,500
Grants	38,885	40,179	72,881	37,700	17,050
Spec. Items of Revenue	737,556	769,577	786,517	845,278	850,354
Total	\$12,535,000	\$12,766,000	\$13,165,000	\$13,283,962	\$13,408,797

TAX RATE FOR 2021

With the uncertainty of State Aid payments and the fluctuating prospects of grant funding, coupled with the reality of a tax base that has more than 1/3 exempt properties, it is an ever increasing challenge to maintain appropriate service levels and sound fiscal policies while mitigating any significant municipal tax increases. Furthermore, the Net Taxable Valuation (NVT) for the Town decreased by \$772,965. This makes it even more challenging to manage the fiscal affairs of the municipal organization, but it is a nominal amount considering we are still dealing with the greatest health crisis (COVID-19) in the United States in 100 years, and the fiscal impacts of the same.

Additionally, the new average residential property assessment has gone up slightly from the 2020 level of \$185,150 to the new 2021 level of \$185,221. Therefore, factoring in the budget and tax levy as proposed, the municipal taxes on an average residential property are estimated to go from \$2,767 in 2020 to \$2,779 in 2021 – an increase of only \$1 a month. This excellent budgetary performance is in large credit due to the excellent work performed by all staff members, professionals, and volunteers day in and day out, and they should be commended for being excellent stewards of both the public funds and public trust. I am proud of their work on this budget and thank everyone for their efforts.

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TAX RATE HISTORY - 2012 thru 2021

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Subtotal General Revenues	3,058,706	3,606,835	3,688,513	3,886,569	3,610,984	3,801,500	3,802,000	3,950,687	4,289,312	4,404,864
Amt to be Raised Taxes - Local	7,860,281	7,860,280	7,911,487	8,189,331	8,434,016	8,612,938	8,733,000	8,815,313	8,840,688	8,893,400
Budget as Introduced	10,918,987	11,467,115	11,600,000	12,075,900	12,045,000	12,414,438	12,535,000	12,766,000	13,130,000	13,298,264
Local TAX Increase over prior yr	475,895	-1	51,207	277,844	244,685	178,922	120,062	82,313	25,375	52,712
Local TAX POINT increase over P/Yr	Reassess	0.96	1.341	Reassess	3.868	3.219	2.610	1.832	.617	1.705
Local tax rate	1.1285	1.1380	1.1514	1.3561	1.3948	1.4270	1.4531	1.4714	1.4776	1.4946
Assessed valuation / 10,000	69,654	69,069	68,709	60,387	60,467	60,357	60,099	59,910	59,832	59,502
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Net Valuation Taxable	696,539,041	690,686,490	687,090,410	603,870,714	604,669,025	603,569,459	600,989,949	599,101,342	598,318,825	595,022,453
Tax Point	69,654	69,069	68,709	60,387	60,467	60,357	60,099	59,910	59,832	59,502
Municipal Tax Rate	1.1285	1.1380	1.1514	1.3561	1.3948	1.4270	1.4531	1.4714	1.4776	1.4946
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	7,860,281	7,860,280	7,911,487	8,189,331	8,434,016	8,612,938	8,733,000	8,815,313	8,840,688	8,893,400
Class 2 Residential Total Taxable	436,837,600	435,739,900	433,661,600	370,357,700	370,575,800	370,400,000	366,298,200	366,024,200	368,018,900	369,930,100
Number of Residential Parcels	1,965	1,962	1,960	1,962	1,969	1,974	1,970	1,972	1,991	1,998
Average Assessed Home	222,309	222,090	221,256	188,765	188,205	187,639	185,938	185,611	184,841	185,150
Munic Taxes on Avg Assess Home	2,509	2,527	2,548	2,560	2,625	2,678	2,702	2,731	2,731	2,767
Increase in taxes over p/yr	80	19	20	12	65	53	24	29	0	36
Weekly increase	1.54	0.36	0.39	0.24	1.25	1.01	0.47	0.56	0.00	0.69
Daily increase	0.219	0.051	0.055	0.034	0.179	0.144	0.066	0.080	0.000	0.099

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ESTIMATED MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE ON AVERAGE ASSESSED

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

- 2003 - \$67
- 2004 - \$250
- 2005 - \$247
- 2006 - \$187
- 2007 - \$125
- 2008 - \$298
- 2009 - \$188
- 2010 - \$182
- 2011 - \$80
- 2012 - \$19
- 2013 - \$20
- 2014 - \$12
- 2015 - \$65
- 2016 - \$53
- 2017 - \$24
- 2018 - \$29
- 2019 - \$0
- 2020 - \$36
- 2021 - \$12

FUND BALANCE HISTORY

<u>Year</u> <u>January 1</u>	<u>Surplus</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Total Amt. Used</u> <u>to Support</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1983	414,784	275,000	139,784
1984	257,385	175,000	82,385
1985	300,547	230,000	125,547
1986	337,382	230,000	107,382
1987	487,335	364,000	123,335
1988	1,028,052	828,775	199,277
1989	610,531	516,407	94,124
1990	315,660	180,000	135,660
1991	406,772	280,000	126,772
1992	366,583	323,000	43,583
1993	616,181	430,000	186,181
1994	500,000	400,000	100,000
1995	910,886	650,000	260,886
1996	666,558	500,000	166,558
1997	458,525	350,000	108,525
1998	583,487	495,000	88,487
1999	584,140	450,000	134,140

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2000	595,320	475,000	120,320
2001	758,919	670,000	195,124
2002	750,000	670,000	78,182
2003	774,407	670,000	104,407
2004	755,416	626,000	129,416
2005	726,654	580,000	146,654
2006	909,066	700,000	209,066
2007	1,071,959	721,000	350,959
2008	1,256,151	863,571	392,580
2009	920,307	607,000	313,307
2010	1,112,645	803,000	309,645
2011	859,757	550,000	309,757
2012	979,774	641,000	338,774
2013	1,542,318	776,000	766,318
2014	1,563,752	841,461	722,291
2015	1,498,339	776,048	722,291
2016	1,504,223	810,876	693,347
2017	2,260,302	897,000	1,363,302
2018	2,482,557	1,096,000	1,386,557
2019	2,848,196	1,320,000	1,528,196
2020	2,832,713	1,304,500	1,528,213
2021	2,922,773	1,425,200	1,497,573

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REVENUE COMPARISON – TOWN

REVENUE COMPARISON (2012 -2021)											
		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Fund Balance		2021	1,320,000	1,096,000	897,000	810,876	776,048	841,461	776,000	641,000	550,000
		1,425,200									
Energy Receipts Tax			1,017,377	1,017,377	1,017,377	1,013,467	1,013,467	998,389	993,278	973,105	938,154
Supp ERT		1,017,377									
CMPTRA					0	3,910	3,910	18,988	24,099	44,272	79,223
Discret. Supp MPTRA											
MPTA											
Legis Init Mun Block Grant											
GSTrust			8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539
Homeland Security		8,539									
Subtotal State Aid			1,025,916								
		1,025,916									
Public & Private			72,881	40,179	38,885	68,916	51,961	47,083	38,317	45,346	34,904
All Other Misc.		17,050	1,518,013	1,438,592	1,481,199	1,383,416	1,238,059	1,612,109	1,518,280	1,409,948	1,042,259
Delinquent Taxes		1,573,758	350,000	350,000	359,000	512,376	519,000	360,000	330,000	440,000	390,000
Subtotal General Revenues		450,000	4,286,810	3,950,687	3,802,000	3,801,500	3,610,984	3,886,569	3,616,581	3,562,210	3,043,079
		4,491,924									
Local Taxes			8,843,190	8,815,313	8,733,000	8,612,938	8,434,016	8,189,331	7,911,487	7,860,280	7,860,281
		8,916,873									
Total Budget Revenues			13,130,000	12,766,000	12,535,000	12,414,438	12,045,000	12,075,900	11,600,000	11,422,490	10,903,360
		13,408,797									
State Aid			1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916						
Total budget		1,025,916	13,130,000	12,766,000	12,535,000						
% State Aid to Total Budget		13,408,797	7.81%	8.04%	8.18%						
		7.65%									
Fund Balance Anticipated			1,320,000	1,096,000	897,000	810,876	776,048	841,461	776,000	641,000	550,000

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% F/Bal to Total budget		.10	.10	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05
Fund Balance 1/1		2,832,713	2,848,196	2,482,557	2,260,302	1,504,223	1,498,339	1,563,752	1,542,31	979,774	859,757
Fund Balance Anticipated		1,304,500	1,320,000	1,096,000	897,000	810,876	776,048	841,461	776,000	641,000	550,000
F/Balance after Budget Intro		1,528,213	1,528,196	1,386,557	1,363,302	693,347	722,291	722.291	766,318	338,774	309,757
Statutory excess to F/Bal			1,304,517	1,462,631	1,119,255	1,566,955	781,932	776,048	797,434	1,203,544	670,017
Fund Balance 12/31			2,832,713	2,849,188	2,482,557	2,260,302	1,504,223	1,498,339	1,563,752	1,542,318	979,774

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CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2021

Town of Newton							
2021 General Capital Improvement Program							
			Reserved	Town	Other	Debt	Future
Dept.	Project	Cost	To Date	CIF	Funds	Authorized	
CIF	Capital Improvement Fund	\$238,610.00	\$238,610.00				
DPW/Eng.	Road Improvements/Resurfacing/Curbing/Sidewalks*	\$327,000.00		\$177,000.00	\$150,000.00		
DPW	Tow Behind Screener for Sweepings	\$65,000.00			\$65,000.00		
DPW	Refurb of 2004 Elgin Pelican Sweeper	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00		
DPW	Brine System Upgrades	\$75,000.00			\$75,000.00		
DPW	Replacement for 2007 Chevy 4500	\$90,000.00			\$90,000.00		
	Totals	\$845,610.00	\$238,610.00	\$177,000.00	\$430,000.00		
	*Elm Street, Hampton Street, Upper Union Place Includes NJDOT Trust Fund Grant of \$177,000 FY-2021						

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CIF PROJECTS FOR 2021

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Department	Item	Amount
CIF	Downpayment	\$40,000
DPW	Town Hall Bldg/Walkway Improve	\$425,000
DPW/Engineering	Dunn Place Improvements	\$8,610
Fire	Various Equipment	\$30,000
Manager	Munic. Buildings/Facilities	\$25,000
Police	Various Equipment	\$30,000
Recreation	Splash Pad Engineering	\$30,000
Redevelopment	Redevelopment	\$50,000
TOTAL:		\$238,610

W/S BUDGET

The Town maintains independent financial records for the Water and Sewer fund. Both functions are supported by customer billings and do not require property tax revenues to meet financial obligations. The Water and Sewer budget is proposed at \$4,781,629 for the 2021 year. The Water and Sewer budget provides service to 2,709 accounts. The current rate structure continues to allow the Town to pay cash for many, but not all, critical infrastructure projects, reserve funds for future capital improvements, and retire existing debt in the most prudent fashion available.

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REVENUE COMPARISON – W/S

WATER SEWER REVENUE COMPARISON (2012-2021)										
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Fund Balance	593,703	845,972	407,250	407,000	330,000	303,000	357,767	353,424	438,274	371,588
Water & Sewer Rents	4,068,984	4,016,305	3,999,848	4,001,546	3,539,843	3,552,781	3,553,500	3,566,198	3,709,920	3,596,680
Additional Rents					442,000					
Miscellaneous	74,400	43,000	55,000	52,820	55,820	52,808	51,075	47,200	44,470	48,660
W/S Capital Fund Balance	33,200	20,107	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000		
W/S Reserve for Debt Svc									13,668	6,267
W/S Insurance Emerg Fundg										37,805
Interest & Costs on Assessments	11,342	12,138	12,902	13,634	14,337	15,011	15,658	16,278	16,918	
W/S Reserves for Cap Impr		10,000								
Total W/S Utility Revenues	4,781,629	4,947,522	4,525,000	4,525,000	4,432,000	3,973,600	4,028,000	4,033,100	4,223,250	4,061,000
Fund Balance Anticipated	593,703	845,972	407,250	407,000	330,000	303,000	357,767	353,424	438,274	371,588
% F/Bal to Total budget	0.12	0.17	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.09
Fund Balance 1/1	2,064,276	2,260,713	1,300,236	1,070,766	886,950	842,620	897,441	779,506	931,674	790,635
		*								
Fund balance Anticipated	593,703	845,972	407,250	407,000	330,000	303,000	357,767	353,424	438,274	371,588
F/Balance after Budget Intro	1,470,573	1,414,741	892,986	663,766	556,950	539,620	539,674	426,082	493,400	419,047
Statutory excess to F/Bal		649,535	1,064,685	636,470	513,816	347,330	302,946	471,359	286,817	512,627
Fund Balance 12/31		2,064,276	1,957,671	1,300,236	1,070,766	886,950	842,620	897,441	780,217	931,674
		* balance includes additional \$303,042								

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2021 W/S Capital Improvement Program							
				Reserved	W/S	Debt	Other
Dept.	Project	Cost		To Date	CIF	Authorized	Funds
W/S	Capital Improvement Fund	\$20,000			\$20,000		
W/S	Capital Outlay	\$100,000			\$100,000		
W/S	Lower Glen Lake Blow-Off-Phase II (W)	\$75,000			\$75,000		
W/S	Fire Hydrant and Valve Replacement/Repair (W)	\$125,000			\$125,000		
W/S	Morris Lake Fencing (W)	\$50,000			\$50,000		
W/S	Final Settling Tank Drive Replacement (S)	\$360,000			\$303,042		\$56,958
W/S	First Stage Pump Replacement (S)	\$75,000			\$75,000		
W/S	Sussex Street PS Pump Replacement (S)	\$85,000			\$85,000		
W/S	Inspection Camera	\$100,000			\$100,000		
W/S	Excavator	\$85,000			\$85,000		
W/S	Imp. To Water Tower Property(Guard Rail)	\$10,000			\$10,000		
	Totals	\$1,040,000			\$983,042		\$56,958

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CONCLUSION

**RENEWED COMMITMENT TO EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT,
AND LIMITED GOVERNMENT**

Now that we have concluded the 2021 budget process, I want to thank all department heads and staff for their invaluable assistance in putting together these important documents. In closing, it is my firm belief the budget appropriations and revenue projections, as contained in the 2021 budget for Newton, will enable the Town to meet the public's demand and need for critical services. Furthermore, the budget is structured as a fiscally responsible document to ensure the financial well-being of our municipal government is preserved.

This 2021 budget as presented will enable the municipal organization to continue mission achievement - achieving the excellence in governance expected by our customers: the taxpayers, businesses, and residents of Newton.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve the good people of Newton!

Yours for a Better Newton,

Thomas S. Russo, Jr.
Town Manager

Mayor Dickson opened the hearing to the public on the 2021 Municipal Budget and W/S Budget.

Margaret Baldini, 10 Barry Lane, questioned if the PowerPoint Presentation would be on the Town website and was advised it is on the Finance page of the website.

There being no one else from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mrs. Teets and carried, the meeting was closed to the public.

Upon motion of Mrs. Diglio, **to approve Resolution #105-2021**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schlaffer and roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Couce	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Deputy Mayor Schlaffer	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
	Mayor Dickson	Yes	

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RESOLUTION #105-2021
SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION #105-2021			
Be it Resolved by the	COUNCIL MEMBERS	of the	TOWN
of	NEWTON	County of	SUSSEX
adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:			
(a) \$	8,916,873.00	(Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and	
(b) \$	-	(Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,	
(c) \$	-	(Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in	
		Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of	
		the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.	
(d) \$	-	(Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy	
(e) \$	-	(Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy	
(f) \$	-	(Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax	
RECORDED VOTE			
(Insert last name)			
	Ayes	Nays	Abstained
	Mr. Couce Mrs. Diglio Mr. Schläffer Mrs. Teets Mayor Dickson		
			Absent
SUMMARY OF REVENUES			
1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated		08-100	\$ 1,425,200.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		13-099	\$ 2,616,724.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		15-499	\$ 450,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)		07-190	\$ 8,916,873.00
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6, Sheet 42		07-195	\$ -
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)		07-191	\$ -
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY			\$ -
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)		07-191	
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX		07-192	\$ -
Total Revenues		13-299	\$ 13,408,797.00

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS			
5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:		xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Within "CAPS"		xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent		34-201	\$ 8,725,177.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal		34-209	\$ 1,425,090.00
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"		xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		34-305	\$ 247,995.00
(c) Capital Improvements		44-999	\$ 238,610.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service		45-999	\$ 2,226,700.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal		46-999	\$ -
(f) Judgments		37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)		29-405	\$ -
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes		29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		50-899	\$ 545,225.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)		07-195	
Total Appropriations		34-499	\$ 13,408,797.00
It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 12th day of April, 2021. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2021 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.			
Certified by me this 12th day of April, 2021,		Signature	Clerk

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RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Mrs. Teets, to approve **Resolution #106-2021**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schläffer and roll call resulted as follows:

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Mr. Couce	Abstain	Mrs. Diglio	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Schlaffer	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
	Mayor Dickson	Yes	

RESOLUTION #106-2021

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED LIST OF QUALIFYING 2020 NEWTON VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD LOSAP PARTICIPANTS

WHEREAS, the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the Newton Volunteer First Aid Squad was approved by the Mayor and Council through the passage of Ordinance #2013-3 on February 11, 2013, and approved by Newton voters as a public question at the General Election on November 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 196-2014 and Resolution 198-2014 were adopted October 27, 2014 establishing the LOSAP for the Newton First Aid Squad and awarding the contract to Lincoln Financial Advisors ; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2019-11 revised sections 20-3.B and 3-50.C (2) of the Code of the Town of Newton regarding LOSAP contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Volunteer First Aid Squad has certified a list of members who are eligible, in accordance with guidelines outlined in Ordinance 2013-3, to receive an amount as noted in Local Finance Notice 2020-01 between \$117.18 and \$1,171.85 based on points credited for volunteer services rendered in 2020 as per the 2020 LOSAP LIST attached; and

WHEREAS, the total number of qualifying volunteers for the First Aid Squad is 27, for a total contribution of \$19,569.86, less the State restrictive amount of \$292.96 bringing the contribution total to \$19,276.90; and

WHEREAS, a member also has prior year's credit due him (\$690.00) because of a Lincoln Financial paperwork error; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey does not permit a municipality to contribute more than the annual maximum, even if a volunteer has earned LOSAP contribution credits for both the Fire and the First Aid. Accordingly the above total payment needs to be reduced by \$292.96 the amounts in excess of the \$1,171.85 annual maximum contribution authorized for a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Town of Newton Operating Budget for calendar year 2020 to cover the cost of this contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the certified list from the Newton Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Upon motion of Mrs. Diglio, to approve **RESOLUTION #107-2021**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schlaffer and roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Couce	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Deputy Mayor Schlaffer	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Abstain
	Mayor Dickson	Yes	

April 12, 2021
(VIA ZOOM)

RESOLUTION #107-2021

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED LIST OF QUALIFYING 2020 NEWTON FIRE DEPARTMENT LOSAP PARTICIPANTS

WHEREAS, the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the Newton Volunteer Fire Department was approved by the Mayor and Council through the passage of Ordinance #2003-12 on August 11, 2003, confirmed by Resolution #104-2003, and approved by Newton voters as a public question at the General Election on November 4, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2019-11 revised Sections 20-3.B and 3-50.C(2) of the Code of the Town of Newton regarding LOSAP contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Volunteer Fire Department has certified a list of members who are eligible, in accordance with guidelines outlined in Ordinance 2003-12, to receive an amount as noted in Local Finance Notice 2020-01 between \$117.18 and \$1,171.85 based on points credited for volunteer services rendered in 2020 as per the 2020 LOSAP LIST attached; and

WHEREAS, the total number of qualifying volunteers for the Fire Department is 28, for a total contribution of \$20,273.04; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Town of Newton Operating Budget for calendar year 2020 to cover the cost of this contribution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the certified list from the Newton Fire Department.

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS

Councilman Couce questioned a potential shared service with Andover Township on a street sweeper service.

Mr. Russo advised he was in touch with the Andover Township Administrator and was advised they would be in touch if there is further interest in the same.

Councilwoman Teets reminded the Newton residents of the shredding day on Saturday, May 1st. She also recognized National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and gave a shout-out to the fantastic Dispatchers in Newton.

Mayor Dickson also recognized the dispatchers in Newton and congratulated them on a great job.

There were no additional comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

April 12, 2021
(VIA ZOOM)

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mrs. Teets and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine A. Read".

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk