

April 10, 2023

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. Dickson, Mrs. Diglio, Mrs. Le Frois, Deputy Mayor Couce, Mayor Teets, Teresa A. Oswin, Municipal Clerk, and Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager. Monica B. Miebach, CFO and Eric Bernstein, Esq., Town Attorney were also present.

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

Mayor Teets 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 6, 2023."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Diglio seconded by Mr. Dickson and carried, the minutes for the March 13, 2023, Joint BOE meeting were approved as presented.

Upon motion by Mr. Dickson seconded by Mrs. Diglio and carried, the minutes for the March 27, 2023, Regular meeting were approved as presented.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

At this time, Mayor Teets 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 identify yourself and spell your last name."

Mayor Teets opened the meeting to the public.

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

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Russo – he stated he hopes everyone enjoyed Passover and Easter with their families. Today we had the unveiling of four (4) benches at the Dog Park which were donated by Girl Scout Troop 97171. It was a nice event, very well attended. The girls raised over \$3,000, and it shows great character and integrity in these young ladies. Tomorrow, April 11th is Newton's 159th birthday. We were incorporated in 1864 and settle in 1751. Finally, he would like to wish Councilwoman Diglio and his Mom a happy Birthday next week.

Councilman Dickson – offered congratulations to Girl Scout Troop 97171 on their Bronze award and their fundraising efforts for the four (4) benches. He credits their leaders Nadine Goldschmidt and Joanie Faye in helping to instill the desire to help the community in these young girls.

Councilwoman Diglio – on March 30th she met with the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce and gave them an update on all the things happening in Newton. On April

6th she met with the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee to go over what worked and what they can improve on for next year. They will definitely be having a St. Patrick's Day Parade next year.

Councilwoman Le Frois – started by thanking the Newton Police and Andover Police for their *Cram the Cruiser* event on April 1st and 2nd at Weiss Markets. She and the Mayor attended briefly, and it looked like they had a lot of donations. All donations collected went to the Sussex County Social Services Food Pantry. She was pleased to attend the *Egg Hunt* on April 8th hosted by the Recreation Commission and Recreation Department. Once again, we had great weather. Danielle and Barbara did a fantastic job. This year they expanded the event with crafts for the kids in the cafeteria after the hunt. She offered thanks to the Girl Scouts for the donation of the four (4) benches. Everyone should have received their copy of the *Newton News* by now. The publication offers lot of information on upcoming projects and events in Town. Thanks to the editors Tom Russo and Kat Alcock. It is very informative. It gives information on the upcoming events like Neighbors Helping Neighbors on May 6th. If any seniors in Town need help with yard work, reach out to the DPW and they along with other volunteers will be happy to help. The newsletter is also available on the Town's website and in Spanish.

Deputy Mayor Couce – let everyone know the Newton Robotics Team will once again be represented on the national stage as the team travels to Houston to compete. It is a great program they have.

Mayor Teets – wished Councilwoman Diglio and Tom's Mom a Happy Birthday. The event at the Dog Park today was excellent event. It was nice to see the girls talking to the Animal Control Officer. They really are wonderful young ladies. The *Egg Hunt* was phenomenal! The Police and DPW helped out and it was a great event. Next year's will be even better. Lastly, on May 1st Newton will begin an electronics recycling program. More information can be found by downloading the *Recycle Coach* app.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE 2023-4

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT-DIGESTER OPERATION IN AND BY THE TOWN OF NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,006,292 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,006,292 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance (the "Improvement") is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Town of Newton, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey (the "Town") as a general improvement. For the said

Improvement there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$2,006,292. No down payments is required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law") as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the obligations authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Township, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvement not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,006,292 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvement or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$2,006,292 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is for the improvements of the Wastewater Treatment Plant involving the digester conversion, rehabilitation or replacement and primary sludge pump replacement including design work, acquisition, and installation of equipment, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto. The Bond Ordinance supplements Bond Ordinance #2020-7 which appropriated \$1,300,000 for the Improvements.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvement is \$2,006,292.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvement is \$2,006,292, which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Town.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the Town (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Town Council of the Town at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited, and stated:

(a) The Improvement described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance is not a current expense and is a capital improvement or property that the Town may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the Improvement, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for such purpose, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this Bond Ordinance, is 25 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Town Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this Bond Ordinance by \$2,006,292, but that the net debt of the Town determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this Bond Ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$850,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

(e) This Bond Ordinance authorizes obligations of the Town solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for a purpose that is deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from gross debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

SECTION 7:

Any funds or grant monies received for the purpose described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvement by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvement or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Town authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvement shall, be held and applied by the Town as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Town authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In

the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Town reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvement prior to the date that the Town incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Town under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the cost of the Improvement is \$2,006,292.

SECTION 11:

This Bond Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor Teets opened the meeting to the public.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Couce	Yes	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes
	Mayor Teets	Yes	

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

ORDINANCE 2023-5

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR SWIMMING POOL RENOVATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF NEWTON AND APPROPRIATING \$25,759.97 FOR SUCH PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town of Newton, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, authorizes swimming pool renovations to be undertaken, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk, for the Town of Newton to be funded from the sources specified in Section 2 of the Ordinance.

Section 2. The amount of \$25,759.97 is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in Section 1 of the Ordinance and which amount was funded from the Reserve for Recreation Improvements in the amount of \$25,759.97.

Section 3. In connection with the purpose and the amount authorized in Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the Town determines the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement which the Town of Newton may lawfully make as a general improvement.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and publication according to law.

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Mayor Teets opened the meeting to the public.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Couce	Yes	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes
	Mayor Teets	Yes	

Mayor Teets read aloud the following Ordinance relative to adoption.

ORDINANCE 2023-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING, AND SUPPLEMENTING NEWTON TOWN CODE SECTION 100-19 REGARDING WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES AND SECTION 228-18 REGARDING WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, Newton Town Code Section 100-19 sets forth the Town's water and sewer rates and connection fees; and

WHEREAS, the County and Municipal Water Supply Act, N.J.S.A 40A-31-1, et seq. and the Municipal and County Sewerage Act, N.J.S.A 40A:26A-10, et seq. set forth the requirements that connection fees for water and sewer shall be uniform within each class of users and requires a computation in accordance with statutory law; and

WHEREAS, the Town secured the services of Matthew M. Laracy, CPA, CMFO, QPA, and Michael J. Rohal, PE, CPWM, PP, RMC, QPA, of Laracy Associates, LLC, to thoroughly analyze the Town's water and sewer rates and connection fees in studies dated February and March 2023; and

WHEREAS, the February and March 2023 studies by Laracy Associates, LLC, recommended certain adjustments be made to both the water and sewer rates and connection fees; and

WHEREAS, Newton Town Chief Financial Officer, Monica Miebach, CMFO, at the March 13, 2023 Council public meeting, reviewed the current and recommended water and sewer rates and connection fees, along with Mr. Laracy and Mr. Rohal, with the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council reviewed the capital base of the sewerage and water system and the number of service units to compute the connection fee calculation and desires to revise the Town Code with updated water and sewer connection fees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council reviewed the operational reliability, safety, and efficiency along with compliance with State and Federal regulation of the sewerage and water system along future capital improvements and desires to revise the Town Code with certain rate adjustments and the addition of flat capital improvement fees to insure continued prudent fiscal management of future capital improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that Newton Town Code Chapter 228, entitled "Sewer and Water," more specifically Article IV, entitled "Water and Sewer Rates," specifically Section 228-18, entitled "General rules and regulations;" Section 100-19.A, Water connection fees; and, Section 100-19.J, Sewer connection, shall be amended, revised, and supplemented as follows:

Section 1. Section 100-19.A(1) and (2) of the Code of the Town of Newton shall be and are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced as follows:

A. Water connection fees (§228-3C):

(1) Residential, per dwelling unit: \$5,058.00.

(2) Commercial: Charge will be \$39.21 per gallon per day based on estimated usage, with a minimum charge of \$5,058.00, plus labor and materials.

Section 2. Section 100-19.J(1) and (2) of the Town Code of the Town of Newton shall be and are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced as follows:

J. Sewer connection fees (§228-16):

(1) Residential, per dwelling unit: \$6,550.00.

(2) Commercial and/or industrial:

Charges Per Gallon Per Day	Minimum Charge
\$50.39	\$6,550.00

Section 3. Section 100-19.K of the Town Code of the Town of Newton shall be and is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

K. Water and Sewer rates (§228-17):

2023	Gallons Per Quarter	Water Rate	Sewer Rate	Combined Water/Sewer Rate
	0 to 4,000	\$31.50 minimum	\$47.25 minimum	\$78.75 minimum
	Over 4,000	\$15.22/M	\$7.87/M	\$23.09/M
2024	Gallons Per Quarter	Water Rate	Sewer Rate	Combined Water/Sewer Rate
	0 to 4,000	\$33.08 minimum	\$49.61 minimum	\$82.69 minimum
	Over 4,000	\$15.98/M	\$8.26/M	\$24.24/M
2025	Gallons Per Quarter	Water Rate	Sewer Rate	Combined Water/Sewer Rate
	0 to 4,000	\$33.91 minimum	\$50.85 minimum	\$84.76 minimum
	Over 4,000	\$16.38/M	\$8.47/M	\$24.85/M

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2026	Gallons Per Quarter	Water Rate	Sewer Rate	Combined Water/Sewer Rate
	0 to 4,000	\$34.76 minimum	\$52.12 minimum	\$86.88 minimum
	Over 4,000	\$16.79/M	\$8.68/M	\$25.47/M

Those individuals who apply and qualify pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.40, et seq. for a senior citizen, disability, or surviving spouse tax deduction shall be charged the following utility rates:

2023	Gallons Per Quarter	Water Rate	Sewer Rate	Combined Water/Sewer Rate
	0 to 4,000	\$31.50 minimum	\$31.50 minimum	\$63.00 minimum
	Over 4,000	\$15.22/M	\$7.87/M	\$23.09/M

2024	Gallons Per Quarter	Water Rate	Sewer Rate	Combined Water/Sewer Rate
	0 to 4,000	\$33.08 minimum	\$33.08 minimum	\$66.16 minimum
	Over 4,000	\$15.98/M	\$8.26/M	\$24.24/M

2025	Gallons Per Quarter	Water Rate	Sewer Rate	Combined Water/Sewer Rate
	0 to 4,000	\$33.91 minimum	\$33.91 minimum	\$67.82 minimum
	Over 4,000	\$16.38/M	\$8.47/M	\$24.85/M

2026	Gallons Per Quarter	Water Rate	Sewer Rate	Combined Water/Sewer Rate
	0 to 4,000	\$34.76 minimum	\$34.76 minimum	\$69.52 minimum
	Over 4,000	\$16.79/M	\$8.68/M	\$25.47/M

Section 4. A new Section 100-19.V shall be and hereby is added to the Town Code as follows:

V. Capital Improvement Fee (§228-18):

Water \$10.00 per quarter

Sewer \$10.00 per quarter

Section 5. Section 228-18 of the Town Code of the Town of Newton shall be and hereby is amended, supplemented, and revised to add subsection F., Capital Improvement Fee.

F. A Capital Improvement Fee of \$10.00 for Water per quarter and \$10.00 for Sewer per quarter shall be billed to each account (residential, commercial, industrial, apartments, discounted water, discounted sewer, tax exempt, and

any and all other customers) in accordance with the billing and collecting procedures set forth in §228-19 of the Newton Town Code.

Section 6. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 8. This Ordinance will take effect after publication and passage according to law.

Mayor Teets opened the meeting to the public.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Couce	No	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes
	Mayor Teets	Yes	

Mayor Teets read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction.

ORDINANCE 2023-7

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,529,330 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,894,300 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

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

Deputy Mayor Couce	Yes	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes
	Mayor Teets	Yes	

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with a hearing on the same to be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Teets read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction.

ORDINANCE 2023-8

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,110,000 FOR VARIOUS WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,110,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

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

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Deputy Mayor Couce	Yes	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes
	Mayor Teets	Yes	

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with a hearing on the same to be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Teets 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.

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

Mr. Dickson asked for clarification on Resolution #129-2023 that items in Jessica Caldwell's report and Eric Bernstein's report on the review of the application would be addressed at the Planning Board level.

Mr. Russo stated the Planning Board will address their comments.

RESOLUTION #123-2023*

“To Cancel Appropriated Reserve Balance in the Federal and State Grant Fund – Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$154.25”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton received a grant in the amount of \$6,037.00 for the 2021/2022 Municipal Alliance Grant and provided a match of \$1,145.00; and

WHEREAS, these amounts were appropriated as special items of revenue in the 2021 Current Municipal Budget by Resolution #187-2021 on September 16, 2021 and transferred into the Federal and State Grant Fund in the same year; and

WHEREAS, the Town has completed the projects schedules for the 2021-2022 Municipal Alliance and made payments in the amount of \$6,094.35; and

WHEREAS, the Town cancelled \$933.40 of the receivable and appropriations per Resolution #115 -2023 of March 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, there remains an unexpended balance in the grant fund of \$154.25; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the grant appropriated reserve balance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the full membership of the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that we hereby cancel the following:

Federal & State Grant Fund

Appropriated Reserves – Municipal Alliance Grant (2021-2022) #112387 \$154.25

RESOLUTION #124-2023*

“Resolution Authorizing the Award of Property Tax Reassessment Services Through the Competitive Contract Process CC#2-2023”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has a need for property appraisal reassessment services; and

WHEREAS, such services are currently available to be provided through the competitive contracting process under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et. Seq. for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the Town received Competitive Contract proposals, CC#2-2023 on March 21, 2023 at 10:00a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Town authorized the competitive contract process through Resolution #96-2023, in accordance with the prescripts of N.J.S.A.40A:11-4.; and

WHEREAS, the Town established a rating committee to rate the proposals upon the standards of price and other factors, those factors being Technical, Managerial, and Cost factors in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:34-4; and

WHEREAS, Appraisal Systems Inc., 264 South Street, Morristown, N.J. 07960, has provided a proposal deemed responsive and responsible as well as most advantageous based upon the legal principles of price and other factors under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-4.1 et. Seq.); and

WHEREAS, Appraisal Systems Inc. has proposed a pricing schedule of:

Year 1	October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024	\$125,000.00
Year 2	October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025	\$35,000.00
Year 3	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026	\$35,000.00
Year 4	October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027	\$35,000.00
Year 5	October 1, 2027 – September 30, 2028	\$35,000.00
Total		\$265,000.00

Acceptable to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the report produced by the committee, recommending Appraisal Systems Inc., was made available to the public and Governing Body at least 48 hours prior to the meeting of the Governing Body in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-4.1 and N.J.A.C 5:34-4;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Town of Newton, Sussex County, State of New Jersey, that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Appraisal Systems Inc., 264 South Street, Morristown, N.J. 07960, for a period of five (5) years encompassing the scope of work and cost proposal as outlined within CC#2-2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for Appraisal Systems Inc. shall be as follows:

Year 1	October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024	\$125,000.00
Year 2	October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025	\$35,000.00
Year 3	October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026	\$35,000.00
Year 4	October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027	\$35,000.00
Year 5	October 1, 2027 – September 30, 2028	\$35,000.00
Total		\$265,000.00

RESOLUTION #125-2023*

“Approval of the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Sussex to Provide Certified Fire Marshal Services Through June 30, 2028”

WHEREAS, the County of Sussex (“County”) currently has a Certified Fire Marshal who performs certain Certified Fire Marshal services for the County, pursuant to the Uniform Fire Safety Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq. and relevant regulations thereto regarding fire code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton (“Newton”) is in need of such Certified Fire Marshal services and previously entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the County for same, a copy of which is attached, which sets forth the terms and conditions of the shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Agreement with the County is currently set to expire on June 30, 2023 and the Town desires to renew the Shared Services Agreement for the period commencing July 1, 2023 through and including June 30, 2028, a copy of which Shared Services Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the shared services to be provided by the County and revised fee schedule are attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, these types of shared services are exactly what the State of New Jersey envisioned when it sought to encourage same through the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.;

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 Clerk are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Newton, to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Sussex to provide Certified Fire Marshal services to the Town for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the attached Shared Services Agreement and revised fee schedule.

RESOLUTION #126-2023*

“Authorize Entering into an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Andover for the Sharing of Specialized Vehicular Equipment”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton desires to enter into a shared services agreement with the Township of Andover to furnish the Township of Andover the sharing of specialized vehicular equipment; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an Agreement pursuant to the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act,” N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4, et seq., for the furnishing of such services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, with the Township of Andover for the sale and sharing of specialized vehicular equipment.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any additional non-substantial amendments and/or modifications to the Agreement without the consent of the Town Council.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

April 10, 2023

RESOLUTION #127-2023*

“Resolution Furthering Historic Preservation Through a Grant from the NJ Historic Trust in the Amount of \$35,000 for the Newton Town Plot Historic District”

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton desires to further historic preservation through a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust, State of New Jersey in the amount of \$35,000 for the Newton Town Plot Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton proposed to utilize the funding for the preparation of an Intensive Level Survey for the Newton Town Plot Historic District; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Newton authorizes Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager, to execute a grant agreement with the State NJ Historic Trust in an amount up to that awarded for the proposed project, and to seal the grant agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Town of Newton fully supports the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Grant Award as submitted to and approved by the New Jersey Historic Trust.

RESOLUTION #129-2023*

“Resolution in Support of the Issuance of a Cannabis Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License and a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery Service License to Curiosity Cannabis, LLC”

WHEREAS, with the adoption on June 28, 2021 of Ordinance No. 2021-12 and, on July 12, 2021, of Ordinance No. 2021-13, the Town of Newton did, pursuant to Section 31a of P.L. 2021, c. 16 (known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” – “the Act”), amend its zoning code (“Town Zoning Code”) to permit adult-use cannabis establishments to operate within its municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town Zoning Code was amended, revised, and supplemented to allow for Class 5 Cannabis Retailer Licensees (“Cannabis Retailers”), as defined by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Zoning Code was amended, revised, and supplemented to allow for Class 6 Cannabis Delivery Service Licensees (“Cannabis Delivery Services”), as defined by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Zoning Code has not imposed a limit on the number of licensed Class 5 Cannabis Retailer Licensees, except by location, or the number of Class 6 Cannabis Delivery Service Licensees, except by location, allowed to operate in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Zoning Code does, however, restrict Cannabis Retailers to certain zoning districts within the Town of Newton and, subject to specific conditions and standards, the Town Zoning Code does permit Cannabis Retailers and Cannabis Delivery Services as a conditional use in the Town; and

WHEREAS, Curiosity Cannabis, LLC is registered to do business in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Curiosity Cannabis, LLC intends to apply to the State of New Jersey, Cannabis Regulatory Commission (the “Cannabis Regulatory Commission”) for a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License, which is a type of cannabis business license that the Town of Newton has specifically authorized to operate within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Curiosity Cannabis, LLC also intends to apply to the State of New Jersey, Cannabis Regulatory Commission (the “Cannabis Regulatory Commission”) for a Class 6

Cannabis Delivery Service License, which is a type of cannabis business license that the Town of Newton has specifically authorized to operate within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, as the Town of Newton has not imposed a limit on the number of licensed Cannabis Retailer businesses allowed to operate within its jurisdiction, the issuance of a Class 5 Retailer License to Curiosity Cannabis, LLC by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission would not exceed any cannabis license limit; and

WHEREAS, as the Town of Newton has not imposed a limit on the number of licensed Cannabis Retailer businesses allowed to operate within its jurisdiction, the issuance of a Class 6 Delivery Service License to Curiosity Cannabis, LLC by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission would not exceed any cannabis license limit; and

WHEREAS, subject to approval by the Town of Newton Planning Board of an application as a permitted conditional use, the issuance of a Cannabis Class 5 Retailer License to Curiosity Cannabis, LLC and/or a Class 6 Delivery Services License otherwise complies with the Town of Newton's Code requirements applicable to adult-use cannabis establishments;

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 Cannabis Regulatory Commission may deem this Resolution to be both proof of local support and evidence of municipal preference by the Town of Newton for the issuance of a Cannabis Class 5 Retailer License and a Class 6 Delivery Service License to Curiosity Cannabis, LLC, or its corporate successor in interest, pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Final Notice of Application Acceptance, subject to a final resolution of the Mayor and Town Council approving same if the Planning Board approves the application of Curiosity Cannabis, LLC for a conditional use establishment as noted by the adoption of a Planning Board Resolution of Memorialization approving this conditional use and, if applicable, the Cannabis Control Commission approves either or both licenses to Curiosity Cannabis, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to all of the requirements/conditions above, Curiosity Cannabis, LLC, or its corporate successor in interest, shall be required to complete and submit any and all appropriate Town applications, including but not limited to, the Town's appropriate municipal license applications and the payment of any and all fees required by the Town as per the Town Code and/or other applicable ordinances, in order to meet the requirements of this Resolution and any subsequent Resolutions of the Town.

RESOLUTION #130-2023*

“Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholder for Block 24.01, Lot 18, also known as 12 Lincoln Place”

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 5, 2022, a lien was sold on Block 24.01, Lot 18, also known as 12 Lincoln Place, for 2021 delinquent utilities; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2022-018 was sold to Evolve Bank & Trust for a 0% redemption fee and a premium of \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Cornerstone Title, representing the owner, Queen Equity REO, LLC, has affected the redemption of Certificate #2022-018 in the amount of \$10,024.44;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges Evolve Bank & Trust is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$10,024.44 as well as the return of the premium in the amount of \$2,500.00; 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 \$10,024.44 for the redemption and a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the return of the premium for Certificate #2022-018 to Evolve Bank & Trust, 6000 Poplar Ave., Suite 300, Memphis, TN 38119.

RESOLUTION #131-2023*

“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 2022 and 2023 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#	Name	Check Total
8008	921	- AIRGAS USA, LLC	159.51
8009	4676	- ALBRECHT, JIM	100.00
8010	3753	- ALCOCK KATHERINE	196.50
8011	227	- ALLIED METER SERVICE INC.	55.00
8012	3897	- AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1,612.72
8013	3897	- AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	547.09
8014	3508	- AMERICAN AQUATIC TESTING, INC.	2,400.00
8015	4466	- ASAP MARKETING, LLC.	1,340.69
8016	2792	- ATLANTIC SALT, INC.	21,067.23
8017	2757	- ATLANTIC TACTICAL INC.	3.90
8018	4026	- AUTOZONE INC.	695.56
8019	3251	- BADGER METER, INC.	192.08
8020	1132	- BOONTON TIRE SUPPLY INC.	1,049.83
8021	3355	- BRAEN STONE SPARTA	1,737.74
8022	300	- BRIGHTSPEED	125.85
8023	4667	- CALDWELL/WEST CALDWELL	650.00
8024	2443	- CAMPBELL FOUNDRY CO. INC.	2,550.00
8025	3893	- CAMPBELL SUPPLY OF SUSSEX CTY LLC	1,303.89
8026	192	- CAMPBELL'S SMALL ENGINE INC.	1,361.75
8027	4138	- CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY -GAS DIV	165.05
8028	4500	- CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN SPRINGS	130.49
8029	2048	- DANIELSON, DEBORAH	362.52
8030	3685	- DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION	1,015.00
8031	768	- DEMPSEY UNIFORM & SUPPLY INC	3,281.54
8032	4077	- ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS INC.	86.52
8033	4652	- EMP TRAINING	180.00
8034	2780	- ENFORSYS POLICE SYSTEM, INC.	5,000.00
8035	1303	- ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSO.	312.87
8036	4385	- ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	8,639.91
8037	2319	- FRANKLIN SUSSEX AUTO BODY, INC.	3,568.15
8038	3318	- FREDON ANIMAL HOSPITAL	257.00
8039	200	- GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES INC	4,036.00
8040	4398	- GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS LLC	1,252.32
8041	789	- GNCC	0 195.00
8042	4518	- GREEN DOG INN	60.00
8043	4064	- HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO ATLANTIC	327.00
8044	4636	- HEAR CONSTRUCTON INC	37,583.00
8045	4337	- HFE SERVICES LLC	4,583.00
8046	4198	- HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	438.39
8047	1866	- HOME DEPOT, INC.	960.84
8048	4480	- HUNTON, BARBARA	26.79
8049	3235	- J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	1,577.50
8050	1271	- JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC	3,868.31
8051	4670	- JCM ASSOCIATES	114.74
8052	113	- JCP&L	227.26
8053	3029	- Jesco Inc.	123.61
8054	3772	- JK HVAC SERVICE, LLC.	462.31
8055	2569	- KIEFFER ELECTRIC, INC.	245.00
8056	4396	- KIMBALL MIDWEST	479.90
8057	3711	- KKPR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS,	3,892.97
8058	2300	- LOWE'S, INC.	862.71

8059	3792	- MACKENZIE AUTOMATIC DOORS	1,288.00
8060	4415	- MAPLECREST FORD INC	44,719.45
8061	4381	- MID-AMERICAN ELEVATOR CO., INC	990.00
8062	4531	- MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES LLC	8,550.00
8063	4377	- MODERN GROUP LTD.	7,390.82
8064	4219	- MONTAGE ENTERPRISES	29.40
8065	53	- MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY, INC.	8.86
8066	170	- NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION	750.00
8067	4154	- NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL	1,275.00
8068	2851	- NJ HOMICIDE INVESTIGATOR'S ASSOC.	675.00
8069	2835	- NJMEBF	203,551.00
8070	2607	- NORTHERN RAIN	333.00
8071	4383	- OPTIMUM	187.30
8072	4401	- PASSAIC COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY	695.00
8073	64	- PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	9,024.00
8074	64	- PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC	2,866.50
8075	4204	- PLANET NETWORKS INC.	2,379.47
8076	4126	- PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING INC.	22,842.00
8077	39	- QUILL CORPORATION	185.97
8078	2478	- RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC.	6,315.34
8079	4203	- RAPID PUMP	42,800.00
8080	4555	- ROBERT H HOOVER & SONS INC	105,714.00
8081	2932	- RULLO & JUILET ASSOCIATES, INC.	2,940.00
8082	55	- SCHMIDT'S WHOLESALE, INC	4,125.39
8083	611	- SEBRING AUTO PARTS, INC.	504.02
8084	2145	- SEELY BROTHERS, INC.	540.00
8085	3117	- SOME'S WORLD WIDE UNIFORMS, INC.	32.00
8086	2257	- STAPLES	45.99
8087	43	- STAPLES CREDIT PLAN, INC.	55.73
8088	4440	- STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	81,301.32
8089	4144	- SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	3,780.00
8090	2056	- SUBURBAN PROPANE, LP.	3,469.59
8091	3442	- SUNLIGHT GENERAL	1,393.98
8092	2561	- SUSSEX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	225.00
8093	1029	- SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK'S ASSN	140.00
8094	418	- SUSSEX COUNTY DETECTIVES ASSOC.	175.00
8095	229	- SUSSEX COUNTY ECONOMIC	250.00
8096	2310	- SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DIVISION	620.24
8097	2479	- TAYLOR OIL CO., INC.	5,893.33
8098	4472	- THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER	210.00
8099	4338	- THE LAW OFFICE OF JOHN C GREY JR. LLC.	150.00
8100 3	115	- THE NJ SHADE TREE FEDERATION	195.00
8101	217	- TIMMERMAN COMPANY, INC.	448.50
8102	2675	- TIRE KING, INC.	1,009.00
8103	2880	- TRACTOR SUPPLY	113.44
8104	219	- TRI-STATE RENTALS, INC.	127.85
8105	1469	- UNIVERSAL SUPPLY GROUP INC.	254.32
8106	4617	- VALLEY MEDICAL GROUP	423.00
8107	2485	- VAN NIEUWLAND STEVE	57.62
8108	2635	- W.B. MASON, INC.	38.92
8109	1500	- WALMART	357.61
8110	633	- WEIS MARKETS, INC.	661.51
8111	382	- WELDON ASPHALT COMPANY, INC.	256.36
8112	4677	- WHISKEY CROSSING BAND	200.00
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TOTAL			694,029.87

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

April 10, 2023

Deputy Mayor Couce (Abstain on check #8075)	Yes	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes
	Mayor Teets	Yes	

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Teets opened the meeting to the public.

Joan Faye, Co-Leader of Girl Scout Troop 97171 thanked the Town Manager, Mayor, and Councilman Dickson for attending the event today. She wanted to acknowledge Debbie Danielson, she was really instrumental in planning the event and getting the media to attend. She also helped them with Gravity Designworks on the design of the plaque. The girls went to lunch to celebrate their hard work after the event, and they were all excited and talking about the important people that came and talked to them. They are looking forward to seeing their interviews. The girls worked really hard for the last 11 months and she wanted to let the Council know their time was not wasted, the girls were very appreciative. It makes a difference in the morale of the Town.

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

HEARING ON THE 2023 BUDGET



**TOWN OF NEWTON
2023 Budget**

**Thomas S. Russo, Jr., MPA, CPM, PLC
Town Manager
4.10.2023**



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 illustrates the percentage each of the jurisdictions received in 2022 from the average taxpayer in the Town.



Newton Board of Education	51.29%	\$2.314
Town of Newton	33.93%	\$1.531
County of Sussex	13.72%	\$0.619
County Library	1.00%	\$0.045
County Open Space	.06%	\$0.003
Total	100.0%	\$4.512 per \$100 of assessed value



APPROPRIATIONS 2022 vs. 2023



COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATION BUDGETED AMOUNTS FOR 2022 AND 2023				
	2022		2023	
Salaries	\$5,422,175	37.9%	\$5,539,217	33.8%
Health/Dental/Vision/Work Comp.	2,083,750	14.6%	2,345,526	14.3%
Pensions	1,090,363	7.6%	1,264,918	7.7%
FICA/SUI	256,000	1.8%	260,300	1.6%
Retirement/LOSAP/Accum. Absence	59,000	.4%	77,000	.5%
Subtotal	\$8,911,288	62.3%	\$9,486,961	57.9%
General Operating Expenses	\$2,074,602	14.5%	\$2,310,416	14.0%
Debt/Capital/Deferred Charges	2,503,451	17.5%	2,209,661	13.5%
Reserve for Tax Appeals	15,000	.1%	22,491	.2%
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	555,908	3.9%	554,791	3.4%
Grants	242,819	1.7%	1,797,982	11.0%
Total	\$14,303,068	100%	\$16,382,302	100.00%



TOP 10 BUDGET APPROPRIATION INCREASES BY DOLLAR AMOUNT



APPROPRIATION	2022 BUDGET	2023 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE
Grants	\$314,516	\$1,797,982	\$1,483,466
Insurance & Health OE	\$1,736,849	\$1,963,330	\$226,481
Other Insurance Premiums	\$110,900	\$214,351	\$103,451
Utilities	\$461,300	\$526,200	\$64,900
Capital Improvement Fund (CIF)	\$215,000	\$265,000	\$50,000
Town Manager S&W	\$151,000	\$187,600	\$36,600
Town Manager OE	\$72,550	\$109,050	\$36,500
Finance S&W	\$94,200	\$128,000	\$33,800
Roads OE	\$98,950	\$130,200	\$31,250
Buildings & Grounds S&W	\$0	\$30,550	\$30,550



REVENUE HISTORY



The chart below tracks revenues over the course of the last five (5) years. Here is a comparison of revenues from 2019 – 2023:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
State Aid	1,025,916	1,030,549	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,086,018
Local Fees, Fines, Interest	647,048	472,470	593,904	542,408	642,383
Fund Balance (Surplus)	1,320,000	1,364,000	1,425,200	1,869,200	2,050,791
Delinquent Taxes	350,000	420,000	450,000	457,311	235,000
Municipal Taxes	8,840,688	8,893,400	8,916,873	9,175,866	9,535,046
Interlocal Agreements	84,448	90,000	129,500	126,425	139,813
Grants	75,383	37,700	17,050	206,310	1,761,272
Spec. Items of Revenue	786,517	894,919	850,354	899,632	931,979
Total	\$13,130,000	\$13,203,038	\$13,408,797	\$14,303,068	\$16,382,302



TAX RATE FOR 2023



With the uncertainty of State Aid payments and the fluctuating prospects of grant funding, coupled with the reality of a tax base that has 1/3 tax exempt properties, it is an ever-increasing challenge to maintain appropriate service levels and sound fiscal policies while mitigating any significant municipal tax increases.

New developments within the Town have had a positive impact on our total ratable base, helping the Net Valuation Taxable (NVT) see its greatest increase in over seven (7) years. There was an increase of \$11,505,020 in the NVT from 2022 to 2023.

Additionally, the new average residential property assessment has gone up slightly from the 2022 level of \$185,293 to the new 2023 level of \$185,638. Therefore, factoring in the budget and tax levy as proposed, the municipal taxes on an average residential property are estimated to go from \$2,838 in 2022 to \$2,899 in 2023 – an increase of only \$5 a month.



TAX RATE HISTORY - 2014 thru 2023



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Subtotal General Revenues	3,886,569	3,610,984	3,801,500	3,802,000	3,950,687	4,289,312	4,308,997	4,491,924	5,127,202	6,847,256
Amt to be Raised Taxes Local	8,189,331	8,434,016	8,612,938	8,733,000	8,815,313	8,840,688	8,893,400	8,916,873	9,175,866	9,535,046
Budget as Introduced	12,075,900	12,045,000	12,414,438	12,535,000	12,766,000	13,130,000	13,202,397	13,408,797	14,303,068	16,382,302
Local TAX Increase over prior yr	277,844	244,685	178,922	120,062	82,313	25,375	52,712	23,473	261,723	359,180
Local TAX POINT increase over Pfr	Reassess	3.868	3.219	2.610	1.832	0.617	1.704	0.590	2.949	0.030
Local tax rate	1.3561	1.3948	1.4270	1.4531	1.4714	1.4776	1.4946	1.501	1.530	1.562
Assessed valuation / 10,000	60,387	60,467	60,357	60,099	59,910	59,832	59,502	59,425	59,990	61,051
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Net Valuation Taxable	603,870,714	604,669,025	603,569,459	600,989,949	599,101,342	598,318,825	595,022,453	594,248,488	599,007,500	610,512,520
Tax Point	60,387	60,467	60,357	60,099	59,910	59,832	59,502	59,425	59,901	61,051
Municipal Tax Rate	1.3561	1.3948	1.4270	1.4531	1.4714	1.4776	1.4946	1.501	1.5318	1.5618
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	8,189,331	8,434,016	8,612,938	8,733,000	8,815,313	8,840,688	8,893,400	8,916,873	9,175,866	9,535,046
Class 2 Residential Total Taxable	370,357,700	370,575,800	370,400,000	366,298,200	366,024,200	368,018,900	369,930,100	369,516,200	371,513,100	373,875,500
Number of Residential Parcels	1,962	1,969	1,974	1,970	1,972	1,991	1,998	1,995	2,005	2,014
Average Assessed Home	188,765	188,205	187,639	185,938	185,611	184,841	185,150	185,221	185,293	185,638
Munic Taxes on Avg Assess Home	2,560	2,625	2,678	2,702	2,731	2,731	2,767	2,779	2,839	2,899
Increase in taxes over pfr	12	65	53	24	29	0	36	12	60	61
Weekly increase	0.24	1.25	1.01	0.47	0.56	0.00	0.69	0.230	1.156	1.171
Daily increase	0.034	0.179	0.144	0.066	0.080	0.000	0.099	0.033	0.165	0.167



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.
- 2022 - \$60.
- 2023 - \$60.

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TOWN OF NEWTON 2023 BUDGET

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FUND BALANCE HISTORY



Total Year	Surplus Available	Amt. Used to Support Budget	Balance
January 1	414,784	275,000	139,784
1983	257,386	175,000	82,386
1984	300,547	230,000	125,547
1985	337,382	230,000	107,382
1986	487,335	364,000	123,335
1987	1,028,052	828,775	199,277
1988	610,531	516,407	94,124
1989	315,660	180,000	135,660
1990	406,772	280,000	126,772
1991	366,583	323,000	43,583
1992	616,181	430,000	186,181
1993	500,000	400,000	100,000
1994	910,886	650,000	260,886
1995	665,538	500,000	165,538
1996	458,525	350,000	108,525
1997	583,487	495,000	88,487
1998	584,140	450,000	134,140
1999	595,320	475,000	120,320
2000	758,919	670,000	195,124
2001	750,000	670,000	78,192
2002	774,407	670,000	104,407
2003	755,416	626,000	129,416
2004	726,654	580,000	146,654
2005	909,066	700,000	209,066
2006	1,071,959	721,000	350,959
2007	1,256,151	863,571	392,580
2008	920,307	607,000	313,307
2009	1,112,645	803,000	309,645
2010	859,757	550,000	308,757
2011	979,774	641,000	338,774
2012	1,542,318	776,000	766,318
2013	1,563,752	841,461	722,291
2014	1,498,339	776,048	722,291
2015	1,504,223	810,876	693,347
2016	2,260,302	897,000	1,363,302
2017	2,482,557	1,096,000	1,386,557
2018	2,848,266	1,320,000	1,528,266
2019	2,832,783	1,364,500	1,468,283
2020	2,922,773	1,425,200	1,496,933
2021	3,476,303	1,869,200	1,607,103
2022	3,778,446	2,050,791	1,727,655

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TOWN OF NEWTON 2023 BUDGET

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REVENUE COMPARISON – TOWN



REVENUE COMPARISON	(2013 - 2023)										
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund Balance	2,050,791	1,869,200	1,425,200	1,364,000	1,320,000	1,096,000	897,000	810,876	776,048	841,461	776,000
Energy Receipts Tax	1,024,409	1,017,377	1,017,377	1,017,377	1,017,377	1,017,377	1,017,377	1,013,467	1,013,467	998,389	993,278
Municipal Relief Fund	53,070										
CMPTRA							0	3,910	3,910	18,988	24,099
GSTrust	8,539	8,539	8,539	13,172	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539
Homeland Security											
Subtotal State Aid	1,086,018	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,030,549	1,025,916						
Public & Private	1,761,272	206,310	17,050	37,700	72,881	40,179	38,885	68,916	51,961	47,083	38,317
All Other Misc	1,714,175	1,568,465	1,573,758	1,567,748	1,518,013	1,438,592	1,491,159	1,383,416	1,298,559	1,612,109	1,516,280
Del Taxes	235,000	457,311	450,000	420,000	350,000	350,000	359,000	512,376	519,000	360,000	330,000
Subtotal General Revenue	6,847,256	5,127,202	4,491,924	4,419,997	4,286,810	3,950,687	3,802,000	3,801,500	3,610,984	3,886,569	3,616,581
Local Taxes	9,535,046	9,175,866	8,916,873	8,928,098	8,843,190	8,815,313	8,733,000	8,612,938	8,434,016	8,189,331	7,911,487
Total Budget Revenues	16,382,302	14,303,068	13,408,797	13,348,095	13,130,000	12,766,000	12,535,000	12,414,438	12,045,000	12,075,900	11,600,000
State Aid	1,086,018	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,030,549	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916
Total Budget	16,382,302	14,303,068	13,408,797	13,348,095	13,130,000	12,766,000	12,535,000	12,414,438	12,045,000	12,075,900	11,600,000
% State Aid to Total Budget	6.61%	7.17%	7.65%	7.72%	7.81%	8.04%	8.18%				
Fund Balance Anticipated	2,050,791	1,869,200	1,425,200	1,304,500	1,320,000	1,096,000	897,000	810,876	776,048	841,461	776,000
% F/Bal to Total budget	0.125	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07
Fund Balance 1/1	3,778,446	3,476,303	2,922,773	2,832,783	2,848,266	2,482,557	2,260,302	1,504,223	1,498,339	1,563,752	1,542,318
Fund Balance Anticipated	2,050,791	1,869,200	1,425,200	1,364,500	1,320,000	1,096,000	897,000	810,876	776,048	841,461	776,000
F/Balance after Budget Intro	1,727,655	1,607,103	1,497,573	1,468,283	1,528,266	1,386,557	1,363,302	693,347	722,291	722,291	766,318
Statutory excess to F/Bal	2,171,343	1,978,730	1,454,490	1,304,517	1,462,631	1,119,255	1,566,955	781,932	776,048	797,434	797,434
Fund Balance 12/31	3,778,446	3,476,303	2,922,773	2,832,783	2,848,266	2,482,557	2,260,302	1,504,223	1,498,339	1,563,752	1,542,318

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TOWN OF NEWTON 2023 BUDGET

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CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2023



Town of Newton
2023 General Capital Improvement Program

Dept.	Project	Cost	Reserved To Date	Town C/F	W/S C/F	Town Surplus	W/S Surplus	Other Funds	Debt Authorized	Future
CIF	Capital Improvement Fund	\$286,000.00		\$286,000.00						
DPW	Replacement for Truck 1 - 4500 Dump Truck	\$180,000.00							\$180,000.00	
DPW	Replacement for Truck 2 - Tandem Dump Truck	\$230,000.00							\$230,000.00	
DPW	Redesign of Main West Newton, Newton Streets	\$248,000.00						\$209,800.00	\$48,200.00	
Engineering	Revised Road Schedules (CBS)	\$55,000.00						\$400,000.00	\$115,000.00	
FE	Freelance NE - 1 Renovations - Phase 1	\$200,000.00							\$85,000.00	\$115,000.00
Manager	Municipal Building Fencing/Railing Lot Improvements	\$75,000.00							\$75,000.00	
Parks/Rec.	Rail Hockey Park Improvements	\$140,000.00							\$140,000.00	
Parks/Rec.	Kiddie Pool Renovations	\$75,000.00						\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Parks/Rec.	Boardwalk Corridor for Rail Trail and Memory Park	\$35,000.00						\$750,000.00	\$715,000.00	
Police	Dispatch Center Upgrade	\$375,000.00						\$300,000.00	\$75,000.00	
Police	Four (4) SUV Vehicles	\$200,000.00							\$200,000.00	
Tax Assessor	Real Estate Maps	\$286,000.00							\$125,000.00	\$161,000.00
	Totals	\$5,465,800.00		\$286,000.00				\$1,677,800.00	\$2,217,800.00	\$1,505,000.00



CIF PROJECTS FOR 2023



2023	2023 PROJECTS (incl. CIF Downpayment)	Amount
Department	Item	
CIF	Downpayment for Capital Projects	\$115,000
Community Development	Utility Vehicle for Events	\$10,000
Fire	Combi Tool/Thermal Camera/Ventilation Fans	\$45,000
Manager	Muric. Buildings/Facilities Improvements/Upgrades/Renovations/Furniture/Equipment	\$25,000
Planning	Plan Endorsement Renewal	\$20,000
Recreation	Accessible Playground Equipment (applied for \$75,000 grant)	\$25,000
Redevelopment	Redevelopment	\$25,000
TOTAL:		\$265,000



W/S BUDGET



The Town maintains independent financial records for the Water and Sewer Utility 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 \$4,952,475 for the 2023 year. The Water and Sewer budget provides service to 2,745 accounts. The current rate structure needs to be revised in 2023 in order for the Town to properly maintain both current staffing and operations and fulfill its obligations for the health, safety, and welfare of residents with proper long-term capital project implementation.

Mayor Teets opened the hearing to the public on the 2023 Municipal Budget and W/S Budget.

There being no one wishing to speak either in person or on Zoom, Mayor Teets closed the hearing.

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION
of the _____ TOWN

Be it Resolved by the _____ COUNCIL MEMBERS
of _____ NEWTON County of _____ SUSSEX that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby 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) \$ 9,535,046.00 (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
Absent		

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated	09-100	\$	2,050,791.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$	4,561,465.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$	235,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$	9,535,046.00
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	\$	16,382,302.00

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	xxxxxx	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"	xxxxxx	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	34-201	\$ 10,032,192.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-209	\$ 1,564,185.00
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"	xxxxxx	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 2,021,473.00
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 265,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 1,932,661.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$ 12,000.00
(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	\$ 554,791.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-195	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 16,382,302.00

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 _____ day of _____, 2023. 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 2023 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this _____ day of _____, 2023, _____, Clerk

Sheet 42

Upon motion of Mrs. Le Frois, to approve **Resolution #128-2023**, seconded by Mrs. Diglio and roll call resulted as follows:

Deputy Mayor Couce	Yes	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes
Mayor Teets		Yes	

COUNCIL MANAGER COMMENTS

Mrs. Le Frois stated she wanted to echo Neil Flaherty's comments on the budget and the great work by Tom, Monica, and the Department Heads. There were a lot of

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variables out of our control, there are some significant capital projects, which have been carefully planned for, and to do all that with a \$5 a month increase is commendable. She is glad to hear the pool is coming in under budget. This budget is a job well done by the entire team.

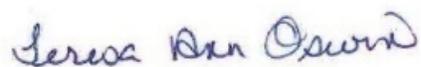
Mr. Russo stated the Annual Report is available online. He has received rave reviews on his recent *Tom Talk Live* with his guest Jessica Vollero, our Animal Control Officer. His next guest will be Dan Hayek of Hayek's Market. They have finalized the design on the mural for Spring Street. There will be dates in the summer for the public to come to help paint. This mural is made possible through the Neighborhood Preservation Program. This grant also provided the funding for the new sign at Benny's Bodega, as well as some façade improvements for a new business on Union Place.

Mrs. Diglio asked if the sound system would be operational in time for the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Russo said they are trying; it is the goal. Mr. Russo also offered congratulations to the new Parking Authority Chairperson, Ken Teets.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mrs. Le Frois seconded by Mrs. Diglio and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa A. Oswin".

Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk