

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

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

Mayor Couce 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."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mrs. Teets, the minutes for the October 28, 2024, Regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mr. Dickson, the minutes for the October 28, 2024, Special Meeting were unanimously approved.

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.

There being no one 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 inviting Tamrin Serpico and Eric Hall of the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce forward for a presentation.

Ms. Serpico read the following statement:

"Thank you, Town Manager and Town Council.

Good evening fellow Newtonians,

It is an immense honor to stand before you today to present the Turrel Lyzel Award. This award recognizes not just a person, but a legacy – one marked by unwavering commitment, exceptional talent, and profound impact.

Today we celebrate an individual who has dedicated their life to the GNCC and the Town of Newton, inspiring countless others along the way. Sandy Diglio has served as a guiding light for many, demonstrating what it means to lead with integrity, passion, and purpose.

Throughout the last 25 years being a part of the chamber, Sandy has achieved remarkable milestones. From simply starting as a GNCC member to then serving on the executive board as the secretary for numerous years. From notable

achievements, to projects, to running the Town of Newton's Annual Holiday Parade and the Memorial Day Parade since 1988, her work has not only set a high standard within the GNCC but has also paved the way for future generations. Her innovative spirit and relentless pursuit of excellence have changed the landscape of the GNCC for the better.

But beyond the accolades and achievements, what truly sets Sandy apart is her dedication to uplifting others. She has always taken the time to mentor, to nurture, and to guide. Many of us here today can attest to the profound influence she has had on our lives.

As we honor Sandy with the Turel Lyzell Award, let us not only celebrate her past but also look forward to the future they continue to inspire. She reminds us that success is not just about personal triumphs but about the impact we have on those around us.

Sandy Diglio, thank you for your unwavering dedication, your vision, and mark on all of us, we are deeply grateful for your contributions. It is with great pride that we present you with this Lifetime Achievement Award! Congratulations, we love you!"

Mr. Hall then presented Mrs. Diglio with flowers for recognition of this award.

Mr. Russo congratulated Mrs. Diglio. He then thanked everyone who helped with the Flags of Honor event this past Saturday. The NJ DEP has issued a drought warning. This information has been posted on the Town's website along with some suggestions for conserving water. We received notification we have been awarded a \$198,000 grant from the NJ DOT for the paving of Mount View, Palmer, and Trinity Streets. In the latest League of Municipalities magazine the Newton mural is featured on page 32.

Councilmember Dickson – stated he attended the Halloween Parade, it was a great event. He thanked everyone that helped. He offered congratulations to Chief VanNieuwland on this retirement.

Councilmember Diglio – also offered congratulations to Chief VanNieuwland and welcomed Joe D'Annibale as Chief. She stated Flags of Honor was a wonderful event. On November 11th she along with Mrs. Teets attended the dedication ceremony for the flag burning drum at the VFW. They were unable to burn any of the retired flags because of the drought, but it was a nice ceremony. She asked Mr. Russo how far below the spillway is Morris Lake. Mr. Russo said it is very low, he has asked Mr. Bernstein's office to prepare a resolution for more restrictive measures for the next meeting.

Councilmember Teets – offered congratulations to Mrs. Diglio on her lifetime achievement award from the GNCC. She thanked all those that came out to vote for her and Mayor Couce. She takes her job very seriously and is looking forward to the next four years. She encourages everyone to attend the Town Council meetings. She offered congratulations to Chief VanNieuwland, and she looks forward to working with Joe D'Annibale. She attended the Halloween Parade, it was well attended and there were some great costumes.

Deputy Mayor Le Frois – thanked everyone who participated in the Halloween Parade, especially all the first responders. Thanked Lily Atkinson for her request for a crosswalk on Liberty St. She proves everyone can make a difference. She congratulated JP and Michelle on their re-election, and Tom and Sandy on their Chamber of Commerce

awards. She reminded everyone that Saturday is the Festival of Lights at the hospital. The Holiday Parade is November 30th, the Tree Lighting is December 6th. The Recycling Center now takes books. She offered congratulations to Chief VanNieuwland and welcomed Joe D'Annibale. She is looking forward to working with him.

Mayor Couce – said he echoed everything already said. He also wanted to stress the extreme fire risk with the drought conditions. There was a fire last night on Clinton Street and thanks to the efforts of our first responders, they were able to knock it down quickly so it didn't spread. He went on to say the sirens you may have heard earlier were the Newton Varsity Field Hockey team, as they won the North Group 1 title.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Couce read aloud the following Ordinance relative to adoption.

ORDINANCE 2024-31

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 2012 FORD EXPLORER NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE TO SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton, Sussex County, New Jersey currently owns a 2012 Ford Explorer, VIN #1FMHK8B81CGA21171, which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(1) authorizes a municipality, by Ordinance, to sell its personal property no longer needed for public use by private sale to any political subdivision, agency, department, commission, board of body corporate or politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County Community College, an entity of the State of New Jersey within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, has expressed an interest in purchasing the 2012 Ford Explorer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, Sussex County, State of New Jersey has determined it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize the private sale of the 2012 Ford Explorer;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(1), we hereby authorize the sale of the 2012 Ford Explorer, VIN #1FMHK8B81CGA21171, which is no longer needed for public use, to Sussex County Community College for a price of Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) in as-is condition; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the 2012 Ford Explorer shall be transferred to Sussex County Community College, upon receipt of payment established herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

- (1) All ordinances or parts of the ordinance which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies.
- (2) This Ordinance shall take effect upon due passage and publication in accordance with law.

Mayor Couce opened the meeting to the public.

There being no one else 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 Deputy Mayor Le Frois, and roll call resulted as follows:

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

Mayor Couce read aloud the following Ordinance relative to adoption.

ORDINANCE 2024-32

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE, AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 307 OF THE NEWTON TOWN CODE, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", MOST NOTABLY SECTION 307-44.1, ENTITLED "CROSSWALKS" BY ADDING A NEW MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK ACROSS DILLER AVENUE IN THE TOWN OF NEWTON

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, a Governing Body of a Municipality may make, amend, repeal, and/or enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules, and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this State and/or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good governance, order, and protection of a person and/or property and for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by the above cited statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8, the Town of Newton may designate and install crosswalks in streets under its control, provided the Town Engineer shall certify to the Town the crosswalk designation: (1) has been approved by the Town Engineer after investigation of the circumstances, (2) appears to be in the best interests of safety and, (3) conforms to the current standards prescribed by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has determined it would be in the best interest of the Town of Newton to install a mid-block crosswalk along Diller Avenue, at a point four hundred fifty (450) feet north of Sparta Avenue, to provide for the safe crossing of pedestrians, hikers, and bikers at the location where the Sussex Branch Rail Trail crosses Diller Avenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Town Council do hereby amend, revise, and supplement the provisions of Chapter 307 of the Town Code, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", most notably Section 307-44.1, entitled "Crosswalks", by adding a new subsection B to same as follows:

"B. Diller Avenue, mid-block crosswalk, at a point 450 feet north of Sparta Avenue"

All other provisions of this Section 307-44.1 of the Town Code shall remain in full force and effect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that;

- (1) Should any part of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part held involved.
- (2) At least ten (10) calendar days prior to the second (2nd) reading, public hearing, and adoption of this Ordinance, the Town Clerk shall

give notice to the Sussex County Planning Board and to all other entities pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15.

(3) Upon adoption of this Ordinance by the Mayor and Town Council following a public hearing, the Town Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage and file a copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, with the Sussex County Planning Board, as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40: 55D-16.

(4) This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

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There being no one else 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. Teets, and roll call resulted as follows:

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

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 #265-2024*

“Approval of the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Hampton Township to Provide Animal Control Services for Calendar Year 2025”

WHEREAS, the Township of Hampton (“Hampton”) wishes to obtain animal control services from the Town of Newton (“Newton”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton (“Newton”) is willing to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Hampton to provide the requested animal control services to Hampton; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached, which sets forth the terms and conditions of the shared animal control services for the period commencing January 1, 2025 through and including December 31, 2025; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Newton, to execute a Shared Services

Agreement with the Township of Hampton to provide animal control services to Hampton for the Period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION #266-2024*

“Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2024 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 \$2,345.00 from the State of New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for a FY 2024 Body Armor Replacement Program 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 2024 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 Body Armor Replacement Grant \$2,345.00
- General Appropriations:
 - (A) Operations - Excluded from CAPS
 - Public and Private Program's Off-Set by Revenues:
 - State of New Jersey Body Armor Replacement Grant \$2,345.00

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

RESOLUTION #267-2024

“Authorize Appointment of Chief of Police and Execution of an Employment Agreement with Joseph D’Annibale”

WHEREAS, Steven VanNieuwland has notified the Governing Body of his intention to retire as Newton's Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, Mr. VanNieuwland's last active working day in the Police Department will be November 13, 2024, when he will commence approved terminal leave until January 31, 2025, his official last day of employment with Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager, Thomas S. Russo, Jr., has determined Lt. Joseph D'Annibale is the most suitable replacement for Mr. VanNieuwland and recommends offering the position of Newton Chief of Police to Lt. Joseph D'Annibale; and

WHEREAS, Lt. D'Annibale has expressed interest in the position of Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, the parties therefore have prepared an Employment Agreement that has been reviewed by the Labor Attorney and the Town Manager, for the appointment of Joseph D'Annibale as Police Chief for the Town of Newton through December 31, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council agrees with the Town Manager's recommendation, therefore, Joseph D'Annibale is hereby appointed as Acting Police Chief effective Thursday, November 14, 2024, through January 31, 2025, during Mr. VanNieuwland's terminal leave; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joseph D'Annibale is hereby appointed as Police Chief of the Town of Newton, effective February 1, 2025 and Mr. D'Annibale will become the 13th Chief of Police of Newton in the Department's history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned written Employment Agreement with Joseph D'Annibale on behalf of the Town of Newton, said Agreement being attached to and made part of this Resolution, and said Agreement to govern the terms of Mr. D'Annibale's service as Chief of Police (Acting) beginning November 14, 2024 and as Chief of Police commencing February 1, 2025.

RESOLUTION #268-2024*

“Concur with the Town Manager’s Appointment of a Class II Officer – Brandon Posey”

WHEREAS, within Chapter Thirty (30), Police Department, of the Code of Town of Newton, NJ, it indicates the Newton Town Manager may appoint Special Police Officers for a term not to exceed one (1) year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body concurs with the Newton Town Manager's appointment of the following individual as a Special Police Officer for calendar year 2025:

Class II

Brandon Posey

RESOLUTION #269-2024*

“Approval of the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Hardwick Township to Provide Animal Control Services for Calendar Year 2025”

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick (“Hardwick”) wishes to obtain animal control services from the Town of Newton (“Newton”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton (“Newton”) is willing to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Hardwick to provide the requested animal control services to Hardwick; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached, which sets forth the terms and conditions of the shared animal control services for the period commencing January 1, 2025 through and including December 31, 2025; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Newton, to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Hardwick to provide animal control services to Hardwick for the Period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION #270-2024*

“Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Line Striping for the Proposed Improvements to Clinton Street, West Nelson Street, and Division Street Project”

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Council adopted Resolution #93-2024, awarding the proposed Line Striping for the Proposed Improvements to Clinton Street, West Nelson Street, and Division Street project, to Denville Line Painting, Inc. 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, NJ, in the amount of \$2,297.40; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., recommends in his memo dated October 28, 2024, approving Change Order No. 1 for the above referenced project for a decrease in the amount of \$1,441.44 for a new contract total of \$855.96;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that it hereby concurs with the Town Engineer’s recommendation and accepts Change Order No. 1 for Line Striping for the Proposed Improvements to Clinton Street, West Nelson Street, and Division Street project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 1, and Mr. Pellow’s memo be attached to and made part of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #271-2024*

“Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the ADA Ramps and Crosswalks at Liberty Street and Linwood Avenue/Annex Intersection Project”

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Council adopted Resolution #204-2024, awarding the Proposed ADA Ramps and Crosswalks at Liberty Street and Linwood Avenue/Annex Intersection Project, to ADS Contractors, LLC, 52 Cooks Road, Pittstown, N.J. 08867, in the amount of \$34,187.35; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., recommends in his memo dated November 4, 2024, approving Change Order No. 1 for the above referenced project for a decrease in the amount of \$3,670.56 for a new contract total of \$30,516.79;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that it hereby concurs with the Town Engineer’s recommendation and accepts Change Order No. 1 for the ADA Ramps and Crosswalks at Liberty Street and Linwood Avenue/Annex Intersection Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 1, and Mr. Pellow’s memo be attached to and made part of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #272-2024*

“Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the ADA Improvements to Douma Drive, Douma Court, Valley View Court, and Babbit Court Project”

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Council adopted Resolution #205-2024, awarding the Proposed ADA Improvements to Douma Drive, Douma Court, Valley View Court, and Babbit Court Project, to ADS Contractors, LLC, 52 Cooks Road, Pittstown, N.J. 08867, in the amount of \$62,362.67; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., recommends in his memo dated November 4, 2024, approving Change Order No. 1 for the above referenced project for an increase in the amount of \$1,450.08 for a new contract total of \$63,812.75;

WHEREAS, the Chief Municipal Financial Officer has certified funds are available as per the attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that it hereby concurs with the Town Engineer's recommendation and accepts Change Order No. 1 for the ADA Improvements to Douma Drive, Douma Court, Valley View Court, and Babbit Court Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 1, and Mr. Pellow's memo be attached to and made part of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #273-2024*

“Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Sidewalk Improvements to Water Street (Route 206 and N.J.S.H. Route 94) Project”

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Council adopted Resolution #228-2024, awarding the Sidewalk Improvements to Water Street (Route 206 and N.J.S.H. Route 94) Project, to Terra Ferma Contracting Corp., 220 Jackson Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601, in the amount of \$162,706.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., recommends in his memo dated November 6, 2024, approving Change Order No. 1 for the above referenced project for an increase in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a new contract total of \$164,206.00;

WHEREAS, the Chief Municipal Financial Officer has certified funds are available as per the attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that it hereby concurs with the Town Engineer's recommendation and accepts Change Order No. 1 for the Sidewalk Improvements to Water Street (Route 206 and N.J.S.H. Route 94) Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 1, and Mr. Pellow's memo be attached to and made part of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #274-2024*

“Approve 2024 Appropriation Transfers”

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following 2024 appropriation transfers be approved effective this date:

CURRENT FUND 2024 BUDGET:

ACCOUNT	TO AMOUNT	ACCOUNT	FROM AMOUNT
Finance – Salaries & Wages	\$3,600		
Road – Salaries & Wages	\$10,000		
Parks – Salaries and Wages	\$2,600		
Legal – Other Expenses	\$15,000		
Historic Comm. – Other Exp.	\$10,000		
Cap. Imp. – Acq. Upgrades	\$18,000		
		Code Enforce. – Salaries & Wages	\$10,000
		Pool – Salaries & Wages	\$8,000

		Pool – Other Expenses	\$5,000
		Town Manager – Other Expenses	\$10,000
		Recycling – Salaries & Wages	\$5,000
		Snow Removal – Salaries & Wages	\$10,000
		Animal Control – Salaries & Wages	\$10,000
		Snow Removal – Other Expenses	\$1,200
TOTAL	\$59,200	TOTAL	\$59,200

RESOLUTION #275-2024

“Authorize the Execution of an Agreement Between the Town of Newton and the Newton Parking Authority”

WHEREAS, on January 15, 1982, the Town Council of the Town of Newton adopted an Ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Newton Parking Authority for the purpose of dedicating revenue from certain parking meters to said Parking Authority; and

WHEREAS, such agreements between governmental agencies and authorities may be extended each year by adoption of a Resolution of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Newton Parking Authority conducted on November 7, 2024, the members of the Authority approved an appropriate agreement for calendar year 2025 and authorized the Chairman and the Secretary to execute said agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement with the Newton Parking Authority, dedicating revenue from certain parking meters to said Authority and describing certain services to be performed on behalf of the Authority by the Town of Newton during calendar year 2025.

RESOLUTION #276-2024*

“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 2023 and 2024 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 #	Vendor Name	Amount
11867	4460	- ADS CONTRACTORS, LLC.	\$62,536.49
11868	4460	- ADS CONTRACTORS, LLC.	\$29,906.45
11869	2799	- AFLAC	\$2,313.18
11870	3753	- ALCOCK KATHERINE	\$8.24
11871	3897	- AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$569.23
11872	3897	- AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$41.50
11873	3869	- AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	\$669.80
11874	3868	- AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE COMPANY	\$683.32
11875	4544	- ARMSTRONG, KENNETH W.	\$1,048.20
11876	4478	- ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS INC.	\$32,056.90
11877	4026	- AUTOZONE INC.	\$111.46

11878	32	- B & R UNIFORM, INC.	\$22.95
11879	2518	- BABCOCK, DAWN	\$1,048.20
11880	4214	- BESHADA, LEO	\$3,090.00
11881	190	- BOND, CHRISTOPHER	\$1,048.20
11882	300	- BRIGHTSPEED	\$125.85
11883	702	- C W A LOCAL 1032	\$337.44
11884	2443	- CAMPBELL FOUNDRY CO. INC.	\$8,542.00
11885	2353	- CITTERBART, KATHERINE	\$2,096.40
11886	2551	- CLOUSE RONALD	\$2,096.40
11887	4420	- COOPER DARLENE	\$2,096.40
11888	2639	- COUNTY OF SUSSEX	\$8,415.44
11889	2290	- CUMMINS DOUGLAS	\$1,048.20
11890	2589	- DENVILLE LINE PAINTING, INC.	\$855.96
11891	2386	- DOMINICK'S PIZZA LLC	\$122.60
11892	4775	- ENGIE POWER & GAS LLC #411330	\$1,768.83
11893	3318	- FREDON ANIMAL HOSPITAL	\$70.00
11894	172	- FRISBIE, RITA	\$1,048.20
11895	109	- FURGIUELE, CAMILLE	\$1,048.20
11896	373	- GALLS, LLC	\$465.00
11897	4384	- GIBBONS P.C.	\$1,425.00
11898	4892	- GO TAK LLC	\$500.00
11899	490	- GRENNILLE, WILLIAM	\$2,096.40
11900	4419	- HAVENS DEBORAH	\$1,048.20
11901	230	- HAYEK'S MARKET INC.	\$176.01
11902	1866	- HOME DEPOT, INC.	\$1,037.60
11903	173	- ILIFF, JOHN	\$1,048.20
11904	3235	- J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	\$1,030.00
11905	113	- JCP&L	\$1,184.18
11906	1453	- JMP SECURITY LLC	\$208.00
11907	4173	- JORRITSMAN, BRUCE	\$3,090.00
11908	276	- KAYS, PETER J.	\$1,048.20
11909	2767	- KILDUFF JAMES	\$1,048.20
11910	1442	- KITHCART, EILEEN	\$1,545.00
11911	1011	- LASSO, ERVIN	\$1,048.20
11912	4886	- LUTH-AR, LLC	\$264.88
11913	2865	- MILLS STEVE	\$1,048.20
11914	53	- MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY, INC.	\$661.49
11915	1741	- MORRIS COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY	\$40.00
11916	1884	- MORRIS, THOMAS & BULAH	\$2,096.40
11917	4889	- MUINO BAKED GOODS	\$168.75
11918	2201	- NEWTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$476.00
11919	700	- NEWTON PATROLMANS ASSOCIATION	\$960.00
11920	3979	- NEWTON PIZZA	\$157.83
11921	1745	- NEWTON SUPERIOR OFFICERS	\$420.00
11922	1621	- NJ DIV ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTR	\$36.00
11923	2835	- NJMEBF	\$238,006.00
11924	1207	- NJMMA	\$40.00
11925	4681	- NORTHEAST COMMUNICAITONS INC.	\$750.00
11926	4383	- OPTIMUM	\$79.85
11927	1751	- OSWIN TERESA ANN	\$47.33
11928	3047	- PANDISCIA MICHAEL	\$2,096.40
11929	64	- PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	\$1,310.00
11930	4204	- PLANET NETWORKS INC.	\$2,776.05
11931	4737	- PMC ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$4,768.50
11932	4126	- PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING INC.	\$6,887.50
11933	1274	- RANSNORTH, NANCY	\$1,048.20
11934	1112	- RICHARDS, JEAN	\$1,048.20
11935	1883	- ROMYNS, LARRY E.	\$2,096.40
11936	3615	- ROSELLEN ANN M	\$1,048.20
11937	2428	- RUMSEY VERA	\$1,048.20
11938	61	- S K OFFICE SUPPLY INC.	\$190.00
11939	3935	- SARAH THORNBERRY	\$175.00
11940	3660	- SCHENCK, PRICE, SMITH, & KING, LLP	\$2,895.73

11941	126	- SCMUA	\$825.23
11942	4830	- SEARCH GEEK SOLUTIONS LLC	\$1,416.67
11943	611	- SEBRING AUTO PARTS, INC.	\$216.30
11944	4165	- SF MOBILE-VISION, INC.	\$400.00
11945	1489	- SMALLEY, JOHN H	\$2,096.40
11946	338	- SMITH, WILLIAM F	\$2,096.40
11947	2257	- STAPLES	\$611.64
11948	4144	- SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	\$24,071.58
11949	3442	- SUNLIGHT GENERAL	\$1,748.34
11950	102	- SUSSEX CAR WASH INC	\$320.00
11951	4862	- TERRA FERMA CONTRACTING, CORP.	\$17,473.40
11952	4278	- TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$88.45
11953	2781	- THE CHILLA BUSINESS COUNSEL	\$4,896.00
11954	676	- THE EQUITABLE	\$12,520.00
11955	2880	- TRACTOR SUPPLY	\$108.87
11956	691	- TRANS WORLD ASSURANCE CO.	\$400.00
11957	4013	- TRANSUNION ALTERNATIVE RISK & DATA,	\$75.00
11958	4152	- UNITED SITE SERVICES,INC	\$11,845.27
11959	1257	- UNUM LIFE/DISABILITY INSUR	\$863.77
11960	2716	- UPSEU LOCAL 424J	\$819.00
11961	4258	- VIRGA, ANTHONY	\$1,048.20
11962	1158	- VISION SERVICE PLAN	\$1,286.45
11963	2635	- W.B. MASON, INC.	\$179.16
11964	366	- WAGNER, WILLIAM	\$2,096.40
11965	1500	- WALMART	\$107.61
11966	1144	- WEINER LESNIAK	\$621.00
11967	136	- ZENES, NANCY	\$1,048.20
Total			\$544,744.68

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

Deputy Mayor Le Frois asked for Resolutions 267-2024 and 275-2024 be pulled for a separate vote.

Deputy Mayor Le Frois made a motion to approve the **COMBINED RESOLUTIONS of the Consent Agenda**, and Mr. Dickson seconded the motion, and a roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Dickson	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Mrs. Le Frois	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes

Mayor Couce Yes
(abstain on Resolution Check #11876 & 11930)

Deputy Mayor Le Frois made a motion to approve **Resolution #267-2024** and Mr. Dickson seconded the motion, and a roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Dickson	Yes	Mrs. Diglio	Yes
Mrs. Le Frois	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
	Mayor Couce	(Abstain on Resolution #275-2024)	Abstain

Deputy Mayor Le Frois made a motion to approve **Resolution #275-2024** and Mr. Dickson seconded the motion, and a 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.

COUNCIL MANAGER COMMENTS

Mrs. Diglio stated flags to be retired can be dropped off at the Recycling Center or at the VFW.

Mrs. Teets offered good luck to the Newton Varsity Field Hockey Team this Saturday as they play for the State Championship.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Couce read the following statement "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this Special Closed Session meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on January 5, 2024."

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Le Frois and seconded by Mrs. Diglio and unanimously carried, Council entered Executive Session at 7:46pm.

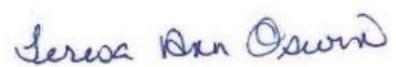
Upon motion by Mrs. Le Frois seconded by Mrs. Diglio and unanimously carried, Council exited Executive Session at 9:16pm.

Mr. Bernstein stated all members of the Council present at the commencement of the Executive Session are present at the re-commencement of the open session at 9:16pm, except Mr. Dickson, he attended via telephone and left at 9:00pm. Also present is the Town Attorney, Municipal Clerk, Teresa A. Oswin, and Town Manager, Thomas S. Russo, Jr. The extent of the discussion involved the Goals & Objectives for the Town Manager for 2024 and 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, upon a motion by Mrs. Diglio seconded by Deputy Mayor Le Frois and unanimously carried, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk