

May 22, 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 unanimously carried, the minutes for the May 8, 2023, regular meeting were approved as presented.

PRESENTATION

- a. Promotion of Ptl. Donald Meisinger to Sergeant – Oath of Office

Mr. Russo read the following statement:

"DJ Meisinger was born and raised in Newton and was a 2009 graduate of Newton High School. He attended Delaware Valley College and received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration in 2013.

In 2016, DJ was hired by the New Jersey Department of Corrections and in March of 2017 graduated from the NJ Department of Corrections Academy, Class #239. He was assigned as a Corrections Officer at the Mountainview Youth Corrections Facility in Annandale, NJ. In August of 2017, DJ was hired by the Sussex County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Corrections.

In December of 2017, DJ was hired by the Newton Police Department and in May of 2018, graduated from the Morris County Police Academy, Class #90. During his time as a patrolman, he helped organized the NJ Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Police Department. DJ is also a certified Radar Instructor and is assigned with the operation and inspection of the Processing Room and Jail Cells.

DJ has been supported throughout his career by his parents, sisters, and wife, Kayla."

Mayor Teets administered the oath of office to Sgt. Meisinger as his wife Kayla held the Bible.

Chief VanNieuwland thanked Mr. Russo and the Town Council for their continued support of his Department. He went on to say we have a good Department and choosing an officer to promote was difficult. This is a frontline supervisor position; he will be responding to calls as well as supervising and leading a squad of three (3) officers. He is confident Sgt. Meisinger will lead and display the leadership qualities needed to guide his squad. He, along with Lt. Mueller and Lt. D'Annibale will be there to guide him.

Sgt. Meisinger thanked the Town Manager, Town Council, and his family for supporting him.

Mr. Russo congratulated Sgt. Meisinger. As the appointing authority for the Town, he really enjoys promoting an officer from within the Department. We have a really good police department, one of the best in the State, and he wishes Sgt. Meisinger all the best, happiness, and safety in his career.

BREAK - Five (5) minutes.

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.

Margaret Baldini raised her hand on Zoom. She questioned how the enforcement would be handled on Ordinance 2023-15.

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 – first responded to Ms. Baldini advising Ordinance 2023-15 is to prohibit anyone from doing auto repair work in public streets and public parking lots. It doesn't happen often, but we have had a few complaints, and this will make so the streets and lots are not to be used as a "chop-shop". He went on to state he had two (2) proclamations to be recorded into the record.

Office of the Mayor

Newton, New Jersey

Proclamation

Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Month

May 2023

WHEREAS, from 2004-2018, vector-borne diseases in humans have more than doubled in the United State with Lyme disease accounting for 83% of all reported tick-borne diseases; and

WHEREAS, Lyme Disease continues to be the most commonly reported vector-borne disease in the United States caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and is transmitted by the common blacklegged tick found primarily in the Northeast and upper Midwest regions of the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 476,000 Americans are diagnosed and treated for Lyme disease each year with 95% of confirmed Lyme disease cases reported from 16 high-incidence jurisdictions, including New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, the risk of contracting a tick-borne disease can be year-round, the nymphal ticks, which are the size of a poppy seed, are most active in the spring and summer months; and

WHEREAS, most tick-borne diseases can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics. It is the responsibility of every community to educate the public about the symptoms of tick-borne diseases and what steps to take to prevent tick bites including using insect repellent, removing ticks promptly, applying pesticides, and reducing tick habitats;

NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, hereby proclaim **May 2023** as Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Month, and encourage community members to help spread tick-borne disease awareness and prevention education.

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

/s/ Michelle J. Teets

Attest: _____
/s/ Teresa A. Oswin

Date: _____
May 22, 2023

Office of the Mayor

Newton, New Jersey

Proclamation

Patrick McNulty

Eagle Scout

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

WHEREAS, Patrick McNulty has been an active scout in the Newton community for over 12 years working diligently through the ranks of both Cub and Boy Scouts learning about knot-tying, camping, fire-building, first aid, and weather preparedness. He has earned 51 merit badges including Cooking, Swimming, American Heritage, Electricity, Oceanography, and Search and Rescue. He also earned a 50 Miler Award and the National Outdoor Award. Patrick has held leadership positions in the Boy Scout troop such as Troop Guide, Quartermaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. He is a member of Woapalanne Lodge 43 of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor society; and

WHEREAS, Patrick completed his Eagle Scout Leadership Project through many hours of volunteer service by creating a closet storage place for the youth group of the First Presbyterian Church of Newton of which he has been a member for the past 6 years; and

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

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

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

Councilwoman Diglio – stated on May 11th she attended the GNCC Annual Awards Dinner, she congratulated all the winners and nominees. She wanted to recognize Tom Russo and Kimberly Williams for their awards. The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 29th at 10am with a service at Memory Park at 11am. On May 17th she attended the Prime-Time Seniors luncheon. There was a speaker from the Prosecutor's office that gave a very interesting speech on house and car break-ins and scams and how to avoid them. She encouraged all Seniors to join the Prime-Time Senior group. They meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm at the Firehouse on Mill Street.

Councilwoman Le Frois – started by acknowledging the passing of Lou Read. A long-time employee of the Town and husband to the retired Municipal Clerk Lorraine Read. She offered congratulations to Sgt. Meisinger on his promotion. She also attended the GNCC Awards Dinner. She offered thanks to Kimberly Williams, "Chamber Member of the Year" for all the work she does for Newton. Tom Russo was awarded "The Newtonian" award. This is a well-deserved recognition of all the work Tom has done in the past 15 years. On May 15th she attended the Historic Preservation meeting. Two applications were heard and approved. They were 75 High Street for renovations and 122-124 Main Street for new apartments. The rental market is booming. The new apartments on Water Street are getting lots of inquiries, they start at \$2,100. The Historic Commission was very pleased with the mural. Jessica Caldwell did a great job discussing with the Commission the meaning behind all the letters, what's being represented, and the opportunities for the public to come in August and help paint the mural. A suggestion was a shellac or plexiglass or something to protect the mural. It was great to attend the Senior Spring Luncheon this past Saturday. A great job was done by Danielle and Barbara. There were about 40 attendants. We got lots of positive comments on the newsletter. Alan Abramson spoke to the group to encourage them to join the group. She went on to thank retired Lt. Monaco and Ptl. Bellis for their participation in the Police Unity Tour.

Deputy Mayor Couce – stated he along with the Mayor attended the Planning Board meeting in which Curiosity Cannabis, was approved. He wanted to share his thanks and appreciation for retired Lt. Monaco and Ptl. Bellis' participation in the Police Unity Tour. The purpose of the tour is to ride in honor of fallen of police officers. Both Bellis and Monaco road in honor of Newton's first Police Chief, John Kinney who died in the line of duty while he was arresting a suspect after a foot pursuit. He died of a heart attack. His name is on the monument in Washington D.C. He congratulated DJ Meisinger on his promotion to Sergeant. He grew up with DJ and they attended school and church together. He has known him all his life and wished him success.

Mayor Teets – the Senior Luncheon was a lot of fun. If anyone has friends or family they should encourage them to join the Prime-Time Seniors. Danielle is doing a great job and creating more and more events. Congratulations to retired Lt. Monaco and Ptl. Bellis for the Unity Tour. It is such a moving event. She has attended them in the past. She plans to be there next year for the ceremony. Congratulations to Gianna on winning the Civic Leadership award. She was fortunate to attend a meeting with the artist for the mural this past Friday. She is very excited, and she told the Seniors to look for signups. Even if

you are not an artist you can participate. As for the GNCC awards, congratulations to Deputy Mayor Couce on his nomination, and Mr. Russo and Mrs. Williams on their awards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE 2023-12

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR AN ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM STUDY OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITIES FOR THE TOWN OF NEWTON AND APPROPRIATING \$70,000 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 an electrical power distribution system study of the wastewater treatment plant facilities, 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 \$70,000 is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in Section 1 of the Ordinance and which amount was funded from the Reserve for Power Plant Study in the amount of \$70,000.

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.

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 2023-13

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$195,000 FOR THE MILLING AND PAVING OF NEW HAMPSHIRE STREET, INCLUDING A GUIDE RAIL AND ADA RAMPS FOR DILLER AVENUE IN AND BY THE TOWN OF

**NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$185,250 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING PART OF THE
APPROPRIATION**

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 \$195,000, such sum includes \$9,750 from the capital improvement fund as the down payment (the "Down Payment") 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").

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 \$185,250 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 \$185,250 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 milling and paving of New Hampshire Street, including a guide rail and ADA ramps for Diller Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, and as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications on file with the Municipal Clerk.

(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 \$185,250.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvement is \$195,000 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 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 Municipal 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 ten (10) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Municipal 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 \$185,250 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$65,000 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.

SECTION 7:

Any funds or grant monies received for the purpose described in Section 3 of this 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 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 \$185,250.

SECTION 11:

This Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (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 Mrs. Diglio who moved its adoption, 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	

Mayor Teets read aloud the following Ordinance relative to adoption.

ORDINANCE 2023-14

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR WATER AND SEWER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE STREET FOR THE TOWN OF NEWTON AND APPROPRIATING \$400,000 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 water and sewer main improvements for New Hampshire Street and other appurtenances and improvements and associated costs 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 \$400,000 is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in Section 1 of the Ordinance and which amount was funded from the Water Sewer Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$400,000.

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.

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 Mr. Couce, 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 2023-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE, AND SUPPLEMENT THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, CHAPTER 307, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE III "TRAFFIC REGULATION", MOST NOTABLY, ADDING SECTION 307-17.3, ENTITLED "DISABLED OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES"

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mrs. Le Frois who moved its introduction, seconded by Mrs. 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, June 12, 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.

RESOLUTION #153-2023*

"Resolution Providing Retiree Medical Benefits to Full-Time, Non-Union Employees Who Were Employed by the Town of Newton On or Before December 31, 2010"

WHEREAS, there are inconsistencies between the Town of Newton Resolution #39-2011, Resolution #179-2014, and the Newton employee handbook regarding Retiree Medical Health Benefits for employees hired prior to January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2011, the Town Council of the Town of Newton passed Resolution #39-2011 which changed the retirement age for full-time, non-union retired employees, retiring on an ordinary retirement, from 50 years old to 62 years old, and continued to require employees to have at least 25 years of service credit in a retirement system provided by a New Jersey municipality or the State of New Jersey, and to have completed at least 15 years of service with the Town of Newton in order to qualify for retiree medical benefits; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #39-2011, paragraph 4 "grandfathered" those employees who at the time of the Resolution being passed were already 50 years old or older from the new age requirement, but it required that they meet the other criteria; and

WHEREAS, Newton Resolution #179-2014 interpreted #39-2011 to provide that only those employees hired after December 31, 2010, have to attain age 62 as well as the other criteria to qualify for the retiree health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Personnel Policies, as set forth in the Town Personnel Handbook, restated the criteria set forth in Resolution #179-2014 such that the most publicized information, and information most relied upon by employees, related to qualifying for retiree medical health benefits provided that anyone hired prior to January 1, 2011 need only achieve the age of 50 at the time of retirement, as well as the other criteria, to receive the benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton to conform the various resolutions and information provided to employees as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any resolution provision to the contrary, all full-time, non-union employees who were hired before January 1, 2011, must fulfill the following requirements to receive retiree medical health benefits and prescription benefits, paid fully by the Town:
 - (a) Must have been employed by the Town of Newton as a full-time or part-time, non-union employee before January 1, 2011; and
 - (b) Any employee who was originally part-time must have acquired full-time status by the time of retirement; and
 - (c) Must not be retired on a disability pension; and
 - (d) Must be at least 50 years of age at the time of retirement; and
 - (e) Must have completed 25 years of service credit in a retirement system administered by a New Jersey municipality or by the State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-23 at the time of retirement; and
 - (f) Must have completed at least 15 years of service with the Town of Newton at time of retirement.
2. Benefits provided under this Resolution are limited to eligible full-time, non-union retired employees and their spouses (who were spouses at the time of the employee's retirement). As such, the retired employee can receive single coverage or retiree-spouse coverage in retirement paid fully by the Town.
3. The Town of Newton shall reimburse every full-time, non-union retiree, whose retirement falls under the provisions enumerated in Items 1 (a) – (f) above, for their premium charges under Part B of the Federal Medicare Program, covering said full-time, non-union retiree and their spouse.
4. Retiree health benefits for the current Chief of Police, Steven VanNieuwland, shall be governed by his Employment Agreement with the Town of Newton, dated November 14, 2022, or any successor agreement.
5. Retirement health benefits for the current Town Manager, Thomas S. Russo, Jr., shall be governed by the parameters of this Resolution, as his November 25, 2019 Employment Agreement with the Town of Newton references Resolution 39-2011

(Section 4) for retirement benefits which are being clarified and re-stated as part of this Resolution.

6. This Resolution shall not modify any other provisions of either Resolution #39-2011 or Resolution #179-2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this modification does not impact any employee who is in a collective negotiations association or retired from a position which is covered by a collective negotiations agreement. Further, it does not impact any employee who was hired on or after January 1, 2011. Therefore, employees hired on or after January 1, 2011, and prior to January 1, 2015, must reach the age of 62 to qualify for retiree medical health benefits and prescription benefits.

RESOLUTION #154-2023*

“Authorize the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract for Pool Improvements”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has a need for repair of the kiddie pool through InfiniteBlu Pool Renovations, 611 Springfield Rd., Kenilworth, NJ 07033, as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Sean Canning, Q.P.A., of the Canning Group, LLC, the Town of Newton's Qualified Purchasing Agent, has determined and certified InfiniteBlu Pool Renovations in the aggregate will exceed the amount of \$17,500.00 in a contract year; and

WHEREAS, InfiniteBlu Pool Renovations, 611 Springfield Rd., Kenilworth, NJ 07033, has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the improvements to the kiddie pool for \$23,002.00, which when combined with the existing maintenance contract, in the aggregate exceed the pay-to-play threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, InfiniteBlu Pool Renovations, 611 Springfield Rd., Kenilworth, NJ 07033, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Disclosure Contribution form, which certifies InfiniteBlu Pool Renovations, 611 Springfield Rd., Kenilworth, NJ 07033 has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Town of Newton in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit InfiniteBlu Pool Renovations, 611 Springfield Rd., Kenilworth, NJ 07033 from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., hereby certifies funds NOT TO EXCEED \$23,002.00 will be encumbered as follows:

Ordinance 2023-5 Swimming Pool Renovations # 3092305

“The maximum dollar value is based on a reasonable estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, and the Town of Newton is not obligated to spend that amount.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Newton authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a contract with InfiniteBlu Pool Renovations, 611 Springfield Rd., Kenilworth, NJ 07033 not to exceed \$23,002.00 for repair of the kiddie pool; and

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

RESOLUTION #155-2023*

“Resolution to Accept the Certified List of Qualifying 2022 Newton First Aid Squad LOSAP Participants”

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

WHEREAS, Resolution #196-2014 and Resolution #198-2014 were adopted October

27, 2014 establishing the LOSAP for the Newton First Aid Squad and awarding the contract to Lincoln Financial Advisors; and

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

WHEREAS, the Newton Volunteer First Aid Squad has certified a list of members who are eligible, in accordance with guidelines outlined in Ordinance 2013-3, to receive an amount as noted in Local Finance Notice 2022-02 between \$124.73 and \$1,247.37 based on points credited for volunteer services rendered in 2022 as per the 2022 LOSAP LIST attached; and

WHEREAS, the total number of qualifying volunteers for the First Aid Squad is 37, for a total contribution of \$28,938.89; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey does not permit a municipality to contribute more than the annual maximum, even if a volunteer has earned LOSAP contribution credits for both the Fire and the First Aid. Accordingly, the above total payment has been adjusted by \$124.73 for the amounts in excess of the \$1,247.37 annual maximum contribution authorized for a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Town of Newton Operating Budget for calendar year 2022 to cover the cost of this contract;

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

TOWN OF NEWTON - LOSAP EMS

	Last	First	MI	2022	
1	ABOU-JAOUDE	ELISSAR		124.73	
2	ALBORANO	MAECHELL			
3	AVILES	MALACHI			
4	BROWN	EDWARD		1,247.37	
5	CARLSON	ANTHONY		935.53	
6	CASTERLINE	CARLIE		1,247.37	
7	CHAVARRIA	JOSEPH		124.73	
8	CICCIA	APRIL			
9	COUCE	JOHN PAUL		1,247.37	
10	COUCE	JONATHAN		124.73	
11	COUCE	JOSHUA		124.73	
12	DIGLIO	SANDRA	L	1,247.37	
13	DOLAN	DAVE		124.73	
14	FITZPATRICK	TIM			
15	GONZALEZ	SHAWN		1,247.37	
16	HASSAN	RIAM			
17	HENNIGGAN	LAUREN		1,247.37	
18	KARLSSON	JULIE		124.73	
19	KIEFER	MATTHEW		1,247.37	
20	LE	KRISTINE		1,247.37	
21	LOUGHRAN	PAIGE		124.73	
22	MCDADE	KATELYN		935.53	
23	MURESAN	ROBERTA		1,247.37	
24	NANNERY	NICKOLAS		124.73	
25	NANNERY	WILLIAM		1,247.37	
26	POSEY	BRANDON	W	1,247.37	
27	POSEY	GARY		1,247.37	
28	PRICE	JOSHUA	R	0.00	
29	REIDMILLER	KATIE		124.73	
30	REIDMILLER	MICHAEL		623.68	
31	SAVLYS	MORGAN		1,247.37	

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue and also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of equal amount in the Budget of any Municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has been approved to receive a payment in the amount of \$3,083.00 from the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) for a partial year (7-1-22 to 3-14-23) grant from the NJ Department of Human Services/Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of the following items in the 2023 Budget of the Town of Newton which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Section F: Special Items of Revenue

Public and Private Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:

DMHAS \$3,083.00

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations - Excluded from CAPS

Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:

DMHAS \$3,083.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an electronic version of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #158-2023*

“Resolution Accepting the Permanent Water Main Relocation Portion of the Sussex County Bridge Q-06 Project as Final and Complete”

WHEREAS, the permanent water main relocation portion of the Sussex County Bridge Q-06 project has been completed by the County's contractor, State Line Construction Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Easement for the permanent water transmission main from Sparta Township to the Town of Newton has been received and is being recorded in the Sussex County Clerk's Office by the Sussex County Engineering Department; and

WHEREAS, David B. Simmons, Jr. of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., Newton's Water Engineer, recommends the permanent water main installation project be accepted as final and complete;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that we hereby accept the permanent water main relocation portion of the Sussex County Bridge Q-06 Project as final and deem it as complete.

RESOLUTION #159-2023*

“Approve Fireworks Display at Memory Park for Newton Day 2023”

WHEREAS, a Resolution of the Newton Governing Body is required by the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Workplace Standards, to grant permission for the public display of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, International Fireworks Mfg. Co Inc., of Douglasville, PA has submitted a proposal for fireworks display with a copy of the permit application, certificate of

insurance, a site diagram, and other pertinent information, in conjunction with fireworks display that will take place at Memory Park on Saturday, June 10, 2023 as part of the annual "Newton Day" celebration with a rain date of June 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County Fire Marshal Virgil Rome, has advised the application for said fireworks display is complete and in order;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce is granted permission for fireworks display during the "Newton Day" celebration to take place on Saturday, June 10, 2023, with a rain date of June 17, 2023, and that said fireworks display will be provided by International Fireworks Mfg. Co Inc., of Douglasville, PA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified original of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Labor and Sussex County Fire Marshal Virgil Rome.

RESOLUTION #160-2023*

"Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder for Block 4.05, Lot 9, Also Known As 32 Hillside Avenue"

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 5, 2022, a lien was sold on Block 4.05, Lot 9, also known as 32 Hillside Avenue for 2021 delinquent utilities; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2022-002 was sold to Fig 20, LLC FBO Sec Pty for a 0% redemption fee and a premium in the amount of \$2,900.00; and

WHEREAS, Lereta has affected the redemption of Certificate #2022-002 in the amount of \$2,294.75;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges Fig 20, LLC FBO Sec Pty is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$2,294.75 as well as the return of the premium in the amount of \$2,900.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Newton confirms and acknowledges the Tax Collector shall issue a check, in the amount of \$2,294.75 for the redemption and a check in the amount of \$2,900.00 for the return of the premium for Certificate #2022-002 to Fig 20, LLC FBO Sec Pty, PO Box 12225, Newark, NJ 07101.

RESOLUTION #161-2023*

"Reappointment of Ronald Biederman and John Craddock to the Advisory Shade Tree Commission"

WHEREAS, Ronald Biederman and John Craddock have expressed interest in continuing to serve as members of the Advisory Shade Tree Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following reappointments be made to the Advisory Shade Tree Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Ronald Biederman	5 years	May 31, 2028
John Craddock	5 years	May 31, 2028

RESOLUTION #162-2023*

"Resolution Directing the Town Planning Board to Review a Proposed Redevelopment Plan for Block 10.01, Lots 5 and 6 (Formerly Known as Block 801, Lots 49.01 and 49.02), Commonly Known as 125 Water Street and 5 South Park Drive, Respectively, Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law"

WHEREAS, the *Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* (the "Act"), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the

municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment or areas in need of rehabilitation, as such terms are defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2012, the Town directed the Planning Board by duly adopted Resolution 84-2012 to examine whether Block 10.01, Lots 5 and 6 (formerly known as Block 801, Lots 49.01 and 49.02, collectively, the "Property") should be determined an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, J. Caldwell and Associates, LLC (the "Planning Consultant") prepared a preliminary investigation report of the above-referenced Property in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, entitled "Area in Need of Redevelopment Study for the Newton Armory & ShopRite Block 10.01, Lots 5 & 6" (the "Study"); and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2012, the Town, subsequent to the Planning Board's recommendation, adopted Resolution #130-2012, designating Block 10.01, Lots 5 and 6 the Property as an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Town has prepared a proposed redevelopment plan, entitled "Shoprite Redevelopment Plan" (the "Redevelopment Plan"), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to utilize the Planning Board's expertise and experience in considering the Redevelopment Plan;

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

I. **GENERAL**

The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

II. **PLANNING BOARD DIRECTED TO REVIEW THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Town Council hereby authorizes and directs the Planning Board to review the Redevelopment Plan attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and to transmit its comments to the Town Council within 45 days, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e).

III. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed, and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.

IV. **AVAILABILITY OF THE RESOLUTION**

A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Town.

V. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Resolution shall take effect upon final passage.

RESOLUTION #163-2023*

"Authorizing Police Equipment and Accessories Contract Pursuant to New Jersey State Contract – Division of Purchase and Property Number 17-FLEET 00760"

WHEREAS, a need exists for the acquisition of Police vehicle accessories and equipment, for the daily operations of the Town of Newton Police Department; and

WHEREAS the Town of Newton may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, under the State Contract award, General Sales Administration T/A Major Police Supply, 47 N Dell Avenue, Kenvil, N.J. 07847, holds New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contract NJ 17-FLEET-00760; and

May 22, 2023

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has received the contract under the provisions of New Jersey State Cooperative Contract for service in the aggregate amount of \$57,572.13; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funding in the amount of \$57,572.13 is available from:

ORDINANCE 2023-7 POLICE SUV'S #30923079

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

The Police Department is authorized to procure from General Sales Administration T/A Major Police Supply, 47 N Dell Avenue, Kenil, N.J. 07847, which holds New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contract NJ 17-FLEET-00760 for police vehicle accessories in the amount of \$57,572.13.

RESOLUTION #164-2023*

“Authorize Submission of the DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant”

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth, and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey. In coordination with GCADA, the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has awarded a Youth Leadership Grant to the GCADA Municipal Alliance Program; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town Council has applied for DMHAS Youth Leadership funding through the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Sussex;

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

1. The Town Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for DMHAS Grant funding for the Action Municipal Alliance for Grant Term Two, 9/1/23 – 9/30/25, in the total amount of:
DMHAS Grant Funding \$3,083.00
2. The Town Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____
Michelle J. Teets, Mayor

RESOLUTION #165-2023*

“Authorization for Participation in the County of Sussex Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program Funded by the American Rescue Plan Act’s (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), Assistance Listing #21.027”

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), Assistance Listing #21.027, was established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local,

territorial, and tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, local governments are permitted to direct these CSLFRF dollars under eligible category 2.34 Negative Economic Impacts, Assistance to Impacted Non-Profit Organizations so that they may use the grant funds to recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sussex has created a Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program, directing up to \$410,000.00 in total for the program; and

WHEREAS, distribution of this grant will use American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding, and as such has been determined to be included within one (1) of the four (4) statutory categories, and is compliant with 31 CFR Part 35; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 213-2023 authorizing the use of funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act for the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program allowing up to \$10,000 per volunteer organization; and

WHEREAS, the County requests authorization by the municipality to participate in the grant program and requests identification of the Volunteer Fire Companies and Emergency Medical Service Organizations that serve each municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Town of Newton in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize participation in the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Town of Newton recognizes the following volunteer organizations that serve this municipality:

- Newton First Aid Squad
- Newton Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Sussex County CFO/Treasurer and the County's Qualified Purchasing Agent.

RESOLUTION #166-2023*

“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
8323	3753 -	ALCOCK KATHERINE	20.95
8324	3897 -	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	306.34
8325	2685 -	B & H INC.	1,099.63
8326	1132 -	BOONTON TIRE SUPPLY INC.	85.28
8327	300 -	BRIGHTSPEED	41.34
8328	300 -	BRIGHTSPEED	3,254.42
8329	300 -	BRIGHTSPEED	57.25
8330	300 -	BRIGHTSPEED	57.18
8331	2124 -	BUCKMAN'S INC.	1,684.70
8332	175 -	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	1,556.74

8333	2697 -	CIVIC PLUS LLC	160.00
8334	4138 -	CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY -GAS DIV	18,999.12
8335	4147 -	CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC.	22,944.00
8336	2639 -	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	9,152.23
8337	2048 -	DANIELSON, DEBORAH.....	795.00
8338	106 -	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS.....	1,502.45
8339	4385 -	ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC.....	5,564.00
8340	4685 -	ESKIN JAMES	3,524.38
8341	250 -	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	150.00
8342	4346 -	FOVEONICS DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS.....	3,600.00
8343	3318 -	FREDON ANIMAL HOSPITAL.....	94.90
8344	4536 -	GATEHOUSE MEDIA NEW YORK HOLDINGS, INC.	221.13
8345	4384 -	GIBBONS P.C.	1,550.00
8346	4506 -	GLENN C KIENZ.....	800.00
8347	2313 -	GRAVITY DESIGN WORKS, INC.....	50.00
8348	3804 -	HAYDEE BALLESTER.....	140.00
8349	1866 -	HOME DEPOT, INC.	119.00
8350	4620 -	HQW ARCHITECTS, LLC.....	593.00
8351	3739 -	INFINITEBLU POOL SERVIES, LLC.....	3,850.00
8352	3739 -	INFINITEBLU POOL SERVIES, LLC.....	3,850.00
8353	3739 -	INFINITEBLU POOL SERVIES, LLC.....	11,501.00
8354	4687 -	INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING CO	7,500.00
8355	3235 -	J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	8,410.00
8356	113 -	JCP&L.....	13,085.03
8357	4211 -	JOSEPH D CALABRESE	125.00
8358	4211 -	JOSEPH D CALABRESE	250.00
8359	3711 -	KKPR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS,.....	1,610.00
8360	4227 -	LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL P. AGATINO, LLC.	1,333.33
8361	4356 -	LENOVO	25.14
8362	2110 -	LINCOLN NAT'L LIFE INSUR CO.....	27,067.96
8363	62 -	MGL FORMS - SYSTEMS, LLC.....	683.00
8364	409 -	MINISINK PRESS INC.....	140.00
8365	3926 -	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC.....	2,503.65
8366	4572 -	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH	580.08
8367	170 -	NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION	1,110,506.41
8368	213 -	NEWTON VETERINARY HOSPITAL.....	158.40
8369	2882 -	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.....	120.83
8370	4383 -	OPTIMUM	187.30
8371	1407 -	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMM.....	8,505.00
8372	4656 -	PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR LLC	1,753.75
8373	64 -	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.....	4,185.50
8374	64 -	PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.....	4,884.13
8375	2788 -	PENTELEDATA.....	319.90
8376	2868 -	POOL OPERATION MANAGEMENT.....	700.00
8377	1532 -	PRIME TIME NEWTON SENIORS	3,500.00
8378	4680 -	RED REYNE BAND	1,400.00
8379	1872 -	RR DONNELLEY	90.00
8380	3660 -	SCHENCK, PRICE, SMITH, & KING, LLP	2,644.59
8381	126 -	SCMUA.....	890.88
8382	4165 -	SF MOBILE-VISION, INC.	3,110.00
8383	4644 -	SIEGEL, STEVEN M.....	2,874.99
8384	4260 -	SKYLANDS STADIUM	1,295.00
8385	3993 -	SLOAN, JAMES P.	3,636.99
8386	1489 -	SMALLEY, JOHN H	1,437.50
8387	2257 -	STAPLES	29.38
8388	43 -	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	7.98
8389	4144 -	SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.....	9,653.90
8390	4144 -	SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.....	2,328.50
8391	3442 -	SUNLIGHT GENERAL	1,592.84
8392	102 -	SUSSEX CAR WASH INC	336.00
8393	3851 -	THE CANNING GROUP, LLC.	541.66
8394	4472 -	THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER	55.00
8395	2025 -	THOMSON REUTERS -WEST	389.00
8396	1971 -	TOWN OF NEWTON.....	95.63

8397	2781 -	TRIMBOLI & PRUSINOWSKI, LLC.....	4,522.00
8398	4305 -	UGI ENERGY SERVICES LLC	660.97
8399	4152 -	UNITED SITE SERVICES, INC.....	15,498.00
8400	1280 -	VERIZON WIRELESS, INC.....	1,714.14
8401	2635 -	W.B. MASON, INC.	43.74
8402	4692 -	WALK THE TALK CONSULTANTS LLC	225.00
8403	1500 -	WALMART	277.06
8404	1144 -	WEINER LESNIAK	855.00
8405	633 -	WEIS MARKETS, INC.....	177.96
8406	1656 -	WILDFLOWERS WITH TAMI.....	90.00
8407	4637 -	ZAMROK, JOHN H.....	550.00
TOTAL			1,352,482.16

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

Deputy Mayor Couce (Abstain on check #8341 and Resolutions 155-2023 & 165-2023)	Yes	Mr. Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio (Abstain on Resolutions 155-2023 & 165-2023)	Yes	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes
	Mayor Teets	Yes	

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Teets opened the meeting to the public.

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

COUNCIL MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Russo thanked Chief Van Nieuwland for his assistance with the negotiations with Dr. Piccirillo for a School Resources Officer. Negotiations were very amicable, and there is cost sharing by both parties. The timing is right to push this forward for school safety. We are finalizing the dates for the public participation on the mural. They are shooting for late July-early August. There will be 20 groups in different dates and times. Up to 200 people will be able to participate. It is a very meaningful and fun project that we are very proud of.

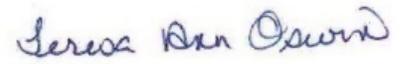
Mrs. Le Frois just had a few comments on some of the Resolutions. We approved the LOSAP for the Newton First Aid Squad. They are all volunteers and have made a conscience effort to increase membership. They do a great job, and she thanks them for their service. Both the Fire Department and First Aid Squad are always looking for members so if anyone is interested, contact either group. She also wanted to recognize the shared services agreement for a School Resource Officer and the work that goes into that. Anytime we can contract for a shared service almost always it is a benefit to both parties and the taxpayers. A great job to all that worked on that. Also on Resolution 158-2023 was many years in the making, and it's great to see the project completed. Great to see the reappointments to the Shade Tree Commission. We are always looking for volunteers. We still have some vacancies, and it is a great way to get involved. It is also great to see the additional grant applications and our pursuit of them.

ADJOURNMENT

May 22, 2023

There being no further business to be conducted, upon a motion by Mr. Dickson seconded by Mrs. Diglio and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa A. Oswin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk