

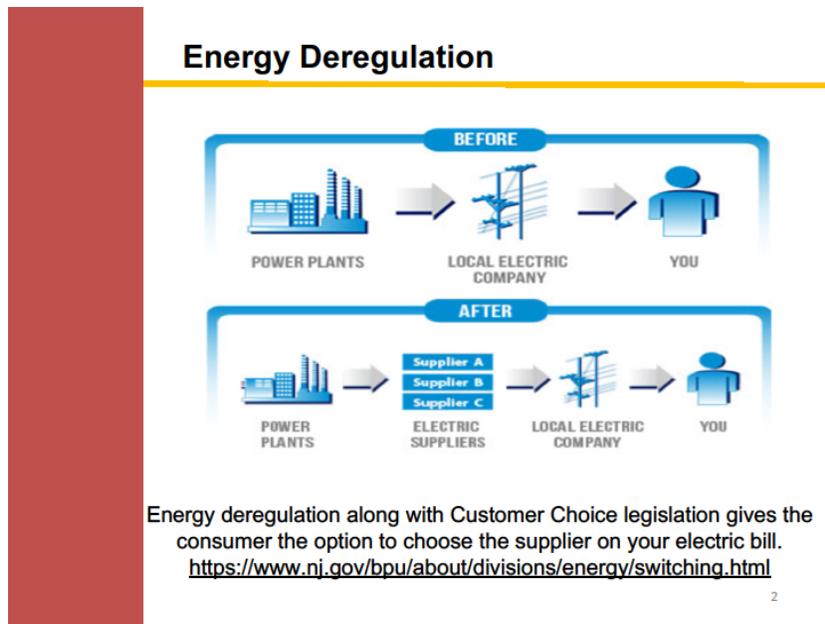
The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held in person and via Zoom on the above date at 7:00pm. Present were Mrs. Diglio, Mr. Dickson, Deputy Mayor Le Frois, Mrs. Teets, Mayor Couce, Teresa A. Oswin, Municipal Clerk, and Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager. Monica Miebach, CMFO and Dominc DiYanni, Esq., Town Attorney were also present.

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

Mayor Couce 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 5, 2024."

PRESENTATION

Mr. Russo introduced Lisa Hibbs of Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. Ms. Hibbs thanked the Council for their time and gave a PowerPoint presentation of the residential energy aggregation program her company provides.

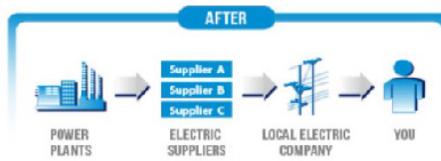


Statewide BGS Auction

New Jersey BGS (Basic Generation Service) Auction is held every February. Auction information and results are available at www.bgs-auction.com

BGS Auction Winners 2024

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| Axpo U.S. LLC | Five Elements Energy II LLC |
| BP Energy Company | Hartree Partners, L.P. |
| Calpine Energy Services LP | Macquarie Energy LLC |
| ConocoPhillips Company | NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC |
| Constellation Energy Generation, LLC | Shell Energy North America (US), L.P. |
| DTE Energy Trading, Inc. | Vitol Inc. |
| DXT Commodities North America Inc. | |



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What is Aggregation

- The aggregation process works parallel to the state's process.
 - New Jersey BGS Auction held every February
 - Sets each utility's default rate
 - New Rates takes effect in June each year
 - Utility's Default Rate
- N.J.A.C. Title 14:4-6.1 (2012)
- Community Energy Aggregation
 - Replaces the default rate with a new price based on the community's local usage
 - Bulk purchase electricity from a third party supplier
 - Communities are able to obtain rate reductions on their energy costs. Month-to-month savings is not guaranteed
 - Consumer protections not normally available in individuals' contracts with third party suppliers

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Aggregation Process

- Ordinance/Resolution/Agreements
- The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel review all program documents
- Energy auction and selection of winning bidder
- Energy Auction Bid for program rate must be lower than the utility's BGS rate at the time of the bid
- Begin outreach to residents about the program
 - Mailing
 - Video
 - Customized web page for the program
- Repeat Auction Process at conclusion of contract

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Aggregation Details

- When a supplier is awarded there will be an initial 30-day window for residents to decide if they would like to Opt-Out of the program; anyone choosing not to Opt-Out of the program will be enrolled in the program
 - Mail return, 800#, Customized Website
 - Residents can decide at any time after program begins to discontinue participation with no termination fees or other penalties
 - Permanent Opt-Out Feature
- Program only includes eligible residents who are not currently with a third party supplier and who do not have solar.

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Aggregation Details

- All current services – delivery, meter readings, billing, payments, emergency services, etc., are serviced through the utility
- Residents will continue to call their utility for service-related questions and outages
- Residents still receive one bill every month from the utility
- Budget billing is offered in the program
- There are no fees to be part of the program
- No one from the program will be calling or knocking on any residents door regarding this program

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Aggregation Renewable Pricing Options

- Enables municipality to influence the source of electricity supply to the region
- Provides environmental benefits
- Cost savings over utility PTC not mandated
- Potential to earn points with Sustainable Jersey through an R-GEA program

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Sample JCP&L Bill

Jersey Central Power & Light
A FirstEnergy Company

Bill Based On: Actual Meter Reading, Prorated
 Bill Period: Mar 22 to Apr 20, 2012 for 30 days
 Bill For: Customer Name
 CC Street Name
 Town, NJ 08000

Apr 23, 2012
 Account Number: 0000000000
 Amount Due: \$0.00
 Due Date: May 08, 2012

To report an emergency or an outage, call 24 hours a day 1-888-511-4877. For Customer Service, call 1-800-662-3116.
 For Payment Orders, call 1-800-962-0883. Pay your bill online at www.firstenergycorp.com
 Bill Issued by: JCP&L, P.O. Box 16501, Reading PA 19612-6501

| Messages | Account Summary | Amount Due |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|
| Your monthly price to compare is \$0.098515/kWh | Previous Balance | 0.00 |
| Usage History | Payments/Adjustments | -0.00 |
| | Balance at Billing on Apr 23, 2012 | 0.00 |

Charges From JCP&L

When contracted an Electric Generation Supplier please provide the following.
 Customer Number: 0000000000 0000000000
 Rate: Residential Service JC_RS_01D

| | | | |
|---|----------|------------|-------------|
| Customer Charge | | | 2.20 |
| Basic Generation Service | 1710 KWH | x 0.101732 | 173.96 |
| Delivery Service Charges | 0 KWH | x 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 0 KWH | x 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 0 KWH | x 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Current Consumption Bill Charges | | | 0.00 |

Detail Payment and Adjustment information

Program Benefits

- Consumer protections
 - No predatory contracting
 - No fees of any kind
 - Protection against seasonal or short term fixed and variable rates
- Reduced rates and budget stability
- Flexible participation for residents
- All current services are still provided by utility
- Residents will continue to receive one bill from their utility
- Budget Billing / Equal Payment Plans
- Renewable/Green energy options

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Next Steps

- It is important to inform residents about the program early in the process in establishing the CEA program and/or joining an Energy Aggregation Cooperative (being part of a program with other municipalities).
- If the Town of Newton should decide to move forward with establishing the CEA program, Town Council will need to pass an ordinance. If the Town of Newton would like to join an Energy Aggregation Cooperative, Town Council will also need to adopt a resolution in order to do so.
- If the Town of Newton decides to offer a program to residents, eligible residents will be notified in writing, and the Town will schedule public information sessions.
- There is nothing that residents need to do at this time.

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A brief discussion between the Council and Ms. Hibbs took place. The Council would like to look into possibly doing some outreach to gauge the resident's interest in the program. Ms. Hibbs thanked the Council for their time and said she looks forward to hearing from them in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Teets, seconded by Mr. Dickson and all those present voting yes, the minutes for the February 12, 2024 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Le Frois, seconded by Mrs. Teets and all those present voting yes, the minutes from the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

At this time, Mayor Couce 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 Couce opened the meeting to the public.

Ralph Porter came forward in person. He stated a lot of people in Town are upset about the Rite Aid closing, and he asked if there was anything the Town could do so we don't lose this service. Also, he wanted to make the Council aware of the conditions at the trailer park in the area of Mason and Merriam Avenues. In the past there was a rat infestation, it is no longer clean again.

Jack DeGroot, the new Sussex County Commissioner came forward to introduce himself. He is the liaison to Newton and looks forward to working with the Council in any way possible.

Peg Baldini, on Zoom asked if the Town had any plans for celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and when will packets be available to get on the ballot. She also stated the energy program presented sounds like it could be an opportunity for our elderly residents to be scammed, she would need to hear more about the program.

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

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Russo – started by offering best wishes for those celebrating Ramadan. He thanked Monica for her hard work on this year's budget. He then asked her to say a few words.

Monica explained the budget CAP and how we used it in this year's budget. She also stated she was able to make an insurance adjustment which brought the average increase down from \$60 per average household per year to \$36.

Mr. Russo went to state his next guest on *Tom Talk Live* will be Rob Boyle of Planet Networks. The HomeTown Heros submissions are due Friday, March 15th. He advised the Council that Kerry is already looking in to the trailer park matter. He addressed Ms. Baldini's question by stating the Town is participating in the RevolutionNJ program. He then stated Ms. Oswin could address when packets will be ready for the election.

Mrs. Oswin stated packets will be available in June, the Monday after Newton Day.

Councilmember Dickson – nothing to report.

Councilmember Diglio – thanked Monica for her work on getting the budget down to \$36 and all the Department Heads that worked on the budget. She stated the St. Patrick's Day Parade is this Saturday, starting at 11:00am. She thanked Councilmember Teets for the Mummers participation this year. The Memorial Day Parade will be on May 27th. The Prime Time Seniors are now meeting at the Newton First Aid Squad building, they meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Councilmember Teets – acknowledged her appreciation of Monica's efforts preparing the budget. She is looking forward to the Parade on Saturday.

Deputy Mayor Le Frois – she had dinner at the Arbor Restaurant last week, she offered congratulations to the Chef and the entire team at SCCC. The program has twenty-eight (28) students, and they expect it to grow. On Friday mornings they offer coffee and pastries. They are offering classes for the public, but she hears they fill up fast. She attended a concert at the Newton Theatre, she sees in her emails there are lots of acts coming. She encourages everyone to check it out. Overnight parking started in Lot #2. She thanked Sandy, Michelle, and the Fire Department on their work on the Parade this weekend. She thanked Monica for her work on the budget. She acknowledged Commissioner DeGroot and thanked him for reaching out to them. She expressed her condolences to the Larsen and Lawler families on their recent losses.

Mayor Couce – thanked Monica for her work on the budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Couce 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 #93-2024*

“Award the Contract for the Proposed Improvements to Clinton Street, West Nelson Street, and Division Street Milling and Paving, & Line Striping to Riverview Paving, Inc. and Denville Line Painting, Inc. through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council”

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, authorizes the Town of Newton by resolution, and without advertising for bids or obtaining quotes, to purchase any goods or services under cooperative contracts; and

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

WHEREAS, Riverview Paving, Inc., 859 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840 was awarded Contract #6, Milling and Paving in the Morris County Co-Op's portion for municipalities with regard to Resurfacing of Roads; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Cory L. Stoner of Harold Pellow and Associates, has recommended Riverview Paving, Inc. and Denville Line Painting, Inc. be retained for the improvements to Clinton Street, West Nelson Street, and Division Street for Milling and Paving in the Town of Newton, based on the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contract pricing:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| To be awarded to Riverview Paving, Inc. through the Morris County Co-op | \$118,834.45 |
| To be awarded to Denville Line Painting through the Morris County Co-op | <u>\$2,297.40</u> |
| Total Cost through Morris County Co-Op for the Project | \$121,131.85 |

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 are available from:

Capital Fund – Ord. #2023-7 Road Improvements – Clinton Street, W. Nelson Street, and Division Street Account #04-215-88-918-004

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that the contract for the Improvements to Clinton Street, West Nelson Street, and Division Street in the Town of Newton is hereby awarded to Riverview Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$118,834.45 and Denville Line Painting, in the amount of \$2,297.40 based on the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council bid results in the total amount of \$121,131.85.

RESOLUTION #94-2024*

“Resolution to Appoint Members to Various Boards and Commissions”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following appointments be made for unexpired terms:

| <u>Board/Commission</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Expiration Date</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Economic Development | <u>Paige Loughran</u> | 3 Years | December 31, 2026 |
| Historic Preservation (Regular) | <u>Joseph Ricciardo</u> | 4 Years | December 31, 2025 |
| Historic Preservation (Regular) | <u>Wayne McCabe</u> | 4 Years | December 31, 2025 |
| Historic Preservation (Alt.) | <u>Joseph Atkinson</u> | 4 Years | December 31, 2027 |
| Historic Preservation (Alt.) | <u>Mathias Banner</u> | 4 Years | December 31, 2024 |

Newton Housing Authority Mark Fiedorczyk 5 Years April 30, 2025
(Mayor's Appointment)

Recreation Pamela Fletcher 5 Years December 31, 2025

RESOLUTION #97-2024*

“Introduction of the 2024 Municipal and Water and Sewer Utility Budgets”

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Local Municipal Budget and the Water and Sewer Utility Budget of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, New Jersey for the calendar year 2024 be approved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Newton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Budget shall authorize total general appropriations of \$15,612,938 and the anticipated revenues of \$6,019,757 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes for municipal purposes of \$9,593,181; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024 Water and Sewer Utility Budget consists of appropriations of \$6,225,691, and anticipated revenues of \$6,225,691; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby instructed to advertise notice of the approved budgets in the *New Jersey Herald* on March 19, 2024, and that a final public hearing before passage will be held on April 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at 39 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ.

RESOLUTION #98-2024*

“Resolution Supporting the Implementation Plan of the Neighborhood Preservation Program for 2024”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton applied for and obtained a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) for \$125,000 with a \$25,000 match from the Town of Newton for a total budget of \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to bolster economic development by making physical improvements in the Newton Town Center District including creating public art, placemaking, enhancing the Town's online presence, signage improvements, and commercial façade improvements in the district, which is a neighborhood that qualifies for assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has created a Neighborhood Preservation Program Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Preservation Program Implementation Plan dated February 23, 2024 has been submitted to and approved by the Department of Community Affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Newton that the Town of Newton fully supports the Neighborhood Preservation Program Implementation Plan for 2024 as submitted to and approved by the Department of Community Affairs.

RESOLUTION #99-2024*

“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 No. | Vendor No. | Vendor Name | Amount |
| 10270 | 3773 | - A&S HYDRAULICS INC. | 235.00 |
| 10271 | 2141 | - AIRMATIC COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS, INC. | 3,887.97 |
| 10272 | 4106 | - ALL GAS & WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC. | 69.37 |
| 10273 | 3897 | - AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 646.30 |
| 10274 | 4026 | - AUTOZONE INC. | 301.21 |
| 10275 | 3251 | - BADGER METER, INC. | 193.76 |
| 10276 | 514 | - BEN SHAFFER & RECREATION INC. | 96,851.18 |
| 10277 | 2429 | - BLACK LAGOON INC. | 3,500.00 |
| 10278 | 3406 | - BLUE RIDGE LUMBER, INC. | 106.21 |
| 10279 | 1132 | - BOONTON TIRE SUPPLY INC. | 698.74 |
| 10280 | 300 | - BRIGHTSPEED | 125.85 |
| 10281 | 3893 | - CAMPBELL SUPPLY OF SUSSEX CTY LLC | 12.95 |
| 10282 | 506 | - CARR, JOSEPH | 447.60 |
| 10283 | 77 | - CCP INDUSTRIES, INC. | 329.05 |
| 10284 | 3770 | - CINTAS | 295.63 |
| 10285 | 4138 | - CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY -GAS DIV | 319.63 |
| 10286 | 4500 | - CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN SPRINGS | 145.49 |
| 10287 | 286 | - CURRENT ACCOUNT | 116.73 |
| 10288 | 768 | - DEMPSEY UNIFORM & SUPPLY INC | 3,415.74 |
| 10289 | 2386 | - DOMINICK'S PIZZA LLC | 220.50 |
| 10290 | 2136 | - DRAEGER, INC. | 254.90 |
| 10291 | 3101 | - EAGLE EQUIPMENT, INC. | 509.85 |
| 10292 | 4654 | - EDMUNDS GOVTECH, INC. | 11,193.02 |
| 10293 | 4385 | - ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | 2,457.00 |
| 10294 | 4774 | - FABERS GARAGE LLC | 1,226.66 |
| 10295 | 200 | - GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES INC | 3,440.00 |
| 10296 | 4398 | - GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS LLC | 904.62 |
| 10297 | 70 | - HACH COMPANY | 805.55 |
| 10298 | 4715 | - HARRINGTON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. | 4,336.84 |
| 10299 | 230 | - HAYEK'S MARKET INC. | 252.13 |
| 10300 | 4337 | - HFE SERVICES LLC | 792.00 |
| 10301 | 3876 | - HOLLAND COMPANY, INC. | 11,488.52 |
| 10302 | 1866 | - HOME DEPOT, INC. | 3,115.32 |
| 10303 | 2140 | - HYDRO TECHNOLOGY, LLC. | 600.00 |
| 10304 | 332 | - J & D SALES & SERVICE, LLC. | 575.00 |
| 10305 | 1271 | - JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC | 3,093.92 |
| 10306 | 113 | - JCP&L | 33,884.70 |
| 10307 | 3700 | - JENNIFER DODD | 45.56 |
| 10308 | 3067 | - JERSEY SHIRTS & DESIGNS | 45.00 |
| 10309 | 2138 | - KISTLER O'BRIEN FIRE PROTECTION, IN | 1,162.68 |
| 10310 | 4593 | - KRAVITZ KIMBERLY J | 600.00 |
| 10311 | 2278 | - LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC. | 49.30 |
| 10312 | 4381 | - MID-AMERICAN ELEVATOR CO., INC. | 1,530.00 |
| 10313 | 409 | - MINISINK PRESS INC | 120.00 |

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| 10314 | 4768 | - MONIKA DARRON | 160.00 |
| 10315 | 3651 | - MORTON SALT, INC. | 1,592.50 |
| 10316 | 4722 | - NATIONAL HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, INC. | 1,170.00 |
| 10317 | 4803 | - NEPOMUCENO F. REYES | 300.00 |
| 10318 | 2456 | - NIELSEN FORD | 2,176.09 |
| 10319 | 1762 | - NJSACOP | 910.00 |
| 10320 | 2607 | - NORTHERN RAIN | 237.50 |
| 10321 | 4383 | - OPTIMUM | 187.30 |
| 10322 | 4204 | - PLANET NETWORKS INC. | 116.19 |
| 10323 | 4204 | - PLANET NETWORKS INC. | 2,746.05 |
| 10324 | 4204 | - PLANET NETWORKS INC. | 199.95 |
| 10325 | 4204 | - PLANET NETWORKS INC. | 609.90 |
| 10326 | 4204 | - PLANET NETWORKS INC. | 99.95 |
| 10327 | 3435 | - PRIME LUBE, INC. | 3,381.32 |
| 10328 | 251 | - R.S. PHILLIPS STEEL LLC | 40.46 |
| 10329 | 2478 | - RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC. | 6,187.57 |
| 10330 | 401 | - REGISTRAR'S ASSO OF NEW JERSEY | 225.00 |
| 10331 | 126 | - SCMUA | 1,019.71 |
| 10332 | 611 | - SEBRING AUTO PARTS, INC. | 961.76 |
| 10333 | 2145 | - SEELY BROTHERS, INC. | 191.00 |
| 10334 | 2257 | - STAPLES | 34.79 |
| 10335 | 146 | - STATE OF NEW JERSEY - PWT | 413.18 |
| 10336 | 4144 | - SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. | 5,569.00 |
| 10337 | 2056 | - SUBURBAN PROPANE, LP. | 4,144.71 |
| 10338 | 102 | - SUSSEX CAR WASH INC | 184.00 |
| 10339 | 2310 | - SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DIVISION | 728.40 |
| 10340 | 130 | - SUSSEX COUNTY P & H, INC. | 80.67 |
| 10341 | 371 | - T.A. MOUNTFORD COMPANY, INC. | 700.00 |
| 10342 | 2479 | - TAYLOR OIL CO., INC. | 6,547.16 |
| 10343 | 3404 | - TEAM LIFE, INC. | 737.00 |
| 10344 | 217 | - TIMMERMAN COMPANY, INC. | 3,281.05 |
| 10345 | 2662 | - TONY SANCHEZ LTD, INC. | 157.00 |
| 10346 | 2880 | - TRACTOR SUPPLY | 18.20 |
| 10347 | 4013 | - TRANSUNION ALTERNATIVE RISK & DATA, | 75.00 |
| 10348 | 1151 | - TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY | 835.00 |
| 10349 | 2781 | - TRIMBOLI & PRUSINOWSKI, LLC. | 1,564.00 |
| 10350 | 521 | - TRUST ACCOUNT, TOWN OF NEWTON | 22,077.50 |
| 10351 | 4790 | - TURTLE & HUGHES INC. | 5,376.00 |
| 10352 | 4130 | - UNITED FIRE PROTECTION CORP. | 1,052.00 |
| 10353 | 4152 | - UNITED SITE SERVICES, INC | 11,328.66 |
| 10354 | 1469 | - UNIVERSAL SUPPLY GROUP INC. | 217.20 |
| 10355 | 4617 | - VALLEY MEDICAL GROUP | 300.00 |
| 10356 | 3114 | - VAN METER & ASSOC'S INC. | 180.00 |
| 10357 | 1739 | - VERIZON CONNECT | 189.50 |
| 10358 | 633 | - WEIS MARKETS, INC. | 20.97 |
| 10359 | 804 | - WEST CHESTER MACHINERY | 1,171.54 |
| 10360 | 4784 | - YORK MOTORS INC | 10,413.00 |
| TOTAL | | | 294,309.26 |

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

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

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|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Mr. Dickson | Yes | Mrs. Diglio | Yes |
| Mrs. Le Frois | Yes | Mrs. Teets | Yes |
| | Mayor Couce | Yes | |
| | (abstain on Checks 10322 to 10326) | | |

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #95-2024

“Resolution to Accept the Certified List of Qualifying 2023 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 2023-01 between \$134.47 and \$1,344.66 based on points credited for volunteer services rendered in 2023 as per the 2023 LOSAP LIST attached; and

WHEREAS, the total number of qualifying volunteers for the First Aid Squad is 38, for a total contribution of \$29,717.07, less the State restrictive amount of \$134.47 bringing the contribution total to \$29,582.60; 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 needs to be reduced by \$134.47 for the amounts in excess of the \$1,344.66 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 2023 to cover the cost of this contract;

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

| | Last | First | | Contribution 2023 |
|--|------------|---------|--|-------------------|
| | ALBARANO | MAECHE | | |
| | AVILES | MALACHI | | |
| | BRIONES | NATASHA | | \$134.47 |
| | BROWN | EDWARD | | |
| | CARLSON | ANTHONY | | \$1,008.50 |
| | CASTERLINE | CARL | | \$1,344.66 |
| | CHAVARRIA | JOSEP | | \$1,344.66 |
| | CHAVARRIA | GIA | | \$336.17 |

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w/fire

| | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|---|------------|
| | CICCIA | APRIL | | \$1,344.66 |
| | CORLEY | DEBORAH | | |
| | COUCE | JOHN-PAUL | | \$1,344.66 |
| | COUCE | JOSHUA | | \$1,008.50 |
| | COUCE | JONATHAN | | \$134.47 |
| | DIGLIO | SANDRA | L | \$1,344.66 |
| | DISANTI | SAMANTH | | |
| | DOLAN | DAVID | C | \$134.47 |
| | ELLSWORTH | KELLY | | \$1,344.66 |
| | ELLSWORTH | JENNI | | \$1,344.66 |
| | FUNG | NATALIE | | \$672.33 |
| | GIESKE | JEREMY | D | |
| | GONZALEZ | SHAWN | | \$336.17 |
| | HANNAN | HAILEY | | |
| | HASSAN | MOUAAZ | | |
| | HASSAN | LAYLA | | |
| | HATZINAS | HYATT | | |
| | HENNIGHAN | LAURE | | \$1,344.66 |
| | JAOUDE | ELISSAR | | |
| | KARLSSON | JULIE | | \$134.47 |
| | KIEFER | MATTHEW | | \$672.33 |
| | LE | KRISTINE | | \$1,344.66 |
| | LOGAN | KYLIE | | |
| | LOUGHRAN | PAIGE | | |
| | MATTI | EMILIA | | |
| | MATTI | STANWYCK | | |
| | MCDADE | KATELYN | | \$134.47 |
| | MCLEAN | KAYLA | | |
| | MILEJ | JULIA | | |
| | MORALES | JAHNESS | | \$134.47 |
| | MUNDY | VANESSA | | |
| | MURESAN | ROBERTA | | \$1,344.66 |
| | NANNERY | WILLIAM | | \$1,344.66 |
| | NICOL | RYAN | | \$1,344.66 |
| | POSEY | BRANDON | W | \$1,344.66 |
| | POSEY | GARY | | \$1,008.50 |
| | RAMOS | HENRY | | |
| | REIDMILLER | KATH | | 1344.66 |
| | REIDMILLER | MICH | | \$134.47 |
| | REYNOLDS | JOCELY | | \$336.17 |
| | SAVLYS | MORGAN | | \$134.47 |
| | SCERLOO | JENNA | | |
| | SMITH | ARIEL | | \$672.33 |
| | SURIANO | DAVID | | |
| | TAYLOR | WILLIAM | | |
| | TENIS SR | WAYNE | | |
| | WILSON | KYLE | T | \$134.47 |
| | WUNDER | RACHEL | | |
| | NEW | | | |
| | Farence | Brendan | | \$134.47 |
| | CAPRIGLIONE | ISABELLA | | |
| | CASSELANO | GIANNA | | |
| | JOHNSON | JOSH | | \$1,344.66 |
| | LOAIZA | JESSICA | | |

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| | SABOL | LOGAN | | |
| | WALCOTT | JOHNISA | | \$672.33 |
| | DIONISIO | OLIVIA | | |
| | EPRIGHT | ZACKARY | | |
| | MONGE | ALDO | | \$134.47 |
| | NIEZGODK | WIKTORIA | | |
| | GALLAGHER | HANNAH | | \$1,008.50 |
| | Schabacker | Caiden | | \$336.17 |
| | | TOTAL | | \$29,717.07 |

Mr. Dickson made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #95-2024**, and it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Le Frois and roll call resulted as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Mr. Dickson | Yes | Mrs. Diglio | Abstain |
| Mrs. Le Frois | Yes | Mrs. Teets | Yes |
| | Mayor Couce | | Abstain |

RESOLUTION #96-2024

“Resolution to Accept the Certified List of Qualifying 2023 Newton Fire Department LOSAP Participants”

WHEREAS, the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the Newton Volunteer Fire Department was approved by the Mayor and Council through the passage of Ordinance #2003-12 on August 11, 2003, confirmed by Resolution #104-2003, and approved by Newton voters as a public question at the General Election on November 4, 2003; 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 Fire Department has certified a list of members who are eligible, in accordance with guidelines outlined in Ordinance 2003-12, to receive an amount as noted in Local Finance Notice 2023-01 between \$134.47 and \$1,344.66 based on points credited for volunteer services rendered in 2023 as per the 2023 LOSAP list attached; and

WHEREAS, the total number of qualifying volunteers for the Fire Department is 30, for a total contribution of \$27,229.40; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Town of Newton Operating Budget for calendar year 2023 to cover the cost of this contribution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the certified list from the Newton Fire Department dated January 4, 2024.

| newton fire | | CR33484 | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|---|-------------------|
| | Last | First | | Contribution 2023 |
| | ALVAREZ | MICHAEL | | \$134.47 |
| | ARRAZOLA | LUIS | | \$1,008.50 |
| | AYS | JOHN | H | \$1,344.66 |
| | BAILEY | WILLIAM | | \$1,344.66 |
| | BENCIVENGA | MICH | | \$1,344.66 |
| | BLAKELY | CHRISTI | | \$1,344.66 |

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| | BLAKELY | CHRISTO | | \$1,344.66 |
| | BOWNE | DOUGLAS | R | |
| | CARD | JEAN | | |
| | CARD | JON | R | |
| | CATON | ROBERT | M | |
| | COOMBS | JEFFREY | | |
| | COOPER | GARY | R | \$336.17 |
| | CRAIG CONRAD | WI | | |
| | DAYERMANJIAN | RI | | |
| | DIENER | JEFFREY | | \$1,344.66 |
| | DONNELLY | THOMAS | | |
| | FINKLE | DANIEL | P | |
| | FITZPATRICK | TIM | | \$1,344.66 |
| | FLANAGAN | JOHN | | |
| | FOX | THOMAS | J | |
| | HAYES | MICHAEL | | \$134.47 |
| | HUGHES | KEVIN | | \$1,344.66 |
| | HUMBERT | ERIC | | |
| | INGA | JOSEPH | C | |
| | LEMASSON | JOSHUA | | |
| | MAHER | JAMES | N | \$134.47 |
| | MAHER | JAMES | N | |
| | MASKER | CRAIG | | \$336.17 |
| | MILLER | JASON | J | \$1,344.66 |
| | MULDOON | EDWARD | | |
| | NAUMOWICZ | PETER | | \$1,344.66 |
| | PERIGO | ANTHONY | | \$1,344.66 |
| | PERIGO | CHRISTOP | | |
| | PHLEGAR | JAY | | \$1,344.66 |
| | RAZZANO | ANTHONY | | \$1,344.66 |
| | RAZZANO | ANTONIO | | |
| | RENZO | JONATHAN | | |
| | ROJAS | KEVIN | | |
| | ROSSANO | JUSTIN | | |
| | SANTILLO | GIUSEP | | |
| | SAPIO | JOSEPH | A | |
| | SCHIFFNER | JEFFR | | \$1,344.66 |
| | SNEDEKER | SHAWN | | \$134.47 |
| | TEETS | MICHAEL | | \$672.33 |
| | VERKON | SCOTT | J | \$1,344.66 |
| | WEBER | CHARLES | W | \$1,344.66 |
| | WECHTLER | SAMANT | | \$134.47 |
| | WECHTLER | DEREK | | \$1,344.66 |
| | | | | |
| | | TOTAL | | \$25,884.74 |
| | | | | |
| | NEW | | | |
| | Farence | Brendan | | \$1,344.66 |
| | | | | |
| | | TOTAL | | \$27,229.40 |

Mrs. Diglio made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #95-2024**, and it was seconded by Mr. Dickson and roll call resulted as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Mr. Dickson | Yes | Mrs. Diglio | Yes |
| Mrs. Le Frois | Yes | Mrs. Teets | Abstain |
| | Mayor Couce | Yes | |

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Couce opened the meeting to the public.

Ralph Porter came forward and thanked the Council for getting the snow cleared from sidewalks this year.

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

COUNCIL MANAGER COMMENTS

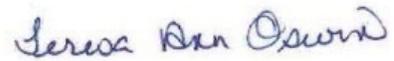
Mr. Russo asked for some clear direction from the Council on the energy aggregation matter. Mayor Couce stated the Council needed some time to digest all the information, then they will circle back with him.

Mrs. Diglio asked the Council to let her know who will be participating in the Parade on Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Le Frois seconded by Mrs. Teets and unanimously carried, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk