

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 Deputy Mayor Le Frois, Mrs. Teets, Mayor Couce, Teresa A. Oswin, Municipal Clerk, and Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager. Thomas Ferry, CMFO and Dominic DiYanni, Esq., Town Attorney, were also present. Mrs. Diglio attended via Zoom and Mr. Dickson was excused.

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."

PRESENTATIONS/SWEARING-IN

Michael Wolanski – Oath of Office (Lieutenant)

Mr. Russo read the following:

"Michael Wolanski was born and raised in New York to Margaret and Robert Wolanski. He attended Floral Park Memorial High School and studied accounting at Binghamton University before moving to Newton, in 1995. He worked as a financial analyst in Princeton and Mountain Lakes before embarking on a career in law enforcement.

In January 2001, Michael was sworn in as a full-time police officer by Chief John Tomasula. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2019 under Chief Robert E. Osborn, taking on responsibilities in firearms investigations, accreditation compliance, and community outreach programs such as the Youth Corps and Domestic Violence Response Team.

Michael married Lisa Perigino in 2012, and was immediately blessed with two step-sons, Michael and Jeffrey, and together they are proud grandparents to six grandchildren.

Now serving as lieutenant and head of operations, Michael considers it his greatest honor to lead the patrol division. He is privileged to work alongside the dedicated officers who courageously protect the public and uphold the trust and safety of the Town of Newton with unwavering commitment."

Mayor Couce administered the oath of office to Lieutenant Wolanski.

Lt. Wolanski thanked everyone for the honor and privilege of this promotion. He said it is very humbling. It is a testament to the guidance he received through the years from those that held the position before him. He is honored to follow in their footsteps. They set the bar pretty high, and he understands the importance of the position.

Steven Shawger – Oath of Office (Sergeant)

Mr. Russo read the following:

"Steven Shawger moved to Newton in 2004 and attended Newton High School, where he excelled in sports. He went on to William Paterson University, continuing his athletic career while earning a bachelor's degree in sociology. He worked locally as a manual labor until he joined the Newton Police Department in 2018, where he has worked in the patrol division dedicating himself to serving the community with professionalism and integrity."

Mayor Couce administered the oath of office to Sergeant Shawger.

Sgt. Shawger thanked the Town Council, Mr. Russo, his friends, family, the dispatchers, fellow officers for all their support.

Anthony Vitrano – Oath of Office (Patrolman)

Mr. Russo read the following:

“Anthony Vitrano brings with him a wealth of professional experience and a deep commitment to service. Raised in Vernon, New Jersey, he has always been driven by a strong sense of discipline and teamwork, which was cultivated during his years as a lifelong athlete and graduate of Vernon Township High School in 2014.

After high school, he continued his academic journey at Montclair State University, earning a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in 2018. His professional career initially took him into the fields of sales and information technology, where he honed his skills in communication, problem-solving, and leadership. Alongside his work in these industries, he also served as a High School football coach, demonstrating his dedication to mentoring young athletes and fostering a spirit of collaboration.

In September 2024, he graduated from the Passaic County Police Academy. With a deep-rooted desire to protect and serve, he has since been honored to join the Newton Police Department. Anthony is both proud and excited to continue his journey, serving the people of Newton with integrity, dedication, and a commitment to making a positive impact on the community.”

Mayor Couce administered the oath of office to Ptl. Vitrano.

Ptl. Vitrano thanked everyone for coming to support him. He knew from when he sat down for his first interview, Newton was the place he wanted to work.

Chief D’Annibale read the following:

“Good evening everyone,

First, Thank you to the Newton Town Council, Mayor Couce, and Town Manager Thomas Russo for your unwavering support of the Newton Police Department.

It is my honor to stand before you today as we celebrate the well-deserved promotion of two outstanding individuals who have shown exceptional dedication, leadership, and service to our community.

First, we recognize Michael Wolanski, who has been promoted to the rank of Police Lieutenant. Michael’s hard work, integrity, and commitment to the safety and well-being of those he serves have made a lasting impact on our department. He is not only a role model to his colleagues but a true leader who embodies the values we strive for every day. Michael, this promotion is a testament to your dedication and your ability to lead with both strength and compassion. We are excited to see you continue to guide our team toward even greater success.

Next, we honor Steven Shawger as he steps into the role of Police Sergeant. Steven has consistently demonstrated his exceptional skills, work ethic, and ability to inspire those around him. Whether in the field or in the department, Steven approaches each challenge with a calm and thoughtful demeanor. He has earned the trust of his colleagues and the respect of our community, and we know he will continue to rise to the occasion in his new leadership role.

Michael and Steven, this is a significant achievement, and we look forward to watching you both continue to grow and lead our department with the same dedication and excellence you’ve always shown.

We are also proud to welcome a new member to our team and our family— Patrolman Anthony Vitrano. This is a special moment for all of us, as we continue to build a strong and dedicated department that serves and protects our community with honor and pride.

Anthony, today marks the beginning of a new chapter in your career, and we are excited to see the passion and dedication you will bring to the role. From your training to your commitment to excellence, you've shown that you have the heart of a true public servant. As you take this oath and officially become a part of this department, know that you are not only joining a team of officers but a family that will support you every step of the way.

The road ahead will come with challenges, but I have no doubt that you will approach each one with courage, integrity, and the same determination that has brought you to this special moment. We are confident that you will make a positive impact on this department and the community we serve.

Congratulations, Lieutenant Wolanski, Sergeant Shawger, and Patrolman Vitrano."

Mayor Couce asked the Council if they would like to say a few words.

Mrs. Teets congratulated Lt. Wolanski, Sgt. Shawger, and Ptl. Vitrano. She went on to say one of her favorite things about being on the Town Council is the swearing-in ceremonies. She has watched many of the officers climb the ranks over the years and believes Newton has the best police department.

Deputy Mayor Le Frois stated she too believes Newton is the best police department. Some of their attributes are professionalism, high integrity, community first, embracing technology, and commitment to excellence. She congratulated Lt. Wolanski, and Sgt. Shawger, and welcomed Ptl. Vitrano.

Mayor Couce congratulated them all. He stated he first met Sgt. Shawger in 7th grade when he first moved to Newton, he gave him the tour of the school.

BREAK - Five (5) minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Le Frois, seconded by Mrs. Teets, the minutes for the November 13, 2024, (Town Manager's Annual Review) Executive Meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Upon motion by Mrs. Teets, seconded Deputy Mayor Le Frois the minutes for the November 25, 2024, Regular Meeting were unanimously 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.

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

DISCUSSION

Mr. Russo invited Jessica Caldwell, the Town Planner, to discuss the 4th Round of the Affordable Housing Obligation.

Ms. Caldwell reviewed her memo of December 5, 2024 entitled "Status of Affordable Housing – 4th Round Obligations". The memo gave background on the Town's prior Rounds and a timeline for 4th round compliance.

After a few questions, which Ms. Caldwell answered, the Council directed Mr. Russo to move forward following the steps in the timeline presented.

Mayor Couce thanked Ms. Caldwell for her time.

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Russo – relayed a message from the Town's Recycling Coordinator, Debbie Danielson, that stated the Town of Newton is participating in a PILOT program with SCMUA to accept hard Styrofoam. We are also accepting lightbulbs now. He thanked the Chamber for the great parade and Kimberly and crew for the wonderful tree lighting event. He advised the municipal offices will be closing at Noon on Friday, December 13th for the staff holiday party. The offices will also be closed on December 24th and December 25th. On December 31st offices will close at 3pm. The annual Reorganization meeting will take place on January 15th at Noon.

Councilmember Dickson – excused.

Councilmember Diglio – offered congratulations to the Lt. Wolanski, Sgt. Shawger, and Ptl. Vitrano. She gave a big thank you to the DPW and Police for their assistance with the Holiday Parade.

Councilmember Teets – she attended both the parade and tree lighting; they were great events. She received a lot of positive feedback from the public. She thanked all the Fire Departments and groups that participated this year in the parade. As this is Mayor Couce last meeting as Mayor, she said it has been a pleasure working with him.

Deputy Mayor Le Frois – she echoed what everyone else said about the parade. It was also *Small Business Saturday*; it was great seeing the shoppers on Spring Street after the parade. She wanted to acknowledge the great job being done on the social media posts promoting our local small businesses. She wanted to recognize Jack Smalley's passing; he was a long time caretaker at the Morris Lake Treatment Plant. This Saturday is the Senior Luncheon. She thanked Mayor Couce for a great year. Finally, she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Mayor Couce – stated it was a great year and thanked everyone for their support.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Couce read aloud the following Ordinance relative to adoption.

ORDINANCE 2024-33

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND WAGES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165 permits a municipality to determine salaries, wages, or compensation to be paid to the officers and employees of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council and Town Manager have made a careful examination of the salaries, wages, and compensation appropriate to compensate said Town employees and officers;

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

Section 1. The minimum and maximum hourly and annual salary ranges for each officer and employee of the Town of Newton are hereby fixed for calendar year 2025 as shown in Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto in accordance with §25-3 of the Code of the Town of Newton.

Section 2. Any officer or employee of the Town of Newton who is at any time receiving less than the maximum compensation or salary as hereinabove provided may be given a single increment of salary increase during the calendar year by the Town Manager at his discretion.

Section 3. The Town Manager of the Town of Newton may hire any new employee at any hourly or annual rate between the minimum and maximum salary provided for such office or position.

Section 4. Those employees at wage Level 9 serving in the position of Deputy Municipal Court Administrator may be compensated with a stipend of \$55.00 in lieu of 2 hours compensatory time for each court related call-out with written certification.

Section 5. Those officers and employees at wage Level 17 shall be paid their annual salary in equal quarterly payments during the last pay period of each quarter.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which may be inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

Section 7. If any chapter, article, division, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision of the Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect all remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage, approval, and publication after adoption by the Town Council and shall be effective January 1, 2025.

**TOWN OF NEWTON
ORDINANCE 2024-33
SCHEDULE "A"**

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>HOURLY</u>		<u>35 HRS / WK</u>		<u>40 HRS / WK</u>		<u>IRREGULAR HOURS ANNUALIZED</u>
	<u>MIN</u>	<u>MAX</u>	<u>MIN</u>	<u>MAX</u>	<u>MIN</u>	<u>MAX</u>	
1	\$15.25	\$22.00	\$27,755	\$40,040	\$31,720	\$45,760	
2	\$15.50	\$23.00	\$28,210	\$41,860	\$32,240	\$47,840	
3	\$16.00	\$28.00	\$29,120	\$50,960	\$33,280	\$58,240	
4	\$16.50	\$33.00	\$30,030	\$60,060	\$34,320	\$68,640	
5	\$17.00	\$36.00	\$30,940	\$65,520	\$35,360	\$74,880	
6	\$17.50	\$38.00	\$31,850	\$69,160	\$36,400	\$79,040	
7	\$18.00	\$39.00	\$32,760	\$70,980	\$37,440	\$81,120	
8	\$18.50	\$45.00	\$33,670	\$81,900	\$38,480	\$93,600	
9	\$19.00	\$50.00	\$34,580	\$91,000	\$39,520	\$104,000	
10	\$20.00	\$55.00	\$36,400	\$100,100	\$41,600	\$114,400	
11			\$38,000	\$105,000	\$43,000	\$145,000	
12			\$45,000	\$110,000	\$55,000	\$160,000	
13			\$50,000	\$115,000	\$60,000	\$175,000	
14			\$65,000	\$140,000	\$75,000	\$185,000	
15			\$70,000	\$165,000	\$80,000	\$195,000	
16							\$500 - \$9,000
17							\$2,500 - \$10,000
18							\$3,000 - \$45,000
19							\$10,000 - \$75,000

**TOWN OF NEWTON
ORDINANCE 2024-33
SCHEDULE "B"**

LEVEL 1
Intern
Recreation Assistant

LEVEL 2
Lifeguard
Swim Instructor

LEVEL 3
Custodian
Keyboarding Clerk I
School Traffic Guard
Secretary

LEVEL 4
Assistant Pool Manager
Code Enforcement Officer Trainee
Keyboarding Clerk II
Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee
Recreation Leader

LEVEL 5
Assessing Clerk
Assistant Animal Control Officer
Building Grounds Maintenance Worker
Fire Prevention Inspector
Laborer
Police Clerk
Pool Manager
Records Support Technician
Recreation Enforcement Officer
Sewer Laborer
Water Laborer
Water Meter Reader
Water/Sewer Collector

LEVEL 6
Equipment Operator
Omnibus Operator
Public Works Repairer
Recreation Coordinator
Recycling Foreman
Road Repairer
Sewer Repairer
Sewer Repairer 1/Water Repairer 1
Truck Driver
Water Repairer

LEVEL 7
Animal Control Officer
Code Enforcement Officer
Park Caretaker
Parking Meter Enforcer
Payroll Clerk

Public Safety Telecommunicator
Recreation Supervisor
Senior Sewer Repairer
Senior Water Repairer
Sewer Repairer 2
Sewer Repairer 2/Water Repairer 2
Special Police Officer
Water Repairer 2

LEVEL 8
Administrative Assistant
Court Attendant
Road Foreman
Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator
Sewer Foreman
Sewer Repairer Supervisor/Water Repairer Supervisor
Street Foreman
Water Foreman

LEVEL 9
Account Supervisor/Treasurer
Assistant Director of Public Works
Assistant Public Works Supervisor
Assistant Water/Sewer Supervisor
Certified Tax Collector/Tax Search Officer
Deputy Municipal Court Administrator
Planning/Zoning Administrator

LEVEL 10
Code Enforcement Director
Human Resources Director
Municipal Clerk
Municipal Court Administrator
Municipal Department Head
Sewer Plant Operator
Sewer Plant Operator/Water Plant Operator
Water Plant Operator

LEVEL 11
Director of Public Works
Police Patrolman
Public Works Supervisor
Water/Sewer Supervisor

LEVEL 12
Police Sergeant

LEVEL 13
Police Lieutenant

LEVEL 14
Water/Sewer Superintendent

LEVEL 15

Finance Director/Chief Municipal Finance Officer

Police Chief
Town Manager

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Electrical Subcode Official/Inspector
Emergency Management Coordinator
Fire Subcode Official
Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector
Registrar of Vital Statistics
Zoning Officer

LEVEL 16

Assistant Right-to-Know Coordinator
Deputy Municipal Clerk
Deputy Registrar
Deputy Right-to-Know Coordinator
Right-to-Know Coordinator

LEVEL 19

Community Development Director
Deputy Town Manager
Municipal Department Head
Tax Assessor

LEVEL 17

Council Member
Deputy Mayor
Mayor

LEVEL 18

Building Subcode Official/Inspector

Mayor Couce opened the meeting to the public.

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

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

Mr. Dickson	Excused	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 #286-2024*

“Appointment of a Public Defender for the Town of Newton for Calendar Year 2025”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has a need to acquire legal counsel for certain specific matters under non-fair and open contracts pursuant to provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20; and

WHEREAS, legal services are a professional service as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law and are, therefore, exempt from public bidding requirements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, Orlando R. Rodriguez, Esq. has expressed interest in serving as the Public Defender for the Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, Orlando R. Rodriguez, Esq. has indicated that all such services will be rendered to the Town of Newton on the bases of an annual fee of \$13,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Chief Financial Officer certifies funding will be available in the 2025 Municipal Current Budget;

WHEREAS, Orlando R. Rodriguez, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Town of Newton in the previous

one (1) year, and the contract will prohibit the professional from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for calendar year 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Newton authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement in duplicate with Orlando R. Rodriguez, Esq. as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a fully executed copy of this agreement be provided to Orlando R. Rodriguez, Esq. with a certified copy of this Resolution and advertised according to State Statute.

RESOLUTION #287-2024*

“Approving Revised Town of Newton Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has adopted a Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook (“Handbook”), which applies to all Town officials, appointees, employees, volunteers, and independent contractors, providing guidelines covering public service by Town employees, and is not a contract; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has completed a review, through its staff and legal professionals, of the Handbook and has determined that certain portions of the Handbook are in need of revision; and

WHEREAS, amendments and supplements to the Handbook become effective via resolution of the Town Council, per Ordinance 2013-34;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Handbook is hereby amended, as set forth in the copy of the Handbook dated December 2024 which is on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

RESOLUTION #288-2024*

“Authorize Credits Due Water and Sewer Utility Accounts”

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Collector has determined the following Water and Sewer Utility Accounts are due credits for the reasons stated;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Water and Sewer Collector is hereby authorized to credit the following accounts for amounts billed incorrectly due to the reason(s) stated:

CREDIT FOR AN ACCOUNT THAT SHOULD BE INACTIVE:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2400	20 Union Place	\$102.69

CREDIT FOR ACCOUNTS THAT SHOULD BE IN FINAL STATUS:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6980	6 Liberty Street	\$102.69
6997	6 ½ Liberty Street	\$102.69

RESOLUTION #289-2024*

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Stillwater (“Stillwater”) 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 Stillwater to provide the requested animal control services to Stillwater; 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 Stillwater to provide animal control services to Stillwater for the Period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION #290-2024*

"Approval of the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Branchville Borough to Provide Animal Control Services for Calendar Year 2025"

WHEREAS, the Borough of Branchville ("Branchville") 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 Branchville to provide the requested animal control services to Branchville; 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 Borough of Branchville to provide animal control services to Branchville for the Period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION #291-2024*

"Authorize the Mayor to Conduct Ceremonial Proceedings from January 1, 2025 through the January 15, 2025 Reorganization Meeting"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 authorizes the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor, when authorized by the Mayor, to conduct ceremonial proceedings; and

WHEREAS, there may be a need to conduct ceremonial proceedings between January 1, 2025 and the Town's reorganization meeting to be held at Noon on January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council wish to authorize the current Mayor John-Paul E. Couce to conduct said ceremonial proceedings during the aforementioned time period;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the current Mayor John-Paul E. Couce, and the current Deputy Mayor Helen R. Le Frois (if authorized by the current Mayor), to continue to conduct ceremonial proceedings as authorized and permitted for the period of January 1, 2025 through the Town of Newton's formal annual reorganization meeting at Noon on January 15, 2025.

RESOLUTION #292-2024*

“Authorizing the Sale of Brine Solution to Municipalities for Calendar Year 2025”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has the equipment necessary to make a brine solution which is used on roadways in preparation for inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, in the past, other municipalities have purchased the brine solution from the Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Council desires to authorize the sale of brine solution to other municipalities to the extent it is available, subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law authorizes the sale of items such as the brine solution to a local government agency in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2), without the need for bids or public auctions;

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

1. The Town of Newton may sell to other municipalities brine solution to the extent the Town of Newton has the solution available.
2. The DPW Supervisor or his designee shall be responsible for monitoring the quantities of brine solution sold and provide the information to the Town of Newton CFO or his/her designee for invoicing purposes.
3. The sale price of the brine solution at the time of this Resolution is \$0.80 per gallon; however, the Town of Newton reserves the right to adjust the sale price in the event the costs to the Town of Newton increase during the term of this Resolution. Upon receipt of the invoice, the purchasing municipality shall submit a purchase order or voucher to the Town of Newton. Payment of the invoice is expected within thirty (30) days of the invoice date.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Newton.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, or as such time as the Town Council modifies or repeals this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #293-2024*

“Appointment of Adam Vough as Municipal Representative to the Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Committee for 2025”

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton the Assistant Public Works Supervisor, Adam Vough, is hereby appointed as the municipality's representative to the Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to attend regular meetings of said Committee conducted on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00pm (or as otherwise scheduled) at the Sussex County Administrative Center at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if required, the Assistant Public Works Supervisor or his designee, may also attend workshop meetings of the Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chairman of the Sussex County SWAC.

RESOLUTION #294-2024*

“Appointment of Michael Awertschenko as Municipal Representative to the Sussex County Water Quality Policy Advisory Committee for 2025”

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Licensed Water Operator, Michael Awertschenko, is hereby appointed as the municipality's representative to the Sussex County Water Quality Policy Advisory Committee for 2025 and will attend regular meetings of said Committee conducted on the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:30pm (or as otherwise scheduled) at the Sussex County Administrative Center on One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if required, Newton's Licensed Water Operator or his designee may also attend workshop meetings of the Sussex County Water Quality Policy Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chairman of the Sussex Water Quality PAC.

RESOLUTION #295-2024*

“Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer for Calendar Year 2025”

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Thomas M. Ferry, Chief Municipal Financial Officer for the Town of Newton, is hereby designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Town of Newton for 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the NJ Department of Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity, as requested by said agency.

RESOLUTION #296-2024*

“Designate the Town Manager as the National Organization on Disability Representative for Calendar Year 2025”

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Manager has historically been appointed as the National Organization of Disability representative for the Town of Newton;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Newton Town Manager, Thomas S. Russo, Jr., is hereby appointed as the National Organization on Disability representative for the Town of Newton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Town of Newton and the Newton Town Manager are authorized to sign any documents that may be required by the National Organization on Disability to confirm this appointment.

RESOLUTION #297-2024*

“Appointment of Keith Mitchell as Risk Management Consultant for the Town of Newton for Calendar Year 2025”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund;" and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the "Fund" has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the "Local Unit," in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Town of Newton hereby appoints Keith Mitchell as its local Risk Management Consultant.
2. The Newton Town Manager, Newton Municipal Clerk, and Risk Management Consultant, and any other appropriate "Local Unit" officials, are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the year 2025 in the form attached hereto.

RESOLUTION #298-2024*

"Appointment of Fund Commissioner for the Statewide Insurance Fund for Calendar Year 2025"

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton (hereinafter "Local Unit") is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Town of Newton that Thomas S. Russo, Jr. is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Jennifer A. Dodd is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

RESOLUTION #299-2024*

"Authorizing Award of a Municipal Prosecutor in a Fair and Open Manner"

WHEREAS, a need exists for the hiring of a Municipal Prosecutor for calendar year 2025 as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, the Town advertised and received proposals in a fair and open manner consistent with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et. Seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Town received one (1) RFP response from Law Offices of Chirag D. Mehta, LLC on October 2, 2024, in a fair and open manner, in the amount of \$31,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Chief Financial Officer certifies funding will be available in the 2025 Municipal Current Budget;

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

1. That the Town Council of the Town of Newton hereby awards Chirag D. Mehta, Esq. of the Law Offices of Chirag D. Mehta LLC, the position of Municipal Prosecutor for the Town of Newton for calendar year 2025 in amount of \$31,000.00 per year.

RESOLUTION #300-2024*

“Appointment of James Pomaco, Esq., as the Town of Newton’s Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for Calendar Year 2025”

WHEREAS, Chirag D. Mehta, Esq., serving as the Town of Newton’s Municipal Prosecutor for calendar year 2025, has indicated an Alternate Municipal Prosecutor may be needed occasionally by the Town of Newton during calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, James Pomaco, Esq., has expressed an interest in serving as Newton’s Alternate Municipal Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, compensation of said services and supervision will be the sole responsibility of Chirag D. Mehta, Esq. when an Alternate Municipal Prosecutor is utilized in his absence; and

WHEREAS, legal services are a professional service as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law and are, therefore, exempt from public bidding requirements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that we hereby appoint James Pomaco, Esq., as the Town of Newton’s Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for the calendar year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to James Pomaco, Esq., Chirag D. Mehta, Esq., Carolyn Murray, Acting Sussex County Prosecutor, and the Town of Newton Municipal Judge, the Hon. Michael A. Carlucci.

RESOLUTION #301-2024*

“Appointment of John Grey, Esq., as the Town of Newton’s Alternate Public Defender for Calendar Year 2025”

WHEREAS, Orlando R. Rodriguez, Esq., serving as the Town of Newton’s Public Defender in calendar year 2025, has indicated an Alternate Public Defender may be needed occasionally by the Town of Newton during calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, John Grey, Esq., has expressed an interest in serving as Newton’s Alternate Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, compensation of said services and supervision will be the sole responsibility of Orlando R. Rodriguez, Esq. when an Alternate Public Defender is utilized in his absence; and

WHEREAS, legal services are a professional service as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law and are, therefore, exempt from public bidding requirements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that we hereby appoint John Grey, Esq., as the Town of Newton’s Alternate Public Defender for the calendar year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to John Grey, Esq., Orlando R. Rodriguez, Esq., Carolyn Murray, Acting Sussex County Prosecutor, and the Town of Newton Municipal Judge, the Hon. Michael A. Carlucci.

RESOLUTION #302-2024*

“Designating Deputy Custodian of Public Records”

WHEREAS, the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. provides public access to local government records; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Records Act further provides that in municipal government the Municipal Clerk shall be the custodian of records; and

WHEREAS, many public officials, officers, or employees have an inherent record-keeping duty and responsibility in maintaining specific types of local government records; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Records Act allows the Municipal Clerk to name deputy custodians of records to assist in the handling of, and responsibility for, public records;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton that in order to facilitate speedy citizen access, efficiency in administration, and compliance with government record access law, and with the concurrence of the Newton Municipal Clerk, the **Lieutenant of the Operations Division in the Police Department** is hereby designated to serve as Deputy Custodian of Public Records in the performance of their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. in relation to matters involving the Town of Newton Police Department.

RESOLUTION #303-2024*

“Resolution Rejecting All Proposals for Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Rebid”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton received proposals for Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Rebid, on December 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town received one (1) bid response from Montana Construction Corp. in the amount of \$1,244,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A.40A:11-13.2(a) allows for rejection when the Town receives bids wherein the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the bid submitted by Montana Construction Corp., in the amount of \$1,244,000.00, is hereby rejected under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a).

RESOLUTION #304-2024*

“Resolution Authorizing Negotiations for Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has gone to public bid two (2) times for the Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Town duly advertised for bids and bids were to be opened on October 29, 2024, where no bids were received, and December 3, 2024 where the lowest bid substantially exceeded budget estimates; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(3)) allows for negotiations subsequent to two (2) rejected or non-received bids;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, Sussex County, that the recommendation is hereby accepted, and the Newton Town Manager, Newton Chief Financial Officer, Design Engineer, and Qualified Purchasing Agent are authorized to enter into negotiations with contractors under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11- 5(3) which correspond to available funding.

RESOLUTION #305-2024*

“Authorize Remittance (Cancellation) of 2024 Taxes; Block 4.02, Lot 20”

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Assessor has indicated that during the remapping of the Town Block 4.02, Lot 20 also known as High Street Rear and assessed to “Unknown Owner” represents a “void” in the tax map; and

WHEREAS, this property currently has unpaid taxes for the year 2024 for the total amount of \$27.27; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined that the taxes in the amount of \$27.27 for the tax year 2024 are uncollectible and are unable to be sold in the annual tax sale and the amount must be remitted (cancelled);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges the taxes for the year 2024 are uncollectible and must be remitted (cancelled); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tax Collector be authorized to remit (cancel) taxes for the year 2024 in the total amount of \$27.27 for Block 4.02, Lot 20.

RESOLUTION #306-2024* AND AGREEMENT

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Municipal Court Judge to be appointed to represent the Town of Newton, Green Township, and Fredon Township through the shared court services agreement with respect to municipal matters, for calendar years 2025 and 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has provided funds in the Municipal Budget for expenditures pertaining to said court matters, and the funds have been certified as being available by the Newton Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Carlucci, Esq., has indicated all such services will be rendered to the Town of Newton for the 2025 and 2026 calendar years, which the Newton Town Council deems fair and equitable for said professional services the fees set forth below:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Newton	\$40,205.00	\$41,009.00
Green Township & Fredon Township	Separate Agreement	Separate Agreement

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “professional services” without competitive bids, and the contracts themselves, must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carlucci agrees to incorporate into this contract the mandatory

language of subsection 3.4(a) of the Regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time and agrees to comply with the terms, provisions, and obligations of said subsection 3.4(a) provided that said subsection shall be applied subject to the terms of subsection 3.4(a) of said Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Mr. Carlucci agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory language of section 5.3 of the Regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127 as amended and supplemented from time to time and agree to comply with the terms, provisions, and obligations of said section 5.3;

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

1) The Mayor and Clerk of the Town of Newton are hereby authorized and directed to execute a duplicate of this Resolution which shall act as the authorization and agreement between the Town of Newton and Michael A. Carlucci, Esq., providing for his retention as Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Newton for calendar years 2025 and 2026.

2) The services to be rendered by Mr. Carlucci shall be on a yearly basis, as sought by the Town of Newton, Green Township, and Fredon Township. Separate agreements with payment terms for Mr. Carlucci's work for Green Township and Fredon Township will be signed by the Newton Town Manager on behalf of the Town of Newton.

3) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1(1) (a) of the Local Public Contracts Law, because Mr. Carlucci is a licensed attorney of the State of New Jersey and, as such, is duly qualified as a professional to carry out the subject services which are expressly exempt from the Local Public Contracts bidding requirements.

4) Political Contribution Disclosure. This contract has been awarded to Michael A. Carlucci, Esq., based on the merits and abilities of Mr. Carlucci to provide the goods or services as described herein. This contract was not awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 *et seq.* As such, the undersigned does hereby attest that he and all those who control in excess of 10% of the law firm in which he is a member has neither made a contribution that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A., 19:44a-8 or 19:44a-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the Town of Newton, County of Sussex if a member of that political party is serving an elective public office of that Town when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of the Town when the contract is awarded.

5) Notice of this action shall be published once in the *New Jersey Herald*.

RESOLUTION #307-2024*

"Authorizing the Execution of a Treatment Works Permit Application"

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Merriam Avenue/Sussex Street Pump Station "Consolidated Pump Station" project, the Town of Newton is required to submit a Treatment Works Approval Permit Application (TWA) to the New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"); and

WHEREAS, said TWA will be completed by Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, LLC (PS&S); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires a Resolution from the Town of Newton authorizing the execution and submission of the TWA;

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

1. The TWA for the Merriam Avenue/Sussex Street Pump Station "Consolidated Pump Station" project and the submission of the completed TWA for said project is adopted, authorized, approved, and ratified by the Mayor and Town Council.
2. The Newton Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #308-2024*

"Approval Extension of Contract Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co., Inc Bid 13R-2022 Sludge Hauling"

WHEREAS, there is a need for sludge hauling services in the Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton approved through Resolution #50-2023, a two (2) year contract award to Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 allows for two (2), one (1) year extensions to bid contracts, or one (1), two (2) year extension to bid contracts; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town to extend the bid contract awarded through Resolution #50-2023 for an additional two (2) years under the tenets as found within Bid 13R-2022; and

WHEREAS, subject to approval of future budgets by the Governing Body of the Town of Newton, the Newton Chief Financial Officer certifies funding will be available;

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

Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co., Inc is authorized to enter a two (2) year contract extension from the date of this authorization to provide for sludge hauling services in accordance with the auspices as contractually set forth within Bid 13R-2022.

RESOLUTION #309-2024*

"Resolution Amending Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Water and Sewer Project Consulting Services"

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has previously awarded a contract for Professional Engineering Services to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., with a principal place of business located at 96 U.S. Highway 206, Suite 101, Flanders, New Jersey 07836 (hereinafter referred to as "SCE") with respect to engineering services; and

WHEREAS, A Contract Amendment is required to amend the SCE professional services contract with the Town to include Water and Sewer Project Consulting Services including Consulting with the Newton Chief Municipal Finance Officer regarding I-BANK requirements, which were not part of the scope of services for the original contract, for a total additional services not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

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

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 hereby authorizes the execution of a Contract Amendment dated December 9, 2024, with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., for the total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, which said Contract Amendment is incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Town of Newton Chief Financial Officer, Town of Newton Engineer, and to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.

RESOLUTION #310-2024*

“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
Town Council – Other Expenses	\$200.00	Engineering – Other Expenses	\$12,200.00
Road Repair & Maintenance – Other Expenses	\$1,000.00		
Road Repair & Maintenance – Salaries and Wages	\$11,000.00		
TOTAL	\$12,200.00	TOTAL	\$12,200.00

RESOLUTION #311-2024*

“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

Vendor Name	Vendor #		Amount
12060	2939	- AA FENCE CO., INC.	\$75.00
12061	4897	- ABBEY GLEN	\$430.00
12062	4834	- ACE SERVICE GROUP	\$370.00
12063	1846	- ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$2,928.56
12064	3006	- AG CHOICE, LLC.	\$735.00
12065	2592	- AG PIZZA INC.	\$120.00
12066	921	- AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$462.50
12067	3753	- ALCOCK KATHERINE	\$30.00
12068	4432	- ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS LLC	\$485.02
12069	3897	- AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$2,859.43
12070	3897	- AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$1,828.89
12071	3897	- AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$130.96
12072	4473	- APP COLONY INC. dba MAKESHIFT	\$570.08

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12073	4744	- APPRAISAL SYSTEMS INC.	\$10,000.00
12074	3793	- ATLANTIC PLUMBING SUPPLY INC.	\$1,756.00
12075	2757	- ATLANTIC TACTICAL INC.	\$1,332.80
12076	4662	- BELLIS JUSTIN	\$118.67
12077	2429	- BLACK LAGOON INC.	\$100.00
12078	3355	- BRAEN STONE SPARTA	\$4,631.76
12079	300	- BRIGHTSPEED	\$125.85
12080	3893	- CAMPBELL SUPPLY OF SUSSEX CTY LLC	\$68.99
12081	3015	- CAPITOL SUPPLY CONST PRODUCTS, INC.	\$731.01
12082	4706	- CARLUCCI, MICHAEL	\$3,707.30
12083	3770	- CINTAS	\$444.22
12084	4147	- CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC.	\$1,420.32
12085	1632	- COOPER ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	\$102.84
12086	155	- COYNE CHEMICAL CORP., INC.	\$3,886.90
12087	4827	- CTS LANGUAGE LINK	\$78.60
12088	3389	- CUSTOM BANDAG INC.	\$1,216.00
12089	4873	- DENTCO	\$530.96
12090	2386	- DOMINICK'S PIZZA LLC	\$290.00
12091	2386	- DOMINICK'S PIZZA LLC	\$165.00
12092	2136	- DRAEGER, INC.	\$194.50
12093	419	- DUKE'S ROOT SERVICE, INC.	\$7,385.12
12094	106	- ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	\$484.27
12095	4775	- ENGIE POWER & GAS LLC #411330	\$3,321.26
12096	225	- FEDERAL EXPRESS	\$18.77
12097	2525	- FIREFIGHTER ONE, LLC.	\$257.40
12098	4635	- FRANKLIN SUSSEX AUTO MALL, INC.	\$81.63
12099	3318	- FREDON ANIMAL HOSPITAL	\$127.25
12100	4724	- GANNETT NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY LOCALIQ	\$444.66
12101	200	- GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES INC	\$9,005.00
12102	4540	- GINA MARIA JONES	\$200.00
12103	4506	- GLENN C KIENZ	\$800.00
12104	4398	- GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS LLC	\$1,149.41
12105	789	- GNCC	\$960.00
12106	2978	- GRAINGER, INC.	\$833.40
12107	2313	- GRAVITY DESIGN WORKS, INC.	\$1,175.00
12108	3804	- HAYDEE BALLESTER	\$150.00
12109	230	- HAYEK'S MARKET INC.	\$40.21
12110	4337	- HFE SERVICES LLC	\$7,696.20
12111	4679	- HOLMES JAMES	\$75.00
12112	4679	- HOLMES JAMES	\$75.00
12113	1866	- HOME DEPOT, INC.	\$207.88
12114	1345	- IACP - MEMBERSHIP	\$190.00
12115	69	- INST FOR FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY, INC.	\$550.00
12116	332	- J & D SALES & SERVICE,LLC.	\$250.00
12117	3235	- J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	\$217.50
12118	1271	- JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC	\$3,692.97
12119	113	- JCP&L	\$38,818.68
12120	3067	- JERSEY SHIRTS & DESIGNS	\$410.00
12121	3772	- JK HVAC SERVICE, LLC.	\$906.31
12122	2569	- KIEFFER ELECTRIC, INC.	\$2,099.81
12123	3711	- KKPR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS,	\$1,000.00
12124	266	- LAFAYETTE AUTO PARTS	\$332.84
12125	4658	- LAW OFFICE OF ORLANDO R RODRIGUEZ, LLC.	\$1,333.55
12126	4356	- LENOVO	\$3,010.99
12127	2848	- LEYMAN ROY	\$275.00
12128	2300	- LOWE'S, INC.	\$373.59
12129	1566	- MAIN POOL & CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.	\$9,568.00

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12130	3308	- MASON-WILLIAMS, KIMBERLY	\$310.16
12131	1141	- MCGUIRE, INC.	\$89.70
12132	62	- MGL FORMS - SYSTEMS, LLC.	\$728.00
12133	4877	- MI RANCHO MEXICAN STEAK HOUSE	\$1,800.00
12134	4381	- MID-AMERICAN ELEVATOR CO., INC.	\$1,030.00
12135	53	- MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY, INC.	\$4,315.73
12136	4334	- NAME BADGES, INC.	\$48.28
12137	3847	- NAPA	\$1,603.29
12138	170	- NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$1,155,371.40
12139	4154	- NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL	\$115.00
12140	2456	- NIELSEN FORD	\$247.46
12141	4655	- NISIVOCCIA LLP	\$12,750.00
12142	4383	- OPTIMUM	\$79.85
12143	1751	- OSWIN TERESA ANN	\$26.48
12144	4220	- Peter Bond	\$300.00
12145	4204	- PLANET NETWORKS INC.	\$4,385.70
12146	39	- QUILL CORPORATION	\$292.98
12147	1250	- RAFTERY, VIRGINIA	\$250.51
12148	4203	- RAPID PUMP	\$70,044.60
12149	4425	- Reliance Standard Life Insurance Co	\$453.28
12150	1872	- RR DONNELLEY	\$426.00
12151	126	- SCMUA	\$716.81
12152	4830	- SEARCH GEEK SOLUTIONS LLC	\$1,416.67
12153	2145	- SEELY BROTHERS, INC.	\$166.00
12154	4165	- SF MOBILE-VISION, INC.	\$4,964.00
12155	4644	- SIEGEL, STEVEN M.	\$2,875.00
12156	4761	- SMARSH INC.	\$1,637.10
12157	4633	- SOROKA, ERIC	\$118.67
12158	2257	- STAPLES	\$286.32
12159	146	- STATE OF NEW JERSEY - PWT	\$449.12
12160	4144	- SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	\$24,207.85
12161	2056	- SUBURBAN PROPANE, LP.	\$5,244.78
12162	3442	- SUNLIGHT GENERAL	\$1,129.80
12163	102	- SUSSEX CAR WASH INC	\$184.00
12164	3603	- SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$150.00
12165	130	- SUSSEX COUNTY P & H, INC.	\$74.58
12166	371	- T.A. MOUNTFORD COMPANY, INC.	\$700.00
12167	4712	- TANKEL JESSICA	\$263.50
12168	3851	- THE CANNING GROUP, LLC.	\$708.37
12169	2781	- THE CHILLA BUSINESS COUNSEL	\$2,108.00
12170	676	- THE EQUITABLE	\$56,470.00
12171	4844	- Thomas M. Ferry	\$219.29
12172	2880	- TRACTOR SUPPLY	\$296.20
12173	293	- TREASURER, PETTY CASH FUND	\$148.58
12174	1151	- TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	\$1,900.00
12175	219	- TRI-STATE RENTALS, INC.	\$650.73
12176	4767	- TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES CORP	\$8,625.04
12177	3027	- ULINE	\$3,402.21
12178	4152	- UNITED SITE SERVICES, INC	\$9,778.86
12179	1158	- VISION SERVICE PLAN	\$1,303.74
12180	2635	- W.B. MASON, INC.	\$275.19
12181	1500	- WALMART	\$290.67
12182	2657	- WEATHER WORKS, INC.	\$2,071.00
12183	3726	- WITMIR PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, INC.	\$319.98
12184	4883	- X HOCKEY PRODUCTS	\$3,205.00
12185	4568	- XFCOMPUTERS, LLC	\$2,890.40
12186	231	- ZEP MANUFACTURING COMPANY CORP.	\$264.99
TOTAL			\$1,533,624.73

RESOLUTION #312-2024*

“Authorize Cancellation of Interest on Taxes; Block 10.01, Lot 4.02”

WHEREAS, 123 Water Urban Renewal, LLC owns Block 10.01, Lot 4.02; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Agreement in the first year did not take into consideration there were no prior year taxes to credit back to the Payment in Lieu of Taxes per N.J.S.A. 40A:20-12. Therefore, all the payments were not posted to Taxes but instead posted to Miscellaneous Revenue and interest was accrued to Taxes in the amount of \$1,817.73. A reclassification of the PILOT receipt was posted to taxes; therefore, no interest should be charged; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined the 2024 interest amount to be cancelled is \$1,817.73;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Governing Body acknowledges that interest in the amount of \$1,817.73 needs to be cancelled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel Interest on 2024 taxes in the amount of \$1,817.73.

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

Mr. Dickson	Excused	Mrs. Diglio (abstain on Resolution #287-2024)	Yes
Mrs. Le Frois	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
	Mayor Couce (abstain on Resolution Check #12145)	Yes	

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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 COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Le Frois asked Mr. Russo to extend her appreciation and thanks to all the staff, including Mr. Russo, and volunteers for all the work they do every day throughout the year.

Mrs. Teets stated Saturday is *Wreathes Across America*, at Noon and the Old Newton Burial Grounds.

Mrs. Diglio wished everyone a Happy and Holy Holiday.

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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 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk