

February 14, 2022

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, Mr. Dickson, Mrs. Diglio, Deputy Mayor Teets, Mayor Schlaffer, and Teresa A. Oswin, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Town Manager. Eric Bernstein, Esq., Town Attorney and Monica B. Miebach, CFO, were also present. Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager was excused.

Mayor Schlaffer 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 3, 2022".

Mayor Schlaffer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Clerk called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Deputy Mayor Teets and unanimously carried, the minutes for the January 24, 2022 Regular and Special meetings were approved.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

At this time, Mayor Schlaffer 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 Schlaffer opened the meeting to the public in attendance.

Margaret Baldini, 10 Barry Lane came forth and questioned the \$9,000 spent on carpeting for the Town Manager's office and conference room. She felt the amount was a lot for any carpet, she questioned if it was imported.

Ludmilla Mecaj, 9 Madison Street came forth and questioned the amount spent on carpeting. She also questioned how it is determined which company we use. She questioned the quality of the carpet, and if we can afford it. She stated we need to control how we spend money. If it is just the conference room, it is a small area, and she could do the job for \$4,000.

Susan Kelly, 225 Spring Street, stated there is a sinkhole in the parking lot at her building. It is near the area the Town has their parking for merchants. She notified RPM about it, but she didn't know who would be responsible for the repair.

There was no one else in the audience wishing to speak, the Mayor opened the meeting to anyone on Zoom.

Steve Salvaggio, 7 Phillips Road, Hopatcong stated on February 8th he was invited with a colleague to the Newton Town Centre regarding complaints about mold in the building by multiple tenants. Upon entering the building there were immediately red flags everywhere. First, there were wet floor signs everywhere, along the walls and elevator, the walls were severely chipped and desperately in need of paint. Garbage and recyclables had been overlooked for weeks. There is a huge sinkhole outside in the parking lot, as Ms. Kelly stated. Upon further discussion with the tenants, my colleague and I were informed there was no full-time maintenance person on the premises, as the previous one quit. We were then brought up to the second floor which was the worst experience of all. As soon as I left the elevator I was hit with a foul odor and immediately started sneezing and didn't stop until I left the second floor. We were made aware of several complaints made by several people about a tenant on the second floor. The complaints ranged from the person being very nasty to other tenants to the area where this tenant lived smelling like expired cat litter. As far as the mold issues, RPM stated there is no new mold in the building which is good news for sure, but the other issues need attention. Senior citizens deserve so much better. As we are going through a pandemic, the current New Jersey administration does not have a good track record taking care of seniors. Mr. Salvaggio wants to know what the Mayor and Town Council wants to do about this, because from what he has been told Newton is not going to do anything about it, which he thinks is shameful. He doesn't think the Mayor and Council would live under these conditions he stated. He questioned if anyone has even visited the complex since the last Council meeting. The only Councilmember he is aware of that wanted to help was Mr. Couce, who reached out to a colleague. Hire a full-time maintenance person, investigate these complaints, and look into a tenant from hell, Michael Schnackenberg.

There being no one from the public on Zoom to be heard, Mayor Schlaffer closed the meeting to the public.

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

Deputy Town Manager Oswin – addressed some of the comments. Ms. Baldini and Ms. Mecaj, the carpeting was not just for the conference room. It was the conference room,

Kat's office and the hallway. It included the removal of the old carpeting the installation of new. The last time the carpet was replaced was prior to 2008, it was quite worn and becoming a tripping hazard. We did solicit quotes from a few different vendors and this was the best option. Mayor Schlaffer stated it did include the trim.

As for the sinkhole, she will look into who is responsible.

Happy Birthday goes to Deputy Mayor Teets, thanks for spending it with us.

Lastly, just a reminder Town Hall is closed Monday, February 21st for Presidents Day.

Mayor Schlaffer asked Mr. Bernstein to update everyone on where we stand with RPM. Mr. Bernstein stated "As requested at the last meeting by Mayor and Council, his office reached out to the president of RPM requesting a meeting. We are waiting to hear back from them. We do intend to drive the point home we find the situation there unacceptable. We have also reached out to officials at the County, the County Administrators as well as the County Health Department."

Mayor Schlaffer asked Ms. Kelly if she has any photographic evidence of the sinkhole, to please forward it to the Clerk.

Councilman Couce – In response to Mr. Selvaggio's comment on whether or not the Town is interested in doing anything, he read an excerpt from the minutes of the last meeting. *"Mr. Bernstein stated he has had multiple conversations with representatives of RPM, the County, and the State. He has kept Mr. Russo in the loop and he has been provided additional guidance. We have done just about everything possible short of driving down to Montclair and forcing RPM to come up. We have had several conversations on this matter and he sure we will have more. As the Mayor and Town Manager has pointed out, we do not own the building. Some of the other agencies that should get involved have not stepped up and we have become the de facto representatives for them."* After the last meeting, Mr. Couce stated he forwarded Ms. Kelly and the group of residents to the County Commissioner's meeting as they are the governing body that oversees the County Health Department. This is who performs health inspections in the Town of Newton, as we do not have our own independent health department. At that meeting, it was discussed and Commissioner Yardley stated it wasn't a County issue and the group should be referred to the Town's Health Department. We don't have one and it's a little concerning that a former Division of Health agency lead is unaware of the fact the County is the Health Department for the Town of Newton. Mr. Bernstein stated " He also is President of the Health Officers Association". For the community to continue to complain to the Town of Newton and argue that we don't care about the residents of our Town is completely unfounded and he takes offense to it.

Councilman Dickson – he just wanted to thank Tom, Monica, the Department Heads, and staff on their work on the 2022 Budget. There was no EDC meeting this month. Congress Gotthiemer was here today to promote the Invest to Protect Act.

Councilwoman Diglio – Congressman Gottheimer was here today to promote an act to provide funding to smaller police departments to help off-set costs for equipment and training.

She is working on the Memorial Day Parade. It will take place on Memorial Day and there will be a service.

Deputy Mayor Teets – the only thing she has is that the Planning Board meeting for this month has been cancelled.

Mayor Schlaffer – thanked Congressman Gottheimer on his efforts with the Invest to Protect Act. Hopefully we will be able to take advantage it. He attended the County-wide monthly Mayor's meeting as well as the State's Summit on Climate Change. He will continue to look for grant and funding opportunities for future budgets. Also, he wanted to echo Councilman Dickson's comments on thanking the staff for their work on the budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Schlaffer read aloud the following Ordinance relative to final adoption.

ORDINANCE 2022-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NEWTON TOWN CODE SECTION 100-19 WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES

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

Mr. Couce	Yes	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Deputy Mayor Teets	Yes
	Mayor Schlaffer	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, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Schlaffer 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.”*

Mrs. Oswin reviewed the consent agenda items.

RESOLUTION #65-2022*

“2021 TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION”

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which a Tonnage Grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the Tonnage Grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for Tonnage Grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the **2021 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Town of Newton's Mayor and Town Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulation; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Newton that the Town of Newton hereby endorses the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority for the services of Certified Recycling Professional, to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the recycling Tonnage Grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of the recycling.

RESOLUTION #66-2022*

"AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #56-2022, REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER FOR BLOCK 11.01, LOT 14, ALSO KNOWN AS 216 WOODSIDE AVENUE"

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 7, 2020 a lien was sold on Block 11.01, Lot 14, also known as 216 Woodside Avenue, for 2019 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2020-004 was sold to Pro Cap 8/Pro Capital Mgt II, LLC for a 0% redemption fee and a premium of \$40,200.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #56-2022 had previously listed the redemption amount of \$60,045.42, although the certified funds were not received by the redeemer on time, therefore the redemption did not take place; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Stone Mandia, LLC has effected the redemption of Certificate #2020-004 in the revised amount of \$60,859.48;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges Pro Cap 8/Pro Capital Mgt II, LLC is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$60,859.48 as well as the return of the premium in the amount of \$40,200.00; 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 \$60,859.48 for the redemption and a check in the amount of \$40,200.00 for the return of the premium for Certificate #2020-004 to Pro Cap 8/Pro Capital Mgt II, LLC, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

RESOLUTION #67-2022*

“AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAXES; BLOCK 5.05, LOT 11 ALSO KNOWN AS 20-22 CLINTON STREET”

WHEREAS, Next Gen Properties, LLC owns Block 5.05, Lot 11, also known as 20-22 Clinton Street, Newton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the owner’s mortgage company, Lakeland Bank, paid the 1st quarter 2022 taxes in error; and

WHEREAS, there was an over payment of \$2,421.19 made on January 13, 2022 by Lakeland Bank; and

WHEREAS, Lakeland Bank has requested the overpayment be refunded;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Governing Body acknowledges that a refund is due to Lakeland Bank in the amount of \$2,421.19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund the tax overpayment in the amount of \$2,421.19 to Lakeland Bank, Attn: Diane Perez - Escrow Dept., 250 Oak Ridge Rd., Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

RESOLUTION #68-2022*

“APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW J. IMHOF TO THE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD”

WHEREAS, there currently is a vacancy on the Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board (UAB); and

WHEREAS, Andrew J. Imhof has expressed interest in serving as a member of the UAB;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Andrew J. Imhof is hereby appointed to an unexpired five (5) year term on the Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board, effective immediately with said term continuing to December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION #69-2022*

“RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT FUND BALANCE POLICY”

WHEREAS, The Town of Newton adopted Resolution 101-2014 establishing a Fund Balance Policy on June 9, 2014 and amended it by the adoption of Resolution 50-2019 on January 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Fund Balance Policy has been reviewed by the Town Manager and Town Auditor of the Town of Newton and it is recommended appropriate to amend the Policy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby resolves and agrees to amend the Current Fund Balance Policy with the following guidelines:

1. The Town of Newton shall establish or maintain fund balance, whereby the percentage of fund balance anticipated to the total budget will not exceed 15%.
2. The Town of Newton hereby establishes the policy of maintaining an end of the calendar year fund balance, which is between 3%-10% of the prior year tax levy.
3. The Governing Body will not anticipate more fund balance than the statutory excess of fund balance of the prior year (amount collected). If the fund balance anticipated will exceed the statutory excess of the prior year, a reason must be stated at an open budget meeting. A plan shall be

developed to restore fund balance within a three-year period.

4. Amounts appropriated in the ensuing budget, which reduce the fund balance below the policy guidelines for the purpose of reducing the ensuing year's property tax levy, may be made only upon a specific vote of the Governing Body.
5. The Governing Body, by vote, can declare a fiscal emergency and withdraw any amount of General Fund balance for purposes of addressing the fiscal emergency. Any such action must also provide a plan to restore fund balance to the Target policy level within a five-year period.

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every three years following adoption or sooner at the direction of the Governing Body.

RESOLUTION #70-2022*

"RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WATER SEWER UTILITY FUND BALANCE POLICY"

WHEREAS, The Town of Newton adopted Resolution 101-2014 establishing a Fund Balance Policy on June 9, 2014 and renewed and amended it by the adoption of Resolution 49-2019 on January 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Fund Balance Policy has been reviewed by the Town Manager and Town Auditor of the Town of Newton and it is recommended appropriate to amend the Policy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby resolves and agrees to amend the Water Sewer Utility Fund Balance Policy with the following guidelines:

1. The Town of Newton shall establish or maintain fund balance, whereby the percentage of fund balance anticipated to the total budget will not exceed 15%.
2. The Town of Newton hereby establishes the policy of maintaining an end of the calendar year fund balance, which is between 3%-10% of the prior year tax levy.
3. The Governing Body will not anticipate more fund balance than the statutory excess of fund balance of the prior year (amount collected). If the fund balance anticipated will exceed the statutory excess of the prior year, a reason must be stated at an open budget meeting. A plan shall be developed to restore fund balance within a three-year period.
4. Amounts appropriated in the ensuing budget, which reduce the fund balance below the policy guidelines for the purpose of reducing the ensuing year's property tax levy, may be made only upon a specific vote of the Governing Body.
5. The Governing Body, by vote, can declare a fiscal emergency and withdraw any amount of General Fund balance for purposes of addressing the fiscal emergency. Any such action must also provide a plan to restore fund balance to the Target policy level within a five-year period.
6. This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every three years following adoption or sooner at the direction of the Governing Body.

RESOLUTION #71-2022*

"REFUND OF MONIES FOR TAXES, DUE TO A STATE TAX COURT JUDGMENT FOR BLOCK 1.01, LOT 18, ALSO KNOWN AS 183 HIGH STREET"

WHEREAS, Daniel Pollak, the attorney representing Newton Medical Building, the owner of Block 1.01 Lot 18, also known as 183 High Street, Newton, New Jersey filed a State Tax Court Appeal to lower the 2021 assessment on said Block and Lot; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Office received, on January 20, 2022, a judgment which has been issued by the State Tax Court ordering a reduction in assessment for the tax year 2021. This order has resulted in a refund of monies in the total amount of \$7,757.69;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges this judgement entered by the Tax Court of New Jersey and the Newton Medical Building is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$7,757.69; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$7,757.69 to Brach Eichler, LLC, and Newton Medical Building, Attn: Daniel Pollak, 101 Eisenhower Pkwy., Roseland, NJ 07068.

RESOLUTION #72-2022*

“AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT; BLOCK 4.05, LOT 7, FOR A 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION”

WHEREAS, Glenn Zanetti owns Block 4.05, Lot 7, also known as 36 Hillside Avenue, Newton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Assessor has granted a 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption on March 3, 2021 for the property owned by Glenn Zanetti; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zanetti's former mortgage company, Freedom Mortgage, paid property taxes for Block 4.05, Lot 7 in error, in 2021, therefore, a refund is due to Mr. Zanetti; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined the amount to be refunded is \$1,855.19;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Governing Body acknowledges a refund is due to Glenn Zanetti in the total amount of \$1,855.19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$1,855.19 to Glenn Zanetti, 36 Hillside Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860.

RESOLUTION #73-2022*

“APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH DANIELSON AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022”

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Deborah Danielson, be and is hereby appointed as the Town of Newton's Deputy Municipal Recycling Coordinator for calendar year 2022.

RESOLUTION #74-2022*

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEWTON TOWN MANAGER TO APPOINT UP TO TWO (2) ADVISORY YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS”

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Manager and the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton are desirous to inject more opinions from various sectors of the Town, including young adults who have a long term stake in the Town, to be involved in certain fundamental commissions of the Town, most notable young adults of high school age who attend Newton High School; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Manager would like to be given the authority to appoint up to two (2) young adults annually, who attend Newton High School, to each of the following Commissions: Recreation Commission and Economic Development Advisory Commission in an advisory capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton do hereby authorize the Newton Town Manager to appoint up to two (2) young adults, attending Newton High School, to the Recreation Commission on an annual basis in an advisory capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council in the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Town Council in the Town of Newton do hereby authorize the Newton Town Manager to appoint up to two (2) young adults, attending Newton High School, to the Economic Development Advisory Commission on an annual basis in an advisory capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as to each commission, these annual advisory appointments will give the appointed young adults all the privileges of a regular commission member, except they may not make a motion, second, or have a vote on any commission action/decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Town Council.

RESOLUTION #75-2022*

“RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week, starting on February 12, 1926 and for many years thereafter, the second (2nd) week in February, chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, was celebrated by African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, President Gerald Ford issued the first African American History Month proclamation seizing the opportunity to honor the often-neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our Nation's attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Town Council declares February 2022 as Black History Month in the Town of Newton and we urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

RESOLUTION #76-2022*

“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 2021 and 2022 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
5343	284 AGGREGATES, LLC.	3,219.10
5344	ABCODE SECURITY INC.	315.00
5345	AIRMATIC COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS, INC.	1,144.00
5346	ALCOCK KATHERINE	5.99
5347	AMERICAN ROCK SAL COMP, LLC	11,915.99
5348	ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS INC.	1,196.56
5349	AUTOZONE INC.	44.40
5350	BADGER METER, INC.	163.08
5351	BOGART'S CARPET & FLOOR COVERING	9,170.90
5352	BOONTON TIRE SUPPLY INC.	412.90
5353	CAMPBELL'S SMALL ENGINE INC.	374.89
5354	CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	125.85
5355	CINTAS	330.63
5356	CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY -GAS DIV	12,799.31
5357	CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC.	657.04
5358	COPS	249.00
5359	COYNE CHEMICAL CORP., INC.	1,887.50
5360	CURRENT ACCOUNT	20,950.00
5361	DEMPSEY UNIFORM & SUPPLY INC	3,985.90
5362	DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN,PC	380.00
5363	DOMINICK'S PIZZA LLC	88.50
5364	DUKE'S ROOT SERVICE, INC.	8,901.00
5365	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS INC.	35.00
5366	FEDERAL EXPRESS	108.94
5367	GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES INC	6,094.00
5368	GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS LLC	402.00
5369	GRAINGER, INC.	28.16
5370	HAYDEE BALLESTER	140.00
5371	HFE SERVICES LLC	1,798.96
5372	HOLLAND COMPANY, INC.	6,633.00
5373	HOLZHAUER, SCOTT	78.75
5374	HOME DEPOT, INC	358.00
5375	HOME DEPOT, INC.	1,990.62
5376	ICC	50.50
5377	INSTITUTE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	50.00
5378	J & D SALES & SERVICE,LLC.	394.00
5379	J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC	845.00
5380	JCP&L	6,970.70
5381	JK HVAC SERVICE, LLC.	2,504.65
5382	KIEFFER ELECTRIC, INC.	1,009.25
5383	KIMBALL MIDWEST	1,420.01
5384	KISTLER O'BRIEN FIRE PROTECTION, IN	829.48
5385	LAFAYETTE AUTO PARTS	159.42
5386	LAWYERS DIARY & MANUAL	495.00
5388	LOWE'S , INC.	46.47
5389	LYNN CLEANERS	56.95
5390	MAJOR POLICE SUPPLY	2,715.90
5391	MID-AMERICAN ELEVATOR CO., INC.	970.00
5392	MINISINK PRESS INC	1,013.00
5393	MORRIS COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY	375.00
5394	MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE, INC.	10,847.00
5395	NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT TECH., INC.	260.00
5396	NEW JERSEY WATER	530.00
5397	NEWTON PIZZA	35.00
5398	NJMMA	250.00

5399	NJSACOP	600.00
5400	NORTH JERSEY COURT ADMIN. ASSOC.	80.00
5401	NORTH JERSEY COURT ADMIN. ASSOC.	70.00
5402	NORTHWEST BUILDING SUPPLY, INC.	1,822.00
5403	OFFICE OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES	140.00
5404	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	63.63
5405	OPTIMUM	115.65
5406	PAR TROY SOUND OF NEWTON, INC.	175.00
5407	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMM.	11,642.40
5408	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMM.	9,309.38
5409	PLANET NETWORKS INC.	3,818.69
5410	PRIME LUBE, INC.	1,536.06
5411	PROCESS TECH SALES AND SERVICE	2,251.50
5412	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING INC.	9,567.50
5413	PROHOOD CLEANING LLC	375.00
5414	QUALITY FACILITY SOLUTIONS CORP	2,255.97
5415	QUILL CORPORATION	94.13
5416	R & J CONTROL INC	2,150.00
5417	R.S. PHILLIPS STEEL LLC	74.76
5418	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC.	4,967.70
5419	READY REFRESH BY NESTLE	141.73
5420	REGISTRAR'S ASSO OF NEW JERSEY	50.00
5421	RUTGERS LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER	1,000.00
5422	S K OFFICE SUPPLY INC.	150.00
5423	SCMUA	1,305.15
5424	SCREEN CREATION PLUS	480.00
5425	SEBRING AUTO PARTS, INC.....	742.48
5426	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	2,288.85
5427	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABS, LLC.	28.20
5428	SPECTROTEL	586.71
5429	STANDARD FUSEE CORP.	1,152.00
5430	STAPLES	275.53
5431	SUBURBAN PROPANE, LP.	2,506.40
5432	SUSSEX COUNTY ECONOMIC	250.00
5433	SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DIVISION	245.96
5434	SUSSEX COUNTY MAILING SERVICE	1,097.67
5435	SUSSEX COUNTY P & H, INC.	368.86
5436	T.A. MOUNTFORD COMPANY, INC.	700.00
5437	TAYLOR OIL CO., INC.	4,576.03
5438	THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER	37.00
5439	THE RODGERS GROUP, LLC	1,590.00
5440	TREASURER, WATER & SEWER PETTY	50.00
5441	TRIMBOLI & PRUSINOWSKI, LLC.	935.00
5442	TRUST ACCOUNT, TOWN OF NEWTON	11,373.55
5443	UNITED SITE SERVICES, INC	25,294.44
5444	VERIZON WIRELESS, INC.	256.85
5445	W.B. MASON, INC.	96.69
5446	WALMART	168.52
5447	WEST CHESTER MACHINERY	492.46
5448	WHENTOWORK INC	330.00
5449	WILLIAM GRENNILLE, LLC.	5,320.00
5450	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, iINC.	778.00
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TOTAL	243,718.00

Mrs. Oswin asked if two (2) applications for Junior members wishing to become regular members of the Fire Department can be added to the agenda. Mayor Schlawfer polled the Council, there were no objections. Mr. Bernstein advised all three applications should be pulled and voted on separately.

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

Mr. Dickson just wanted to comment he thinks Resolution 74-2022 is an outstanding idea and great way to get the youth involved.

A motion was made by Mr. Dickson to approve the **ITEMS A THROUGH L**, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Teets and roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Couce(abstain ck#5409)	Yes	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Deputy Mayor Teets	Yes
	Mayor Schlaffer	Yes	

APPLICATIONS

- a. A Membership Application for Brian Hewitt, 318 Rt. 94 S, Newton, NJ 07860 into the Newton Fire Department
- b. A membership Application for Christian Blakely, 61 Paterson Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860 as regular member of the Newton Fire Department
- c. A membership Application for Samantha Wechtler, 21 Hillside Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860 as a regular member of the Newton Fire Department

A motion was made by Mrs. Diglio to approve the three applications for membership in the Newton Fire Department, it was seconded by Mr. Couce and roll call resulted as follows:

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Schlaffer opened the meeting to the public.

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

DISCUSSION – None.

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Couce asked if when we do Resolutions declaring a certain month for a cause, can we do more to raise awareness. A brief discussion took place, and it was decided Council would ask Mr. Russo to make it a directive to promote the resolutions on our social media platforms. Mrs. Oswin stated she will take care of it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

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There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mrs. Diglio seconded by Deputy Mayor Schlaffer and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk