

November 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held in person and via Zoom on the above date at 7:00 pm. Present were Mr. Couce, Mrs. Diglio, Mrs. Teets, Deputy Mayor Schlaffer, Mayor Dickson, Municipal Clerk Teresa A. Oswin, 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 Clerk called the roll.

PRESENTATION

The Mayor announced the Mosquito Presentation has been postponed until the Spring.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schlaffer and unanimously carried, the minutes for the October 25, 2021 Regular meeting 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. Please state your name and address for the record."

Mayor Dickson stated those in attendance will be given first priority at the microphone. Those on Zoom can use the raise hand or chat option to notify us you wish to speak.

There was no one in the audience wishing to be heard.

On Zoom, there was no one wishing to be heard.

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

cCOUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Russo

Mr. Russo noted the following Proclamations be recorded into the minutes.

Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 2021

WHEREAS, breast cancer is a serious health threat to women and men across Sussex County, the State of New Jersey, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women and the risk increases with age; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is typically detected either during a screening examination, before symptoms have developed, or after symptoms have developed when a woman or man notices a change in their breasts; and

WHEREAS, screening, early detection, and prompt treatment can significantly reduce the suffering and deaths caused by this disease; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of this disease, including risk factors and symptoms, will help save the lives of women and men as they learn to recognize warning signs; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County Division of Health, Sussex Warren Chronic Disease Coalition, and New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection (NJCEED) Program collaboratively promote National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Susan G. Komen's Tie a Ribbon™ Campaign throughout the month of October;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, **October 2021** as **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and urge all residents to recognize the impact of breast cancer in our community.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

_____ s/ Matthew Dickson

Attest: _____ s/Teresa A. Oswin, RMC

Date: _____ November 8, 2021

Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Vincenzo LaPilusa

Eagle Scout

WHEREAS, Vincenzo LaPilusa, a member of Boy Scout Troop 85, has earned the status of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, We, the Town Council of the Town of Newton, recognize the many hours Vincenzo devoted to attaining the status of Eagle Scout, working with diligence and making sacrifices in order to achieve this highly coveted position; and

WHEREAS, Vincenzo LaPilusa has served the Boy Scouts in an exemplary manner and is deserving of the honor bestowed upon him; and

WHEREAS, for Vincenzo's Eagle Scout Leadership Project he organized and created "Bags for Hope" and provided fifty duffel bags packed with necessities that directly provided comfort to our local homeless families; and

WHEREAS, his project involved many hours of volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Vincenzo LaPilusa serves as an example to youth through his high level of personal achievement, leadership, and community service, and we are very proud Vincenzo is a member of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, do hereby recognize and extend our sincere congratulations to Vincenzo LaPilusa for having achieved the status of Eagle Scout, an honor for both him and for those who have guided him, with best wishes for a bright and successful future.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

_____ s/ Matthew Dickson

Attest: _____ s/Teresa A. Oswin, RMC

Date: _____ November 8, 2021

Mr. Russo thanked Sherri Kaylani, Barbara Hunton, and all those who attended the Flags of Honor event this past weekend. He reminded everyone Town Hall is closed on this Thursday for Veterans Day. He also thanked everyone for their condolences for him and his family this past week.

Councilman Couce – echoed Mr. Russo's sentiments about the Flags of Honor event. It was well attended. He stated it is a nice event and is glad we continue to have it every year.

Councilwoman Diglio – also echoed everyone's sentiments on the Flags of Honor event. She stated her two sons are veterans and her brother who is deceased is a veteran. The event is very special to her. She went on to remind everyone the Prime Time Seniors are having their Thanksgiving Dinner at the Hampton Diner on November 18th. The Holiday Parade will be on November 27th, she extended an invite to all the Councilmembers. She will be meeting with Thorlabs on Tuesday to discuss where parade participants can lineup.

Councilwoman Teets – stated it was a beautiful morning for the Flags of Honor. She did get lots of questions on the event and is looking forward to next year's event. Trunk or

Treat was very well attended. There was a large turnout; it was hard for the judges to pick winners. Maybe next year we can have more prizes. Newton High School Football team is continuing its undefeated season! Newton Boys Soccer had a playoff game today in Pequannock. She hasn't heard the outcome yet.

Deputy Mayor Schlaffer – nothing to report.

Mayor Dickson – read the following statement:

“From November 5th to November 8th, the Sussex County Division of Health reported 89 additional cases of COVID19 among County residents, for a total number of 18,336 confirmed cases. Of the 18,336 cases, 17,224 cases have been classified as recovered. For information on vaccine or COVID testing locations you can visit Sussex.nj.us and click on the COVID-19 link.

The Sussex County Board of County Commissioners are conducting a survey to collect data from small businesses in support of the American Rescue Plan. The County is requesting small businesses complete a survey about the pandemic's impact on their operations. The survey will also identify what type of help is needed now. Results of this survey will assist the County in the development of its recovery plan. This plan will identify what projects will be funded with the Local Recovery Funds. A link to the survey can be found at sussex.nj.us.

Congratulations to the Newton High School Boys Soccer team and the Newton High School football team for their respective playoff wins. Wish them continued success as they continue on.

Thank you to the Newton Fire Dept, and Kimberly Williams for your work on this year's Halloween parade and Trunk or Treat. We had an amazing turnout this year. As always there were many creative costumes which had to be hard for our judges.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend this year's Flags of Honor. It is a special, moving event that honors our veterans while raising money for a wonderful cause. Thank you Deputy Mayor Schlaffer for filling in in my absence.”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Dickson directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to Introduction.

ORDINANCE #2021-20

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND WAGES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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

Mr. Couce	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Mrs. Teets	Yes	Deputy Mayor Schlaffer	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, November 22, 2021.

Mayor Dickson directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to Introduction.

ORDINANCE #2021-21

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NEWTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING/POLICE STATION FOR THE TOWN OF NEWTON AND APPROPRIATING \$39,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE

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
Mrs. Teets	Yes	Deputy Mayor Schlaffer	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, November 22, 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 #210-2021*

"Authorize the Award of a State Cooperative Contract to Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc."

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has need to procure fuel in excess of the bid threshold, through New Jersey State Division of Purchase and Property Cooperative Contract T0083, Unleaded Automotive Gasoline, Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units without bidding is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies funds are available NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 as follows:

2021 Current Budget Account #1089229 – Gasoline

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 for the 2021 calendar year through New Jersey State Contract T0083.

RESOLUTION #211-2021*

“Approve Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton wishes to apply for funding in the amount of \$13,938.00 with a match of \$96,071.98 by the Town for an approximate project total cost of \$110,009.98 for a project under the New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program (Grant #No. 22-1915) for the project duration of March 14, 2022 to March 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton has reviewed the application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Town of Newton for the purpose described in said application;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that:

- 1) As a matter of public policy, the Town of Newton wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety; and
- 2) The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant; and
- 3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds; and
- 4) The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager of the Town of Newton is hereby authorized to accept and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the funding for the Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant No. 22-1915.

RESOLUTION #212-2021*

“To Cancel Trust Escrow Balance”

WHEREAS, there is a balance showing on the Trust Developer's Escrow Trial Balance as of October 22, 2021 in the following account:

#721329	Engineer Review Fee: Taco Bell (5/15)	\$2.50
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WHEREAS, a minimum of three (3) letters have been sent to the above escrow applicant advising applicant of a remaining balance and the opportunity to request a refund of the balance if the purpose had been completed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous to clear this balance and the Town is using the evidence of non-responsiveness as a basis for authorizing the cancellation of this small Trust escrow amount per the Land Use Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that the above listed balance totaling \$2.50 in the Trust Fund be canceled to Current Operations.

RESOLUTION #213-2021*

“To Cancel Outstanding Check in the Trust Fund”

WHEREAS, there is a check which has not been cashed in the Town of Newton's Clearing Account; and

WHEREAS, this check has been reviewed to determine if it should be canceled to the Trust Fund Reserve from which it came so as not to be required to escheat it to the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that the following outstanding check is hereby canceled:

Trust Fund			
#4405	8/27/21	Brian DeBroux	\$70.00

RESOLUTION #214-2021*

“Award Bid for Proposed Municipal Building and Police Department Site Improvements to Tony’s Concrete Construction, Co., Inc.”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton publicly accepted and opened bids in a fair and open manner consistent with N.J.S.A19:44A-20.4, for the Proposed Municipal Building and Police Department Site Improvements on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. as follows:

<u>Name and Address of Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate Bid “B”</u>	<u>Alternate Bid “D”</u>
Tony’s Concrete Construction, Co., Inc. 316 East Kinney Street Newark, NJ 07105	\$23,226.00	\$4,800.00	\$1,800.00

WHEREAS, based on review of the bid documents, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., recommends awarding the proposed Municipal Building and Police Department site improvements in his letter dated October 27, 2021, to Tony's Concrete Construction, Co. Inc., in the amount of \$29,826.00; and

WHEREAS, the bidder, Tony's Concrete Construction Co. has been determined to be the lowest responsive bidder in accord with N.J.S.A.40A:11-4(a); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., certifies funds are available after the adoption of Capital Fund Ordinance #2021-21 which includes an estoppel period;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the contract for the Proposed Municipal Building and Police Department Site Improvements is hereby awarded to Tony's Concrete Construction, Co., Inc., in the amount of \$29,826.00. A copy of this resolution and the proposed Contract is to be forwarded to Tony's Concrete Construction, Co., Inc., for execution.

RESOLUTION #215-2021*

Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder for Block 4.02, Lot 13, also Known as 13 Academy Street, Newton, NJ”

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on November 17, 2016 a lien was sold on Block 4.02, Lot 13, also known as 13 Academy Street, for 2015 delinquent taxes and utilities; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2016-001, was sold to Trust as Ebury Fund 1 NJ, LLC for a 0% redemption fee and a premium of \$30,400.00 and then assigned to TLOA of NJ, LLC on January 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Robert Gareeb, the owner, has effected the redemption of Certificate #2016-001 in the amount of \$138,026.78;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges TLOA of NJ LLC, is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$138,026.78 as well as the return of the premium in the amount of \$30,400.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton confirms and acknowledges the Tax Collector shall issue a check, in the amount of \$138,026.78 for the redemption and a check in the amount of \$30,400.00 for the return of the premium for Certificate #2016-001 to TLOA of NJ LLC, 1245 Farmington Ave, #349, West Hartford, CT 06107.

RESOLUTION #216-2021*

“Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder for Block 21.04, Lot 14, also Known as 51 Paterson Avenue, Newton, NJ”

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 23, 2019, a lien was sold on Block 21.04, Lot 14, also known as 51 Paterson Ave, for 2018 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2019-011, was sold to Christiana Trust as Custodian GSRAN-Z, LLC for a 0% redemption fee and a premium of \$23,100.00; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Posada, the owner, has effected the redemption of Certificate #2019-011 in the amount of \$33,491.93;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges Christiana Trust as Custodian GSRAN-Z, LLC, is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$33,491.93 as well as the return of the premium in the amount of \$23,100.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton confirms and acknowledges the Tax Collector shall issue a check, in the amount of \$33,491.93 for the redemption and a check in the amount of \$23,100.00 for the return of the premium for Certificate #2019-011 to Christiana Trust as Custodian GSRAN-Z, LLC, PO Box 71276, Philadelphia, PA 19176.

RESOLUTION #217-2021*

“Authorize the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract for Fire & Safety Services Ltd”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has a need to maintain fire apparatus and provide for required maintenance and repairs through Fire & Safety Services Ltd, 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton's Qualified Purchasing Agent, Sean Canning, of the Canning Group, LLC, has determined and certified in writing the value of the

acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and as determined by the adoption of Resolution #56-2021 at the meeting of January 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, said resolution stipulated that the amount of funds needed were not to exceed \$26,000; and

WHEREAS, due to circumstances beyond the Town's control, the cost for fire apparatus repair will exceed the \$26,000 allocated; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available NOT TO EXCEED \$43,950.00 as follows:

2021 Current Budget – Vehicle Maintenance Fire – 1083370 \$26,950
 2020 Current Budget – Vehicle Maintenance Fire – 1083370A \$17,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Fire & Safety Services Ltd, 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, not to exceed \$43,950.00 for the 2021 calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, Political Contribution Disclosure, and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #218-2021*

“Approve 2021 Appropriation Transfers”

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following 2021 appropriation transfers be approved effective this date:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CURRENT		
Clerk OE 1051200	Clerk S&W 1051100	7,000.00
Elections OE 1051500	Clerk S&W 1051100	3,500.00
Cencom S&W 1073100	Utility Gasoline OE 1089200	20,000.00
Court S&W 1059100	Omnibus Drivers S&W 1093100	6,000.00
	Occupational Health OE 1085200	1,100.00
	Historic OE 1063200	600.00
	Human Resource OE 1053200	500.00
Road S&W 1080100	Planning/Zoning S&W 1062100	15,200.00
	Planning Bd OE 1062200	6,000.00
Police S&W 1074100	Engineering OE 1060200	16,000.00
	Police OE	

	1074200	12,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT TRANSFERS		\$87,900.00

RESOLUTION #219-2021*

“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.

List of Bills - CLEARING/CLAIMS

Check#	Vendor	Check Total
4771	AG CHOICE, LLC.	336.00
4772	AMERICAN ROCK SAL COMP,LLC	17,462.22
4773	AppColony Inc.	192.50
4774	ARAMSCO INC.	2,122.95
4775	ATLANTIC HEALTH SYSTEM	50.00
4776	AUTOZONE INC.	33.80
4777	BEN SHAFFER & RECREATION INC.	492.56
4778	BESHADA, LEO	891.00
4779	BOND, CHRISTOPHER	891.00
4780	BOONTON TIRE SUPPLY INC.	4,743.11
4781	CCP INDUSTRIES, INC.	1,725.28
4782	CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	125.85
4783	CINTAS	253.45
4784	CLIFFHANGER PRODUCTIONS, INC.	6,500.00
4785	CLOUSE RONALD	1,656.00
4786	CONNELL CONSULTING LLC	149.00
4787	COOPER DARLENE	891.00
4788	CSS INC.	135.00
4789	CUMMINS DOUGLAS	1,321.20
4790	CURRENT ACCOUNT	15.37
4791	CURRENT ACCOUNT	13,938.00
4792	D & E SERVICE CENTER, INC.	3,899.24
4793	DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE& GIBLIN, LLP	5,041.30
4794	DEMPSEY UNIFORM & SUPPLY INC	3,382.23
4795	DOMINICK'S PIZZA LLC	85.00
4796	ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	191.28
4797	FARMSIDE LANDSCAPE & DESIGN INC	580.00
4798	FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES, LTD., INC.	9,500.00
4799	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	100.00
4800	FRANK SEMERARO CONSTRUCTION, INC.,	900.00
4801	FRISBIE, ARTHUR & RITA	1,782.00
4802	FURGIUELE, CAMILLE	1,321.20
4803	GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES INC	1,147.50
4804	GARRIS, JEAN	891.00
4805	GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS LLC	80.80
4806	GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINES	3,411.00
4807	GRAVITY DESIGN WORKS, INC.	124.00
4808	GRENNILLE, WILLIAM	1,782.00
4809	HACH COMPANY	1,649.27
4810	HAVENS DEBORAH	891.00
4811	HAYEK'S MARKET INC.	65.00
4812	HFE SERVICES LLC	1,494.00
4813	HOLLAND COMPANY, INC.	6,603.30
4814	HOME DEPOT, INC.	527.15
4815	ILIFF, JOHN AND TERRY	1,782.00

4816	INST FOR FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY, INC.	2,000.00
4817	JCP&L	22,900.86
4818	JEFFERY HERRING PHOTOGRAPHY	67.95
4819	JORRITSMAN, BRUCE	1,764.00
4820	KAYS, PETER J.	891.00
4821	KERRY BARRETT CONSULTING LLC	700.00
4822	KILDUFF JAMES	825.00
4823	KITHCART, EILEEN	1,972.80
4824	KKPR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS.....	179.74
4825	LASSO, ERVIN	891.00
4826	LENOVO	663.98
4827	LOU'S GLASS	100.00
4828	MAGLOCLIN, INC.	400.00
4829	MGL FORMS - SYSTEMS, LLC.	284.00
4830	MID-AMERICAN ELEVATOR CO., INC.	480.00
4831	MILLS STEVE	867.00
4832	MINISINK PRESS INC	236.00
4833	MORRIS, THOMAS & BULAH	1,746.00
4834	MUNIDEX, INC.	519.20
4835	NEWTON PIZZA	99.00
4836	OSWIN TERESA ANN	70.79
4837	PANDISCIA MICHAEL	1,782.00
4838	PAR TROY SOUND OF NEWTON, INC.	30.00
4839	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	2,038.19
4840	PLANET NETWORKS INC.	2,469.47
4841	QUADIENT INC.	194.91
4842	QUALITY FACILITY SOLUTIONS CORP	2,255.97
4843	QUILL CORPORATION	649.30
4844	RANSNORTH, NANCY	891.00
4845	READY REFRESH BY NESTLE	163.46
4846	RICHARDS, JEAN	891.00
4847	ROMYNS, LARRY E.	1,716.00
4848	ROSELLEN ANN M	891.00
4849	S/NJ DEPT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEV	204.00
4850	SIERRAZULU LLC aka SZ LLC	1,032.00
4851	SMALLEY, JOHN H	1,782.00
4852	SMITH, WILLIAM F	1,782.00
4853	SOME'S WORLD WIDE UNIFORMS, INC.	169.50
4854	SPECTROTEL	592.06
4855	STALKER RADAR INC.	137.00
4856	STAPLES	1,488.16
4857	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN, INC.	376.35
4858	SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	398.00
4859	SUSSEX COUNTY P & H, INC.	260.05
4860	SYNCHRONY BANK	715.73
4861	THE LAW OFFICE OF JOHN C GREY JR. LLC.	150.00
4862	TIRE KING, INC.	1,012.00
4863	TRUST ACCOUNT, TOWN OF NEWTON	20,000.00
4864	TRUST ACCOUNT, TOWN OF NEWTON	1,000.00
4865	UGI ENERGY SERVICES LLC	511.02
4866	VAN NIEUWLAND STEVE	76.53
4867	VERIZON WIRELESS, INC.	247.05
4868	VIRGA, ANTHONY	891.00
4869	VOGEL, CHAIT, COLLINS, SCHNEIDER, PC,	540.00
4870	W.B. MASON, INC.	1,012.77
4871	W.B. MASON, INC.	232.74
4872	WAGNER, WILLIAM	1,782.00
4873	WALMART	498.76
4874	WATER STREET HOLDING LLC	9.32
4875	WILDFLOWERS WITH TAMI	215.00
4876	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, INC.	403.10
4877	ZENES, NANCY	891.00

Total

191,195.32

Mayor Dickson asked if any member of the Council would like to pull a Resolution for discussion.

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

Mr. Couce Yes (Abstain Check 4775, 4840)	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Mrs. Teets Yes (Recuse Resolution 211-2021)	Deputy Mayor Schaffer	Yes
Mayor Dickson	Yes (Abstain Check 4775)	

DISCUSSION - None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Dickson opened the meeting to the public.

Margaret Baldini, 10 Barry Lane read the following statement:

"Tonight on the agenda it looks as though you will be reviewing the Town Managers performance in executive session. I am assuming that you will also discuss an annual bonus as that has been the practice for the past few years..."

I have to note to you as I was going around Town last year getting signatures for my run for Town Council there was a large amount of people who stated to me that Mr. Russo's performance has been unsatisfactory for quite some time.

Here are a few examples:

The Town pool is one example of his mismanagement. What could have been proper maintenance and a \$25 valve 10 years ago turned into a half a million-dollar project and the pool being out of commission for a year.

Let's take a look at Spring Street -there is a lot of room for improvement there.

There seems to be a large disparity between what the Town Manager makes here and the average salary of your constituents.

According to the Census the median household income is \$68k.

Per capita income is \$35k.

And the number of persons living in poverty is at 11.4%.

Mr Russo is making approximately \$160k a year plus the car allowance that he receives from the Town that I believe is \$600 a month or \$7200 a year.

The Governor makes \$175k.

I think that tonight when you go home you should consider yourselves lucky as you tuck into your warm and cozy homes and you should think about the people here who are struggling to pay their bills before approving any additional compensation for Mr. Russo.

Thank you."

There was no one else in the audience wishing to be heard.

There was on ZOOM wishing to be heard.

November 8, 2021

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

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Upon motion of Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mr. Couce and unanimously carried, Council entered Executive Session at 7:14 pm.

Upon motion of Mrs. Diglio seconded by Deputy Mayor Schlaffer and unanimously carried, Council left Executive Session at 9:50 pm.

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mrs. Teets seconded by Mrs. Diglio and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk