

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held in person and via Zoom on the above date at 7:00pm. Present were Mr. Couce, Mr. Dickson, Mrs. Diglio, Mrs. Le Frois, 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."

PRESENTATIONS

a. Oath of Office – Ptl. Robert Martin

Mr. Russo read the following bio:

"Robert Martin's journey began in Sparta, where he discovered his passion for football at a young age while playing for the Sparta Little League. His dedication to the sport continued throughout his high school years at St. Joseph Regional High School, an all-boys private institution in Bergen County.

In 2016, Robert made a significant commitment by accepting a full scholarship to play Division 1 football for The Pennsylvania State University, where he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in telecommunications. Following his college graduation, Robert relocated to Morris County with his family.

While working toward his lifelong dream of becoming a Police Officer, he took on the role of a merchandiser at Coca-Cola. But Robert's determination knew no bounds. He decided to pursue his dream wholeheartedly and enrolled as an alternate route candidate at The Morris County Public Safety Training Academy.

Robert's dedication and hard work became evident when he achieved the 7th highest score on the written entrance exam and successfully passed the rigorous physical fitness exam. This paved the way for his attendance at the Police Academy as an alternate route recruit. After several weeks of intense training, he found himself living his dream as a member of the Newton Police Department.

Just as in football, where his role was to protect his teammates and work together to achieve common goals, Robert sees his role as a Police Officer in Newton as having similar aspects. He has always been a dedicated and diligent worker who keeps his head up and ensures that the job gets done. He firmly believes that working as a Police Officer in Newton, he will continue to give his best effort every day, collaborating with his fellow officers to achieve the shared goal of keeping the residents of Newton safe and contributing to the prosperity of our wonderful Town."

Mayor Teets swore in Ptl. Martin while his family held the Bible and pinned on his badge.

Officer Martin addressed those in attendance by stating:

"I just want to thank everybody for coming out. Most importantly, I want to thank the Town Council, Town Manager Tom Russo, Chief VanNieuwland, and all the Lieutenants and sergeants. Sergeant Meisinger, Officer Soroka, and Officer Siek all helped guide me down the right path. I want to thank my family as well for being supportive and dealing with all the shenanigans along the way."

b. Oath of Office – Ptl. Donald Wagner

Mr. Russo read the following bio:

“Donald Wagner was born in March of 1994, to Don and Sharon Wagner. He grew up in Wharton, where he attended Morris Hills High School. In addition to his immediate family, he has twin sisters Samantha and Jessica. Throughout his formative years, he was deeply involved in various activities, including wrestling, football, baseball, and even racing with his father.

Upon his high school graduation in 2012, Donald embarked on his educational journey, enrolling at Centenary College. There, he dedicated himself to the sport of wrestling, majoring in Criminal Justice, and gaining valuable experience through an internship at the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

In 2016, having completed his college education, Donald initially worked in the field of electrical work. However, his passion for law enforcement led him to a new career path in 2018 when he joined the Morris County Correctional Facility. His dedication and commitment to his work led to his hiring here in February 2023, marking an exciting new chapter in his professional journey in service to the Town of Newton.

Today, Donald's life remains vibrant and dynamic. He continues to pursue his passion for wrestling, both as a competitor and a coach. His most cherished moments are spent with his son, Donny. Recently, he celebrated a new chapter in his personal life as well, marrying his Fiancée, Bronte Wagner. They share a small, happy home in Dover, where they reside with their dog, Romeo, and their son, Donny. Donald Wagner is a dedicated individual whose life story is a testament to his commitment to both his career and his family. Thank you.”

Mayor Teets swore in Ptl. Wagner while his family held the Bible and pinned on his badge.

Officer Wagner addressed those in attendance by stating:

“I'd like to thank Tom Russo and the rest of the Town Council, and Chief VanNieuwland for this opportunity. This is a big opportunity for me and with the support from my family I am very excited for the future. Thank you.”

Mr. Russo asked Chief VanNieuwland to say a few words.

Chief VanNieuwland stated:

“I'd like to thank everybody for coming tonight and sharing this milestone of the Police Department. We have two fine new officers joining our ranks. It is an exciting time here at the Police Department. If anybody kind of paid attention, we've had a large transition over the past couple of years and it just continues with the transition.

It's difficult trying to hire officers now. Many people are pursuing other careers. So, we're very fortunate to have Robert Martin and Donnie Wagner. We're glad to have them here and we look forward to a successful and happy career. Thank you.”

The Mayor asked each Councilmember if they would like to say a few words.

Councilwoman Le Frois said:

“I would just like to congratulate the Chief and new Officers Martin and Wagner, for joining an incredible force. We might be a little bit biased, but we like to say that

we're the best department in Sussex County, if not the State. I believe in my experience and time that the Newton Police Department does operate as a family. They understand the importance of community policing, and it is why they're so well respected in Town by the people that live here, work here, and play here. I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your service every day and every night 24/7 for our residents and the people who visit Newton. Thank you."

Councilman Dickson said:

"Congratulations, Officer Wagner and Martin, we do say this is one of the best Police Departments in the State and I firmly believe that we have such excellent leadership from the top. I have such faith in what they do with all the turnover that we've had recently. We have a great tradition here in Newton, so welcome. I wish you a safe and successful career."

Councilwoman Diglio said:

"I'd like to congratulate both officers on becoming part of our police force, which I am very, very proud of and I'm very happy to work with."

Deputy Mayor Couce said:

"I guess I can add that I have the unique opportunity to work alongside both Officer Wagner and Officer Martin out there on EMS calls and have seen their performance. So far, it is a job well done. Keep it up. Congratulations to both of you and I look forward to a good 25 years. Thank you."

Mayor Teets said:

"I will just echo what everyone else has said. It is an absolute honor, and the best part of being the Mayor is swearing-in our new police officers. I truly enjoy it. My experience with the Police Department in the past has led to my respect for all of you and the job that you do, every single day, and the time you take away from your families. We all appreciate you and offer congratulations. Here's to a long, successful career. Thank you."

Finally, Mr. Russo said:

"I just want to say congratulations to Robert and Donald. You know, one of the best parts of my job is that I get to hire police officers and work with the Chief on the selection process. Our officers do background checks and they do interviews and it's a very exhaustive process. I'm always grateful for the work that goes into the back end to determine who should become part of what I consider to be an elite Police Department. I was watching the expression of the families and one of the things I really enjoy seeing is the pride of the families and the friends that come and participate in the swearing-in. I was observing that a little more closely this evening. It really speak volumes, to the families and the support, the hours of training and education, and what goes into becoming a police officer. It's not exactly an easy career nowadays for a lot of people,

and we're blessed this Council, previous Councils, staff, volunteers, professionals, have always been very supportive of the Police Officers in Town and also the firefighters and the EMS and OEM. So, on behalf of myself, my family, I want to say congratulations.

I wish you well in your career and obviously I wish many hours of safe patrolling in the Town of Newton. Thank you for all that you do."

The Mayor stated they will take a brief break for pictures.

BREAK – 5 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and all those present voting yes, the minutes for the October 11, 2023 regular meeting were approved as presented. Deputy Mayor Couce abstained.

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 – stated he had two (2) proclamations to be recorded.

Office of the Mayor

Newton, New Jersey

Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2023

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts our families, homes, communities, schools, institutions, and workplaces on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence does not discriminate and touches all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, culture, religion, or socioeconomic status; and

October 23, 2023

WHEREAS, without intervention, cycles of violence perpetuate through generations; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence prevention is the best form of victim services, and just as public health’s systematic approaches have helped mitigate a range of threats once thought to be intractable, they can also help to prevent domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, research shows creating communities where people are connected, supportive, and care for one another can reduce incidents of domestic violence;

NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor, and Town Council of the Town of Newton, hereby proclaim **October 2023** as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and urge all residents to recognize the impact of domestic violence in our community.

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: October 23, 2023

Office of the Mayor

Newton, New Jersey

Proclamation

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayor, and Town Council of the Town of Newton, hereby proclaim **October 2023** as **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and urge all residents to recognize the impact of breast cancer in our community.

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

/s/ Michelle J. Teets

Attest: /s/ Teresa A. Oswin

Date: October 23, 2023

Mr. Russo also stated:

The Halloween Parade is coming up on Tuesday, October 31st and starts at 4:00pm. People in costumes can line up at 3:45pm on Union Place. We are closed on Election Day November 7th and also on November 10th for Veterans Day observed.

Flags of Honor is on Saturday, November 11th at 11:00am here at Town Hall. We have the Free Rabies Clinic coming up on Saturday, November 18th at 10:00am at the DPW Garage. Thanks to support from Deputy Mayor Couce, at the Flags of Honor event it will be announced: individuals will have an opportunity to get a banner for a loved one who is a veteran who served in the US military. The goal is to try to have them for Memorial Day Parade next year. They came out nice and I picked Art Frisbie as the sample. I thought that would be a nice thing. So, Danielle reached out to Eileen to make sure that was okay.

Mr. Russo distributed a sample of the banner to the Council.

Councilman Dickson – Nothing further at this time.

Councilwoman Diglio – She attended the Sussex County Economic Development Partnership 18th Annual Awards Luncheon and congratulated all the winners. Unfortunately, Newton did not receive any award in the three (3) categories to which we were nominated. However, we did take eight (8) home last year.

She would like to invite Seniors in the Town of Newton to the Prime-Time Seniors group which meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Firehouse on Mill Street. Meetings start at 1:00pm, refreshments and socializing start at 12:30pm.

Finally, the Holiday parade is November 25th and it starts promptly at 10:00am and we have been working on the plans for that. And as Tom mentioned, the Halloween parade is Tuesday, October 31st, and there's a Trunk or Treat and costume contest in the parking lot across from the Municipal Building.

Councilwoman Le Frois – She just wanted to reiterate congratulations to our Police Department and our new Officers Martin and Wagner. It's great to see our department growing. She also thanked Tom and the Council for the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. She works for a Morris County domestic violence agency and the statistics remain one in four women, one in seven men, and one in three teens, at some point will be a victim of domestic violence or in an unhealthy relationship. She knows at her agency she's seen a 63% increase in people seeking shelter and staying in our shelter. The average number of nights to stay has gone from about 59 nights to 78 nights in the last year. She currently has nine families in hotels because their shelter is full. It remains a critical issue that impacts families generationally, friends, coworkers, et cetera, and has the same statistics are here in Sussex County. So, thank you for that recognition.

As Councilwoman Diglio mentioned, she also attended the County Economic Development Partnership Awards last Friday. We were up for three (3) awards, very

disappointed that we didn't take home one of the awards. However, I wanted to mention that many of the winners recognize how important their relationship with the Town of Newton is. They specifically mentioned Tom for his work and constantly keeping redevelopment and all of the intricacies around those development projects moving behind the scenes. There are negotiations, working with professionals, pounding the drum to make sure that Newton stays on the forefront of that. So, Tom, we recognize you. I know many of the speakers recognized you. The Chair of the committee, Dr. Connolly and Tammy Horsfield, recognized you from the podium. But many people don't realize the work that goes on behind some of these investments. As a matter of fact, the Water Street Development, which received the Business Investment award made mention it was a \$36 million capital investment in the Town of Newton. That is huge. The jobs, the housing, doesn't happen without you Tom, without redevelopment, without Councils passing resolutions and supporting that work. It was also good Sussex County Community College and McGuire Technical Education Center got recognized. Same thing with the workforce development and so many others that either have roots in Newton or are seeing the benefits of their businesses expanding into Newton and getting recognized because of these efforts. So, thank you Tom.

She also wanted to mention a group of artists from Newton have formed a new group called The Collective and they are hosting an art show. The event's theme is There's no leaving Newton. Actually, three young artists got together. They were hanging out at O'Reilly's and they formed The Collective, but they're going to be having an event at the Newton VFW on November 19th from 1:00pm until 9:00pm with a \$5 admission fee. It's all Sussex County artists that are going to be featured, and they're hoping this will be the first of many events featuring Sussex County artists in a variety of mediums. She learned today; Sussex County Community College also has a student farm. They have a 5-acre plot south of Town on Route 206. It's part of the Food Shed Alliance, who was also recognized at the Sussex County Economic Department Economic Awards last week. But it's a hands-on farming industry learning experience for students. They plant, they harvest, they learn about the business of farming and then everything they harvest is also used by the culinary program students.

They're also inviting the community out for events. The next few Fridays on October 27th, November 3rd, November 10th and November, November 17th out on the farm from 10:00am to 5:00pm. People can take a tour and learn about it, helping the farming and agricultural process.

The last thing she wanted to mention was there was no Historic Preservation Advisory Commission meeting this month, although there was a training that was held last Monday for the members.

Deputy Mayor Couce – He appreciates the follow through on the Hometown Heroes banners. Tom, thank you very much. That's all that I have.

Mayor Teets – nothing further to add than what has already been said,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

ORDINANCES – None.

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.

RESOLUTION #235-2023*

“Resolution Approving the Issuance of a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License to Releaf Newton, 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 does restrict Cannabis Retailers to certain zoning districts within the Town of Newton; and

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

WHEREAS, Releaf Newton, LLC has applied to and obtained from the State of New Jersey, Cannabis Regulatory Commission a conditional Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License, which is a type of cannabis business license the Town of Newton has specifically authorized to operate within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton has not previously adopted a Resolution showing local support for the issuance to Releaf Newton, LLC, of a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License, but intends to issue the same now based on the review and recommendation of the Town of Newton Planning Board as to conditional use, site plan approval, bulk variance for signage and building height, and any other necessary approvals; and

WHEREAS, Releaf Newton, LLC applied to the Town of Newton Planning Board for conditional use approval, site plan approval under the Town Code and waiver/exception relief, for operation of a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer at 78 Mill Street, in the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, and the Planning Board found that all of the standards required in order for the Board to find and grant conditional use approval pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-67 were met, and concluded that it would grant conditional use; and

WHEREAS, Releaf Newton, LLC also applied to the Town of Newton Planning Board for Site Plan Review and the Planning Board determined that the Applicant had also satisfied all the terms and conditions contained in the Town Code and in particular the Site Plan Review section of Town Code § 320-1, et seq., for site plan approval and waiver/exception as set forth in Resolution PB-2-2023; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board heard testimony about, and made conclusions concerning, safety, security, odor control and other necessary considerations pursuant to the regulations of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, N.J.A.C. 17:30-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the application of Newton CB, LLC (now known as Releaf Newton, LLC), for conditional use approval, site plan approval and waiver/exception for the proposed Class 5 Retailer location was heard by the Town of Newton Planning Board on April 19, 2023 and Resolution No. PB-2-2023 granting conditional use approval, site plan approval, and waiver/exception for the proposed Class 5 Cannabis Retailer location was duly adopted on May 17, 2023, upon stated terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager, Town Planner, and Town Attorney of the Town of Newton have reviewed the application of Releaf Newton, LLC for the issuance of a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License to Releaf Newton, LLC for operation at 78 Mill Street, the Town of Newton Planning Board Resolution PB-2-2023 and considered the proposed operation by Releaf Newton, LLC, with regard to safety, security, odor control, and other factors as required by the regulations of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission;

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 Town of Newton hereby issues a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License to Releaf Newton, LLC, or its corporate successor in interest, pursuant to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission's Rules and subject to a final approval by the Cannabis Control Commission as to said license to Releaf Newton, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such licenses are subject to compliance with all of the terms and conditions as set forth in Town of Newton Planning Board Resolution PB-2-2023, the rules and regulations of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, and such Ordinances as are made and provided in and for the Town of Newton regarding operation of a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License including the hours of operation set forth in Ordinance 2021-13.

RESOLUTION #236-2023*

“Amend Resolution #54-2023 the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract for Paulus, Sokolowski, and Sartor, LLC as Alternate Water and Sewer Engineers for the Town of Newton for Calendar Year 2023”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton authorized the services of a qualified alternate Water and Sewer Engineers for the Town of Newton on an annual basis through Resolution #54-2023; and

WHEREAS, the amount expended due to large water/sewer projects, through the end of 2023, is estimated to be \$102,000.00; and

WHEREAS, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies funds NOT TO EXCEED \$102,000.00 will be encumbered as follows:

2023 Water Sewer Capital Ordinance’s Budget \$47,000.00

2023 Water Sewer Utility Budget - Engineer Contractual #09-201-56-504-216 - \$55,000.00

“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 amends Resolution #54-2023 services with Paulus, Sokolowski, and Sartor, LLC not to exceed \$102,000.00 for the 2023 calendar year.

RESOLUTION #237-2023*

“Amend Resolution #38-2023 Required Disclosure Contract for Frederick J. Margron, P.E., REM, CEA, of the firm Professional Consulting, Inc., as Sewer Engineer for the Town of Newton for Calendar Year 2023”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton authorized through Resolution #38-2023 for the services of a qualified Sewer Engineer for the Town of Newton on an annual basis in the amount of \$75,000.00; and

WHEREAS the amount expended due to large water/sewer projects, through the end of 2023, is estimated to be \$411,500.00; and

WHEREAS, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies funds not to exceed \$411,500.00 will be encumbered as follows:

- 2023 Water Sewer Capital Ordinances Budget \$336,500.00**
- 2023 Water Sewer Utility Budget - Engineer Contractual #09-201-56-504-216 - \$60,000.00**
- 2023 Water Sewer Utility Budget - Consulting Service #09-201-56-501-216 - \$15,000.00**

“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 amends Resolution #38-2023 for services from Frederick J. Margron, P.E., REM, CEA, of the firm Professional Consulting, Inc., not to exceed \$411,500.00 for the 2023 calendar year.

RESOLUTION #238-2023*

“Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2023 Town of Newton Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (C. 159, PL 1948)”

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 received a payment in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the State of New Jersey Water Resources Planning Management, Stormwater Assistance Grant;

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:
 - State of New Jersey Stormwater Assistance Grant \$15,000.00
- General Appropriations:
 - (A) Operations - Excluded from CAPS
 - Public and Private Program's Off-Set by Revenues:
 - State of New Jersey Stormwater Assistance Grant \$15,000.00

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

RESOLUTION #239-2023*

“To Cancel Capital Appropriation Balances in the General Capital Fund”

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager and other Town Officials have reviewed and determined there are no additional costs for this project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balance so that the unexpended balance may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Fund Balance and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the full membership of the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following unexpended and dedicated balance of the General Capital appropriations totaling \$22,150.00 be cancelled:

| Ordinance Number | Date Auth. | Project Description | Amount Cancelled | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Funded | Unfunded |
| 2022-28 | 11/28/22 | Various Security Imp. | | \$22,150.00 |

RESOLUTION #240-2023*

“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 |
|---------------|----------------|---|--------------------|
| 9392 | 2141 - | AIRMATIC COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS, INC. | 6,092.56 |
| 9393 | 3897 - | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 810.30 |
| 9394 | 4448 - | ATLANTIC URGENT CARE LLC | 100.00 |
| 9395 | 1132 - | BOONTON TIRE SUPPLY INC. | 183.62 |
| 9396 | 300 - | BRIGHTSPEED PO 62839 | 3,490.15 |
| 9397 | 2124 - | BUCKMAN'S INC. | 1,405.00 |
| 9398 | 4706 - | CARLUCCI, MICHAEL | 3,636.99 |
| 9399 | 4306 - | CGP&H LLC | 377.00 |
| 9400 | 3770 - | CINTAS | 77.28 |
| 9401 | 4138 - | CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY -GAS DIV | 8,491.04 |
| 9402 | 176 - | COUNTY OF SUSSEX | 1,080,796.63 |
| 9403 | 178 - | COUNTY OF | 93,532.35 |
| 9404 | 1425 - | COUNTY OF SUSSEX | 4,043.00 |
| 9405 | 4500 - | CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN SPRINGS | 137.99 |
| 9406 | 2386 - | DOMINICK'S PIZZA LLC | 25.00 |
| 9407 | 106 - | ELIZABETHTOWN GAS | 1,681.41 |
| 9408 | 4385 - | ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | 3,557.76 |
| 9409 | 4039 - | FARMSIDE LANDSCAPE & DESIGN INC | 450.00 |
| 9410 | 2640 - | FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC #3326 | 307.65 |
| 9411 | 4747 - | FF1 APPARATUS | 5,537.85 |
| 9412 | 4504 - | FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY INC | 14,974.59 |
| 9413 | 4504 - | FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY INC | 16,699.89 |
| 9414 | 3318 - | FREDON ANIMAL HOSPITAL | 156.05 |
| 9415 | 4536 - | GATEHOUSE MEDIA NEW YORK HOLDINGS , INC. | 437.94 |
| 9416 | 4486 - | GEDEON, JAMES F. | 375.00 |
| 9417 | 4506 - | GLENN C KIENZ PO | 800.00 |
| 9418 | 3804 - | HAYDEE BALLESTER | 140.00 |
| 9419 | 230 - | HAYEK'S MARKET INC. | 25.00 |

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| 9420 | 4620 - | HQW ARCHITECTS, LLC. | 29,700.00 |
| 9421 | 3235 - | J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | 3,987.50 |
| 9422 | 113 - | JCP&L | 14,074.39 |
| 9423 | 3711 - | KKPR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS, | 800.00 |
| 9424 | 4227 - | LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL P. AGATINO, LLC. | 1,333.33 |
| 9425 | 4356 - | LENOVO | 400.18 |
| 9426 | 4754 - | LENTINI FARMS, INC. | 1,005.00 |
| 9427 | 2300 - | LOWE'S , INC. | 949.05 |
| 9428 | 1566 - | MAIN POOL & CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. | 2,145.00 |
| 9429 | 3308 - | MASON-WILLIAMS, KIMBERLY | 278.30 |
| 9430 | 170 - | NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION | 1,132,716.67 |
| 9431 | 4154 - | NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL | 175.00 |
| 9432 | 3979 - | NEWTON PIZZA | 25.00 |
| 9433 | 2882 - | ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. | 113.68 |
| 9434 | 1407 - | PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMM. | 5,103.00 |
| 9435 | 4656 - | PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR LLC | 2,698.75 |
| 9436 | 64 - | PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC. | 18,200.84 |
| 9437 | 2788 - | PENTELEDATA | 319.90 |
| 9438 | 2753 - | PORTER LEE CORPORATION | 923.00 |
| 9439 | 4126 - | PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING INC. | 6,730.50 |
| 9440 | 2478 - | RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC. | 4,365.36 |
| 9441 | 3973 - | Schlosser, Theresa | 150.00 |
| 9442 | 3756 - | SHACKLETON, JACKI | 150.00 |
| 9443 | 4644 - | SIEGEL, STEVEN M. | 2,874.99 |
| 9444 | 1489 - | SMALLEY, JOHN H | 1,437.50 |
| 9445 | 316 - | SPARTA TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR | 18,130.23 |
| 9446 | 2257 - | STAPLES | 721.26 |
| 9447 | 4144 - | SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. | 6,296.00 |
| 9448 | 3442 - | SUNLIGHT GENERAL | 1,386.47 |
| 9449 | 2479 - | TAYLOR OIL CO., INC. | 2,246.49 |
| 9450 | 3851 - | THE CANNING GROUP, LLC. | 541.66 |
| 9451 | 676 - | THE EQUITABLE | 11,890.48 |
| 9452 | 367 - | TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY | 350.00 |
| 9453 | 4305 - | UGI ENERGY SERVICES LLC | 240.63 |
| 9454 | 1280 - | VERIZON WIRELESS, INC. | 1,714.01 |
| 9455 | 2635 - | W.B. MASON, INC. | 199.95 |
| 9456 | 1500 - | WALMART | 762.70 |
| 9457 | 633 - | WEIS MARKETS, INC. | 175.00 |
| TOTAL | | | 2,523,653.87 |

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

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

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| Deputy Mayor Couce | Yes | Mr. Dickson | Yes |
| (abstain Res #235 & Ck 9394) | | | |
| Mrs. Diglio | Yes | Mrs. Le Frois | Yes |
| (abstain Res #235) | | | |
| | Mayor Teets | Yes | |

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Teets opened the meeting to the public.

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

COUNCIL MANAGER COMMENTS

Mrs. Diglio questioned how we were doing as far as getting the building ready for Animal Control.

Mr. Russo replied stating we're making good progress and also working on some shared service partners. One renewal for Frankford for next year and we have a handful of towns knocking on our door right now. So, it's going to be a very, very busy year for Animal Control.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, upon a motion by Mrs. Diglio seconded by Deputy Mayor Couce and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk