

July 18, 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, Teresa A. Oswin, Municipal Clerk, and Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager. Eric Bernstein, Esq., Town Attorney and Monica B. Miebach, CFO, were also present.

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 Mrs. Teets and carried, the minutes for the June 27, 2022 Regular meeting were approved as presented. Mr. Dickson abstained.

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.

With no one else coming forth in person, Mayor Schlaffer opened the meeting up to those on Zoom.

There being no one else from the public to be heard either in person or on Zoom, Mayor Schlaffer closed the meeting to the public.

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Russo – stated the new planters have been installed on Spring Street. We have had over 5,000 check-ins at the pool, this includes residents and non-residents. National Night Out will be held at Memory Park on Tuesday, August 2nd. Our next meeting, since we are on the summer schedule, will be held on August 15th.

Councilman Couce – stated at the last BOE meeting normal business was conducted. The selection process for a new Superintendent continues. Their next meeting is tomorrow at Newton High School.

He offered a shout out to the Newton Fire Department for knocking down a fire on Townsend Street on July 3rd. They did a great job.

Councilman Dickson – stated on July 12th he attended the EDC meeting. Water Street Holdings is still waiting on DOT approval for access to Rt. 206. Starbucks is looking to open in September, Panera and Chipotle in October. The foundation for apartments has been poured.

Movie in the Park is coming up on July 29th, it will be Disney's Encanto. National Night Out is August 2nd at Memory Park. There will be lots of activities for everyone. August 13th will be the next concert, Naughty Humphry. The Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the 80th anniversary on August 22nd and will host an awards reception at the pool. Tickets must be purchased for this event through the Chamber. Taste of Newton is September 12th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm in the lot across from the Municipal Building. This year there will be 400 tickets for sale through the Chamber. Captains of Leisure will once again be providing the musical entertainment. Breaking news... the theme this year is "On a Stick".

Councilwoman Diglio – nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Teets – nothing to report.

Municipal Clerk Oswin – stated there are 69 participants in the Town-Wide Garage taking place this weekend. Maps, which have been updated for easier viewing this year, will be available at the Municipal Clerk's counter, the Police Department lobby, and posted on our website.

Mayor Schlaffer – gave a shout out to the pool staff. He has been enjoying the facility with his boys. It is a great community feature for his kids. Thanks to the staff and the Town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Schlaffer read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE, AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 49 OF THE TOWN CODE, ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" AND CHAPTER 234 OF THE TOWN CODE, ENTITLED "SIDEWALK CAFES"

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mrs. Diglio who moved its introduction, seconded by Mr. Dickson 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, August 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Schlaffer read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-18

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$894,909 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK WITH ACCESSORIES IN AND BY THE TOWN OF NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$474,909 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mr. Dickson who moved its introduction, seconded by Mrs. Diglio 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, August 15, 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."*

Mr. Russo then reviewed the consent agenda items.

RESOLUTION #172-2022*

"Resolution to Award Bid 5-2022 to Planet Networks LLC for Fire Department Surveillance Bid"

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton received bids on June 30, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. in response to Bid 5-2022 for Fire Department Surveillance System Bid for the Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, the Town received three (3) bids to wit:

AVS Technology	XFComputers LLC	Planet Networks LLC
\$36,922.54	\$15,500.00	\$9,875.92

WHEREAS, Planet Networks LLC, 4 Park Pl., Newton, New Jersey, 07860, has provided the lowest responsible bid in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4a; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funding in the amount not to exceed \$9,875.92 from:

Capital Improvements: Fire

Account #1095304

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the bid by Planet Networks LLC is accepted and awarded in the amount of \$9,875.92, consistent with the tenets as found within Bid 5-2022.

RESOLUTION #173-2022*

“Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for 1915-33-009-005”

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, the Town of Newton received a special ruling from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, permitting the renewal of an inactive license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 License terms for License No. 1915-33-009-005 for License Name: The Spring Street Pub & Grill: Docket No. 07-21-531; Job No. 459155; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the following Plenary Retail Consumption License is renewed for licensing year 2021-2022:

No. 1915-33-009-005 be issued to The Spring Street Pub & Grill LLC, t/a The Spring Street Pub & Grill LLC, 144 Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #174-2022*

“Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for 1915-33-011-0010”

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2022, the Town of Newton received a special ruling from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, permitting the renewal of an inactive license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 License terms for License No. 1915-33-011-010 for License Name: Spring Alley Café, LLC Docket No. 05-22-296; Job No. 517611; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the following Plenary Retail Consumption License is renewed for licensing year 2022-2023:

No. 1915-33-011-0010 be issued to the Spring Alley Café, LLC 185 Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #175-2022*

“Award the Contract for the Proposed Resurfacing of Smith Street and Grand Avenue Project to Tilcon New York, Inc. and Denville Line Painting, Inc. through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council”

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1(6), authorizes the Town of Newton by resolution, and without advertising for bids or obtaining quotations, to purchase any goods or services under cooperative contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Town of Newton adopted Resolution #110-2021 on April 26, 2021 renewing membership in the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council ("Morris County Co-Op")(6MOCCP); and

WHEREAS, Tilcon New York, Inc. was awarded Contract #6, Milling and Paving, in the Morris County Co-Op's portion for municipalities with regard to Resurfacing of Roads; and

WHEREAS, Denville Line Painting, Inc., 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey was awarded Contract #36, Traffic Striping, on Roadways in the Morris County Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, has recommended Tilcon New York, Inc. and Denville Line Painting, Inc. be retained for the Improvements to Smith Street and Grand Avenue in the Town of Newton, based on the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contract pricing:

To be awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc. through the Morris County Co-Op	\$61,330.20
To be awarded to Denville Line Painting, Inc. through the Morris County Co-Op	\$747.20
Total Cost through Morris County Co-Op for the Project	\$62,077.40

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., hereby certifies funds NOT TO EXCEED \$62,077.40 are available from:

Capital Fund – Ord. #2022-14 Road Improvements – Smith Street and Grand Avenue - Account #30922035

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, that the contract for the Resurfacing of Smith Street and Grand Avenue Project in the Town of Newton is hereby awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc. in the amount of \$61,330.20 and Denville Line Painting, Inc. in the amount of \$747.20 based on the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council bid results in the total amount of \$62,077.40.

RESOLUTION No. 176-2022*

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$73,619.09 to carry out a project to provide the fire department with turnout gear to ensure all members are appropriately outfitted and protected. The Town of Newton will match this grant with \$8,179.90, a 10% match of the total project cost of \$81,798.99.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town of Newton does hereby authorize the preparation and submission of such a grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Newton does hereby recognize and accept the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of Newton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

(signature)

(signature)

(type or print name)

(title)

(type or print name)

(title)

RESOLUTION #177-2022*

“Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder for Block 5.01, Lot 4, also known as 8 Harrison Street”

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 24, 2018 a lien was sold on Block 5.01, Lot 4, also known as 8 Harrison Street, for 2017 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2018-002 was sold to Philip Nadler for a 18% redemption fee; and

WHEREAS, 1Sharpe Opportunity Intermediate Fund LP, on behalf of the mortgage company, has effected the redemption of Certificate #2018-002 in the amount of \$29,101.99;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges Philip Nadler is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$29,101.99; 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 \$29,101.99 for the redemption of Certificate #2018-002 to Philip Nadler, 23 Irving Place, Newton, NJ 07860.

RESOLUTION #178-2022*

“Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate”

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has previously issued a tax sale certificate to Fig cust FIGNJ19, LLC which is dated October 13, 2021 covering premises commonly known and referred to as Block 7.12, Lot 17, 2 Williams Street, as set out on the municipal tax map then in use which certificate bears #2021-001; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser of the aforesaid tax sale certificate has indicated to the Tax Collector the certificate was never received by mail from the County after the statutory recording and therefore deemed lost and have duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss with the Tax Collector, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges the Tax Collector be authorized, upon receipt of the appropriately executed and notarized Affidavit of Loss, to issue an appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the said purchaser covering the certificate lost as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Loss Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said purchaser and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word “Duplicate” as required by law.

RESOLUTION #179-2022*

“Reappointment of Karen Crossley to the Newton Housing Authority”

WHEREAS, Karen Crossley has expressed interest in continuing to serve as a Regular Member of the Newton Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bitondo, Vice-Chairperson of the Newton Housing Authority, recommends reappointing Ms. Crossley;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following reappointment be made to the Newton Housing Authority:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Karen Crossley	5 years	April 30, 2027

RESOLUTION #180-2022*

“Providing Municipal Consent to The New Jersey State Department Of Community Affairs To Discharge A Previously Assigned Mortgage Regarding 98 Trinity Street (Henrietta Crane)”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton previously held a mortgage, dated October 1, 1993, and recorded on February 7, 1994, as mortgagor with Henrietta Crane as the mortgagee for the property identified as 98 Trinity Street, in the Town of Newton, for the total mortgage amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Town subsequently assigned the October 1, 1993 mortgage on February 9, 1994 to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”), which assignment was recorded on February 10, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the subject mortgage has expired and the DCA is seeking consent and assistance to file a discharge of the assigned mortgage with the Sussex County Clerk’s Office;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that they hereby provide consent to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs to prepare and file for recording the discharge of the previously assigned and aforementioned mortgage originally issued by the Town of Newton to Henrietta Crane on October 1, 1993 and recorded on February 7, 1994; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager, the Town Attorney, and/or the Town Clerk are hereby authorized to assist the DCA in filing/recording the above referenced mortgage discharge document(s) with the Sussex County Clerk’s Office.

RESOLUTION #181-2022*

“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
6368	AFLAC	1,818.72

6369	AG CHOICE, LLC.	96.00
6370	ALLIED 100 LLC	932.23
6371	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	562.22
6372	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE COMPANY	654.16
6373	ANDRES & MOONEY ELECTRIC INC	2,735.00
6374	ATLANTIC URGENT CARE LLC	50.00
6375	B & R UNIFORM, INC.	557.90
6376	BADGER METER, INC.	1,552.26
6377	BOONTON TIRE SUPPLY INC	1,129.27
6378	BRAEN STONE SPARTA	1,780.96
6379	BUCKMAN'S INC.	2,402.68
6380	C W A LOCAL 1032	237.30
6381	CAMPBELL'S SMALL ENGINE INC.	1,660.02
6382	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	332,800.00
6383	CAPITOL SUPPLY CONST PRODUCTS, INC.	3,644.22
6384	CENTER FOR PREVENTION & COUNSELING, INC	1,000.00
6385	CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	125.85
6386	CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	42.40
6387	CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	69.99
6388	CERBO'S HAMPTON NURSERY INC.	4,504.00
6389	CHALLENGER FENCE INC	43,388.00
6390	CINTAS	475.99
6391	CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY -GAS DIV	3,077.07
6392	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	910,851.52
6393	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	64,938.86
6394	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	3,693.28
6395	COYNE CHEMICAL CORP., INC.	2,382.50
6396	D & E SERVICE CENTER, INC.	9,250.12
6397	DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE& GIBLIN, LLP	2,929.00
6398	DEMPSEY UNIFORM & SUPPLY INC	1,256.24
6399	DIAMOND SAND & GRAVEL, INC	143.26
6400	EDIBLE JERSEY LLC.	1,560.00
6401	ELISSAR ABOU JAOUDE	1,000.00
6402	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	1,338.58
6403	ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC	3,998.83
6404	FEDERAL EXPRESS	99.49
6405	FIREFIGHTER ONE, LLC.	14,623.08
6406	GALLS, LLC	207.15
6407	GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES INC	150.00
6408	GLENN C KIENZ	700.00
6409	GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS LLC	430.80
6410	GYLES-ZITO DANIELLE	44.66
6411	HAYDEE BALLESTER	140.00
6412	HAYEK'S MARKET INC.	1,000.00
6413	HFE SERVICES LLC	2,394.96
6414	HOLLAND COMPANY, INC.	6,606.60
6415	HOME DEPOT, INC.	627.00
6416	HOME DEPOT, INC.	1,387.17
6417	HUNTON, BARBARA	638.67
6418	I-CORE SYSTEMS, INC.	265.44
6419	INSTITUTE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	50.00
6420	J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	11,385.00
6421	JCP&L	222.02
6422	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT, LLC.	541.25
6423	JOSEPH D CALABRESE	100.00
6424	KIEFER SWIM PRODUCTS, LLC.	949.40
6425	KIMBALL MIDWEST	284.55
6426	KKPR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS,	1,452.88
6427	LADDEY, CLARK & RYAN, LLP	2,875.00
6428	LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL P. AGATINO, LLC.	1,333.33
6429	LENOVO	539.99
6430	LOU'S GLASS	400.00
6431	LOWE'S , INC.	30.32
6432	MARIN CONSULTING ASSOCIATES	500.00

6433	MICROSYSTEMS-NJ COM, LLC.	1,527.04
6434	MID-AMERICAN ELEVATOR CO., INC.	490.00
6435	MORRIS ASPHALT SUPPLY, LLC	2,715.31
6436	MUNI CLERKS ASSO OF NJ	100.00
6437	NAUGHTY HUMPHREY, LLC	950.00
6438	NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION	1,558,450.16
6439	NEWTON PATROLMANS ASSOCIATION	900.00
6440	NEWTON SUPERIOR OFFICERS	420.00
6441	NEWTON TROPHY	136.50
6442	NIELSEN FORD	94.76
6443	NJMEBF	188,157.00
6444	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.....	146.57
6445	OPTIMUM	115.65
6446	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMM.	9,282.00
6447	PLANET NETWORKS INC.	1,519.67
6448	POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	316.17
6449	PRINTING CENTER, INC	2,719.04
6450	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING INC.	12,237.00
6451	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC.	14,735.71
6452	RAPID PUMP	161,816.80
6453	RAVE WIRELESS, INC.	7,415.00
6454	RR DONNELLEY	257.70
6455	RUTGERS LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER	600.00
6456	RVN TELEVISION, CORP	199.00
6457	S K OFFICE SUPPLY INC.	150.00
6458	S/NJ TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	90.00
6459	SCMUA	830.93
6460	SEBASTIAN MONTE	400.00
6461	SEBRING AUTO PARTS, INC.	11.66
6462	SLOAN, JAMES P.	3,573.83
6463	SMALLEY, JOHN H	1,437.00
6464	SPARTA TOWNSHIP TAX	17,551.30
6465	SPECTROTEL	620.80
6466	STAMP FULFILLMENT	1,804.70
6467	STAPLES	151.54
6468	STAPLES	28.50
6469	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN, INC.	48.97
6470	STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND	130,200.00
6471	STRUAS NEWSPAPERS, INC.	1,335.00
6472	SUNLIGHT GENERAL	1,775.42
6473	SUSSEX CAR WASH INC	216.00
6474	SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DIVISION	984.06
6475	SUSSEX COUNTY P & H, INC.	44.73
6476	T.A. MOUNTFORD COMPANY, INC.	950.00
6477	TAP INTO, LLC	2,100.00
6478	TAYLOR OIL CO., INC.	7,365.43
6479	TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	35.45
6480	THE CANNING GROUP, LLC.	541.67
6481	THE EQUITABLE	10,240.00
6482	THOMSON REUTERS -WEST	654.00
6483	TITLE AGENCY OF NEW JERSEY, INC.	733.35
6484	TRACTOR SUPPLY	105.80
6485	TRANE, INC.	1,275.00
6486	TRANS WORLD ASSURANCE CO.	800.00
6487	TREASURER, PETTY CASH FUND	100.00
6488	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	175.00
6489	TRI-STATE RENTALS/PARTY WORLD INC	481.50
6490	UNITED SITE SERVICES,INC	11,152.90
6491	UNIVERSAL SUPPLY GROUP INC.	366.54
6492	UNUM LIFE/DISABILITY INSUR	676.14
6493	UPSEU LOCAL 424J	588.00
6494	USPS	8,000.00
6495	VERIZON WIRELESS, INC.	2,057.36
6496	VISION SERVICE PLAN	1,177.23

6497	WALMART	18.52
6498	WALMART	646.41
6499	WALMART	34.02
6500	WALMART	103.82
6501	WEINER LESNIAK	144.00
6502	WEIS MARKETS, INC.....	103.29
6503	WILDFLOWERS WITH TAMI	200.00
6504	WILLIAM GRENNILLE, LLC.	4,370.00
6505	WINGLE SUPPLY COMPANY INC.	117.70
TOTAL		3,640,485.84

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Teets to approve the **COMBINED ACTION RESOLUTIONS**, it was seconded by Mr. Dickson and roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Couce (abstain on #172-2022 and check #6447)	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.

Christina Ventricelli, 33 Mill Street came forth and stated the Town has changed a lot since 1980 to now. It looks bad. She spoke to one business owner, and he said if the Town cared about the businesses, they would do something about the drugs. There are slum lords which the Town need to hold accountable to maintain their properties. Where she lives there are rats, drugs, ect. The County Health Department does nothing. The slum lords should be fined. A brief discussion took place with the Mayor and he advised Ms. Ventricelli to put her complaints in writing and give them to the Clerk. The Council has intervened in the past, and if there is something we can do to help, we will try to facilitate a resolution.

There being no one else from the public to be heard in person, the Mayor opened the meeting up to Zoom attendees.

Helen Le Frois, 132 Main Street, thanked Kimberly Williams, the Recreation Commission, and the DPW for the great work putting on the concert in the park this past weekend. It was a fun event, the ice-cream truck was a fun addition. Unfortunately the rain came and cut the concert short, but the families had a great time.

There being no one from the public to be heard either in person or on Zoom, Mayor

Schlafter closed the meeting to the public.

DISCUSSION – Mayor Schlafter stated we have recently received resolutions from six other municipalities on the “Parents Bill of Rights”. He has personally reviewed the 66-page document and doesn't see any issues. He feels it is not the Town's place to dictate school curriculum.

Mr. Dickson also stated he review the 66-page document and he also feels it is not in the Town's purview to comment on curriculum, unless the BOE asked for our opinion. He went on to say the BOE approved next year's curriculum with no changes.

Mrs. Teets stated she respected the Board, and would like to continue to foster a positive relationship.

Mayor Schlafter asked Mr. Couce as BOE liaison to please extend an invitation to discuss the matter if they feel the need for it.

Mr. Couce stated he will relay the invite tomorrow night at their meeting. He also reiterated; they did not make any curriculum changes.

COUNCIL MANAGER COMMENTS

Councilwoman Diglio stated she was happy we are going to pave Grand and Smith but would like to have Mt. View, Summit, and New Hampshire looked at. Mr. Russo stated he will talk to our engineers, they review the roads every year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Schlafter read the following statement: "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this Special Closed Session meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on July 12, 2022."

Upon motion of Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mrs. Teets and unanimously carried, Council entered Executive Session at 7:32pm.

Mr. Bernstein stated the items to be discussed in Executive Session are Attorney Client Privilege with regards to potential or anticipated litigation - Sustainable Asset Management, LLC. Official action may or may not be taken.

Upon motion of Mrs. Teets seconded by Mr. Couce and unanimously carried, Council left Executive Session at 8:17pm.

Mr. Bernstein stated all members of the Council present at the commence of the Executive Session are present at the re-commencement of the open session at 8:18 pm as well as the Town Manager Thomas S. Russo, Jr. , Municipal Clerk Teresa A. Oswin, and

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Town Attorney Eric Bernstein. Also, during the Executive Session attorney, Douglas Doyle of the law firm DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LL, the Town's Redevelopment Counsel was present. There was a discussion with Mr. Doyle and Mr. Bernstein of an on-going matter which may become an issue. Mr. Doyle and Mr. Bernstein were given marching orders as to the Town's next steps. No formal action needs to be taken at this time.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mr. Couce seconded by Mrs. Diglio and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk