

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held in person and via Zoom on the above date at 7:00pm. Present were Mr. Couce, Mrs. Diglio, Mrs. Teets, Deputy Mayor Dickson, Mayor Le Frois, Kathryn E. Alcock, Deputy Municipal Clerk, and Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager. Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., Town Attorney was also present.

Mayor Le Frois led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Deputy Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Le Frois then made the following declaration "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this Regular meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on January 3, 2025."

### **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Russo read the following: *"Born and raised in Newton, New Jersey, Patrolman Posey is a proud product of the local community. He attended Merriam Avenue School, Halsted Middle School, and graduated from Newton High School in 2018. Continuing his dedication to public service, he earned his Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from County College of Morris in 2020. Patrolman Posey began his career with the Town of Newton in March 2019 as a Telecommunicator. In January 2025, he furthered his commitment to law enforcement by attending the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy. His interest in public safety was solidified early on, attending the New Jersey State Police Trooper Youth Week Class 103 in the summer of 2016. He brings dual experience in emergency services and emergency management, having successfully completed the New Jersey Emergency Manager 1 program in 2022. Outside of the Police Department, Patrolman Posey is an active and passionate volunteer. Since 2014, he has served with the Newton First Aid Squad. He started as a cadet and worked his way up to his current leadership position as Operations Manager, where he oversees the day-to-day functions of the squad. When he's not in uniform, Posey can be found on the soccer field, serving as a head coach and mentoring young athletes. Whether guiding his team to victory or helping them grow through challenges, his dedication to youth and community remains at the forefront of everything he does."*

Mayor Le Frois administered the oath of office to Patrolman Brandon Posey while his girlfriend held the Bible. His girlfriend affixed his badge.

Patrolman Posey read the following statement: *"I want to thank you all for being here today. I want to thank my family for all their support. You stood by me every step of the way. As many of you know this didn't happen for me over night. But here we are today. I also want to thank the Town Council and Town Manager for giving me this incredible opportunity to continue serving my community. Eleven years ago, when I first began my journey here in the Town, I knew this is where I wanted to be. I knew law enforcement was my true calling, giving me the ability to help my Town in so many ways. It has been not only the Town I wanted to serve but the Town that raised me and gave*

me so much. Before I finish, I'd like to give a special thanks to Lieutenant Michael Wolanski for giving me not one but two great outstanding mentors. He gave me Sergeant Stephen Shawger and Patrolman Garrett Armstrong. Both showed me what excellent policing looks like and taught me the importance of always staying sharp. I am truly grateful to both of you for helping me to get where I am today. This is a tremendous honor, and I look forward to the years to come with both of you."

Chief D'Annibale stated "It's my honor to officially welcome and congratulate Brandon Posey the newest member of the Newton Police Department. Brandon's journey is one that truly represents what it means to serve your community. Born and raised right here in Newton he is a proud product of our schools, our programs, and our Town. From his early involvement with the Newton First Aid Squad to his work as a dispatcher here with the Newton Police Department he has consistently shown a deep commitment to helping others. He brings with him not only valuable experience in emergency services but also a strong sense of leadership and community spirit. His continued dedication whether through public safety, volunteering, mentoring young athletes, speaks volumes about his character and his devotion to making Newton a better place. Patrolman Posey is a fine example of the next generation of police officers. Individuals that care deeply about their Town and the people in it. On behalf of the entire Department, I want to congratulate him on this well-deserved appointment and welcome him proudly into the Police Department."

Mayor Le Frois opened the meeting to her fellow council members for their comments.

Councilmember Couce stated "Patrolman Posey, pleasure to meet, you're welcome to the Town. Hopefully you find it to your liking and that you can find a way to work with all these fine young men and women in the department. In all seriousness I've had the pleasure of knowing Brandon since he was five years old. He was this tall I was this tall. In that time, it's been a great honor and pleasure to watch him develop as a young man not only professionally but in all of the endeavors that he engages in. He's my right hand man at the squad and I'm happy to see him embark on his next journey. Everyone is here. We have members of the Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, and members of your own soccer team who came here to support you in your endeavor tonight. So, congratulations and welcome aboard."

Councilmember Diglio stated "Like Councilman Couce I have known Brandon for a long time, but even longer since I've known him since he was born. He was my cadet. I trained him as a cadet, and he did extremely well. I knew he was going to go places from a long time ago. I am very proud of him, and I wish him the best and I congratulate him on this. Thank you so much for being who you are."

Councilmember Teets stated "Congratulations. I probably have known you for the last five years. It is great to see the next generation of officers coming on. It's good to see hometown officers. I mentioned at the last School Board meeting that you were going to

*be sworn in, and a lot of people had nice things to say. I just have a quick story about the bag program that we did at ShopRite Bagging For Hunger. I always thought I knew a lot of people, but EVERYBODY knew Brandon and if they didn't know him, they knew his mother. It was just a really good interaction and I'm sure your rest of your career will be the same and wish you good luck and stay safe."*

Deputy Mayor Dickson stated "Brandon, obviously congratulations. This is great to see a home grown officer continue their service. I've known you for a while now dealing with you with the squad and you've just always been dedicated. You've shown leadership. You're a great example. I'm very happy to welcome you to the ranks of the Police Department."

Mayor Le Frois stated "*Patrolman Posey, officially welcome. We know your commitment and dedication to the Town through all of the efforts that have been described tonight. But even in the time that you've been on the force and the department we've already seen you in action. The officers before you have already entrusted you in the work that you have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate. I don't have to tell you that you join a storied history of wonderful officers who are dedicated to this community, and I know that you will continue to make your family proud and our community proud. When one makes a decision to give of themselves to be of service to their community that is no small dedication and commitment and act of valor. I also do want to recognize your family and your loved ones who have supported you in all of your efforts to get to this point. I have no doubt that you will continue to grow in experience, in skill, in leadership capabilities under the current leadership and everyone that's in this room and those that couldn't make it into a long future here. I hope that 20 some years from now you'll be retiring in the same badge number as your one and only department here in the Town of Newton. I just want to thank you for your long service already and your dedication and commitment to the service that you'll provide going forward. So welcome and congratulations."*

## **DISCUSSION**

Cory Stoner, Municipal Engineer from Harold Pellow & Associates was onsite to discuss his memos on 4-Way Stops (All-Way Stops), Linwood Annex, and the West End Avenue speed limit.

Mr. Russo indicated that Mr. Stoner's office has prepared memos upon his direction on several issues that now require Council feedback and direction.

Mr. Stoner described the first items. The need for 4-Way stops at both Paterson/Merriam Avenues and Moran/E. Clinton Streets. He reviewed them under the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines. It is his opinion that a 4-Way Stop is warranted at both locations due to sight distance, traffic volume, and pedestrian issues. To do this you will need to adopt an Ordinance.

After brief discussion, the Councilmembers agreed with Mr. Stoner's assessment. They would also like public notice be made on the website, social media, and a message board a few weeks ahead. Two stop signs will also be used on both sides of the street.

The Police Department and Department of Public Works agree with converting both locations to 4-Way Stops.

Mr. Stoner discussed the second item, the West End Avenue/County Route 519 speed limit. This was brought to the Town's attention by a resident who feels it is too high for the residential area. It is currently 35 mph. There are no sidewalks for pedestrians to walk on which means the pedestrians have to walk in the road. This makes it more dangerous. Since it is a County road, we can recommend to the County that a study be done to see if a reduction in speed is warranted. Because the County receives similar requests for so many roads in the area, they suggest the Town adopts a Resolution recommending the study be done. The study will include analysis and speed calculations.

After brief discussion, the Councilmembers agreed this area can be dangerous and the Town should adopt a Resolution to recommend that the County order a study.

Mr. Stoner gave an overview of the third item, Linwood Annex. He explained that several months ago we changed Linwood Annex from a two-way to a one-way street. After this change was made, it was brought to light that a utility pole in the driveway of one of the residents was making it extremely challenging, if not impossible, to pull out of the driveway. After onsite research and discussion with the utility company and other residents, Mr. Stoner has determined that it is best for all involved to remove the one-way status of Linwood Annex and return it to its original 2-way state.

After discussion the Councilmembers agreed an Ordinance should be adopted to make this change. They would also like a "No Thru Traffic" sign be installed to discourage traffic cutting through from Liberty or Church Streets. The Police Department and Public Works agreed with this assessment. An Ordinance is also needed to add the "No Thru Traffic" sign. If there are any other streets the sign is need, they should be added. Mr. Couce suggested Jefferson Street and Washington Street. Mr. Stoner will investigate.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mr. Dickson and all those present voting to approve, the regular minutes for the September 10, 2025 and the September 22, 2025 meetings were unanimously approved as presented.

Upon motion by Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mr. Dickson and approved by Mr. Couce, Mr. Dickson, and Mayor Le Frois, the executive session minutes for the September 10, 2025, meeting was approved. Mrs. Diglio and Mrs. Teets abstained.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

At this time, Mayor Le Frois 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 Le Frois opened the meeting to the public.

1<sup>st</sup> Public: Patrick Fahy expressed his gratitude to the Police Department for their support in monitoring the speed on West End Avenue and to the Council for pursuing the speed reduction with the County. From High Street to Douma is the biggest concern. He lives in this area and feels it is necessary.

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

## **COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS**

**Town Manager Russo** – noted four Proclamations. First, recognizing Tyler Casper as an Eagle Scout. Second is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Third is Domestic Violence Prevention Month. Fourth is Dyslexia Awareness Month. He also mentioned that he attended a virtual NJ Film Commission meeting, seeing that Newton is now certified as Film Ready. He shared some interesting facts from the meeting. There were 556 projects in the State last year for filming totaling \$833 million. The number one studio is Netflix with \$358 million. Disney and Fox One are \$176 million, followed by Apple TV. Next fun fact there are 295 unique filming towns in the State of New Jersey. Movies make up 70% of the genre breakdown. Series and miniseries are 30%. The top filming towns in North Jersey are Newark and Jersey City. In Central are Plainfield and Elizabeth. In South are Atlantic City and Lower Township. Productions with the most filming locations are “A Complete Unknown” with 56, “The Beast in Me” with 46, and “Happy Gilmore 2” with 45. Speaking of Happy Gilmore 2, New Jersey's single biggest qualified spend with cast and crew costing \$50 million, location fees \$18 million, set design \$8 million, extras \$6 million, catering and meals \$1.4 million, car rentals \$1.3 million, hotels and housing \$1.2 million, picture vehicles \$1 million, ground transportation \$800,000, and police and firemen \$528,000. Very interesting and great group of individuals on the Commission. We also received in the past week our Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification so kudos to everybody involved with that. Jessica's office did a lot of work on that for us. Last but not least I asked Michael Callahan from the Department of Community Affairs to come to the October 27th Council meeting to talk about our Homelessness Task Force efforts. Also joining will be Barry Dreger who's the consultant I brought on board. There has been a lot of effort going into this. A lot of resources are going into this. Just on Friday alone we housed two individuals. It took about three hours. Kudos to everybody.

**Councilman Couce** – nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Diglio** – she has been working on the Holiday Parade. It is coming along nicely. She attended the show, River View, with Prime Time Seniors today. Prime Time Seniors is growing. Anyone 55 and older are welcome to join.

**Councilwoman Teets** – noted that she joined the Recreation Commission at Liberty Towers this week for the pumpkin painting event. It was a lot of fun. Lots of talented artists. Her husband Ken turns 55 soon and plans to join Prime Time Seniors. She attended the School Board meeting where Leena Garris was honored for her perfect score on the State test. Leena sounds like a really good student and friend, and she looks forward to seeing where Leena goes in the future. The student liaison for the Board gave her report on all the wonderful things the sports teams are doing. It's been spirit week. This Friday night is the Homecoming game, and their Homecoming dance is on Saturday. The girl's field hockey team won tonight. Also, Newton Pride partnered with the Newton Recreation Committee to sponsor a 5K next Saturday, 10/25. There's still time to register online or come see her at 7am that morning when she is working registration. She mentioned the Recycling Center and all the improvements there. She attended the shredding event over the weekend. It is very impressive. Compliments to DPW and Debbie Danielson for her efforts. Debbie always gets excited about talking about how much tonnage. People can really take probably almost 80% or more of their household waste and it just keeps growing with upcoming renovations in the works. She and the Mayor both attended the RMC Performance ribbon cutting at 99 Moran St. on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Very nice owners and a really impressive garage area they have there where they'll be fixing motorcycles and ATVs. We welcome them and wish them a lot of good luck.

**Deputy Mayor Dickson** – mentioned the October Planning Board meeting is canceled due to lack of business. He noted that the work being done on the Homelessness Task Force so far is incredible. Barry Dreger, Mike Callahan, and Jessica Caldwell have all been instrumental in moving this forward. As well as Mr. Russo and the Police Department. He is impressed with how humanely and compassionately everything is being done. He is proud with how we are handling it and that we are a great example for the rest of the County. He looks forward to the presentation so the rest of the Council can hear it.

**Mayor Le Frois** – noted that she and Councilwoman Teets attending the Newton Rotary dinner at Newton Country Club on 9/24. The same day she and Deputy Mayor Dickson attended the Homelessness Task Force all hands update meeting. She and Mr. Russo had the opportunity to attend the executive Session of the County Commissioners meeting to follow up on the agenda of the day earlier. More to come. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> she accompanied Barry Dreger, Kimberly Williams, and Sergeant Post as they walked for 2 1/2 hours on Spring Street. They visited every business to talk to the business owners about what the Task Force is doing and the need for their partnership in these efforts. It was a good exercise and time well spent. She and Councilwoman Teets were able to attend the grand opening of RMC performance. Great business that's open in Town and they're super excited. On September 25<sup>th</sup> she had the honor to attend and speak at the grand

opening of Project Self Sufficiency's new market style pantry. What's a little bit different about it is that they have partnered with some of the farms to make sure that the farm's food is not going to waste and the participants who go there are able to actually shop it like a market so they can choose healthy options and meal choices for their families as opposed to receiving a bag of items that they didn't pick. On October 10th we did get our recognition for finally being certified as a Film Ready community. Just today there was an article that came out on ROI NJ that the New Jersey economic Development Authority Board recently approved \$3 million in grant awards to five workforce development initiatives under the New Jersey film Works Grant Program and so these are going to be awards and grants that are given to expand workforce development training internships apprenticeships and learning opportunities in film and digital media industry and all the supporting industries. She also mentioned that every Wednesday at 3:00 PM is an open invitation to anyone who wants to join the Town Manager at Penny Rose Coffee Company for a conversation about anything.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **ORDINANCES**

Mayor Le Frois read aloud the following Ordinances relative to adoption.

#### **ORDINANCE 2025-19**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE, AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 320, ENTITLED "ZONING: FORM-BASED CODE", MOST NOTABLY SECTION 320-3, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS" AND SECTION 320-25, ENTITLED "SIGN STANDARDS"**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newton would like to permit, under very limited circumstances, the existence of three-dimensional (3D) or object signs under the provisions of Chapter 320 of the Town Code of the Town of Newton;

**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 wish to amend, revise, and supplement Chapter 320 of the Town Code of the Town of Newton, entitled: "Zoning: Form-Based Code", most notably Section 320-3, entitled "Definitions" and Section 320-25, entitled "Sign Standards" as follows:

- (1) Section 320-3, Definitions by creating a new definition of "Three-Dimensional or Object Sign" as follows:

#### **THREE-DIMENSIONAL OR OBJECT SIGN**

A permanent sign in the form of an object or objects that indicates the name of an establishment and/or the products and/or services provided. For example, an oversized pair of scissors would indicate a barber or hairdressing salon, and a bicycle wheel would indicate cycle repair and/or sales. Three-dimensional signs may be projecting, wall-mounted, or freestanding/ground-mounted.

- (2) Section 320-25, Sign Standards needs to be amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

A. Amend, revise and supplement Section 320-25(A)(4) as follows:

(4) "No advertising shall be erected or located on, within or over any public right-of-way; excepting district identification signs for a business district, historic district, municipal or traffic signs, or parking directional signs over access roads to parking, and except temporary signs and three-dimensional signs as permitted by this section."

B. Create a new Section 320-25(A)(12), which shall read as follows:

(12) "Three-dimensional signs:

a. Three-dimensional wall-mounted or projecting signs may project over a public right-of-way or public sidewalk not more than forty-eight (48) inches from the building. There must be a clearance of at least eight (8) feet from the surface of the right-of-way or sidewalk or other space used by the public. Three-dimensional signs may not project over areas of the right-of-way where vehicles travel.

b. Freestanding or ground-mounted three-dimensional signs must be placed at least five (5) feet from any property line."

C. Add the following language to Section 320-25(B)(1) as follows:

<u>"Sign Type</u>	<u>Number of Signs, if Permitted</u>	<u>Zones Permitted</u>
<u>Three-dimensional (3D) signs (Wall-mounted or projecting)</u>	<u>1 per building per street frontage</u>	<u>T-6</u>
<u>Three-dimensional (3D) signs (Freestanding/ground-mounted, wall-mounted or projecting)</u>	<u>1 per business per street frontage</u>	<u>T-4, T-5, SD 1-9"</u>

D. Add the following language to Section 320-25(B)(2) as follows:

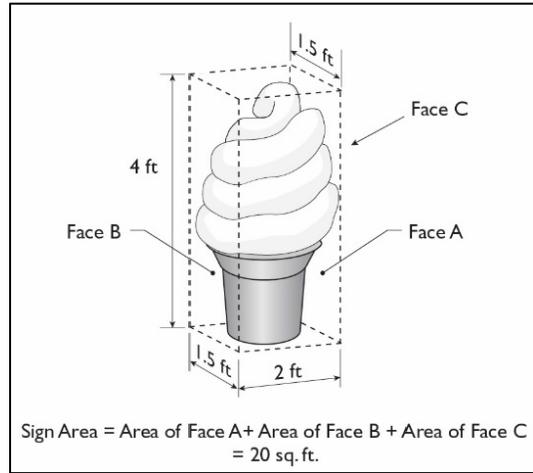
<u>"Sign Type</u>	<u>Maximum Size Per Sign</u>
<u>Three-dimensional (3D) signs (Wall-mounted or projecting)</u>	<u>Thirty-six (36) square feet, measured pursuant to Section 320-25(C)(5) below. A single face shall not be more than twelve (12) square feet with a maximum height of four (4) feet and a maximum width of three (3) feet.</u>
<u>Three-dimensional (3D) signs (Freestanding/ground-mounted)</u>	<u>Seventy-two (72) square feet, measured pursuant to Section 320-25 (C)(5) below. A single face shall not be more than twenty-four (24) square feet with a maximum height of six (6) feet and a maximum width of four (4) feet."</u>

E. Create a new Section 320-25(C)(5), under "Sign Area Measurement", which shall read as follows:

"(5) For three-dimensional signs: Signs that consist of one or more three-dimensional objects shall have a sign area that is the sum of the areas of three (3) vertical faces of the smallest cube or rectangular volume that will encompass the sign. The sign area measurement does not include framing, trim, molding, or supporting/hanging structure used to secure the sign to the building. For free standing/ground mounted three-dimensional signs,

pedestals or bases which are less than two (2) feet in height are not included in measurements."

Figure measuring the Area of Three-Dimensional Signs.



F. Amend, revise and supplement Section 320-25 (D)(2), under “Sign Lighting” as follows:

“(2) Internally illuminated signs that are larger than eight (8) square feet, including all internally illuminated 3D signs, may be permitted following Planning Board approval via a minor site plan application, if not included in a major site plan application. The Planning Board must find that the sign is in keeping with the surrounding area and the architectural features of a building, is not in conflict with the goals of the master plan for that zone and is not a nuisance to adjacent properties.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that:

(1) All ordinances or parts of ordinance which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies.

(2) This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and publication in accordance with law.

Mayor Le Frois opened the meeting to the public.

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

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mrs. Teets who moved for its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Diglio, and roll call resulted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-20**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE, AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 100 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, ENTITLED “FEES AND COSTS”, MOST NOTABLY, SECTION 100-21A, ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (CHAPTER 213, ARTICLE II)”**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sussex (“County”), through their Fire Marshall, shall now be the Town’s enforcing agency as it relates to inspections of one (1) and two (2) family



Deputy Mayor Dickson	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
	Mayor Le Frois	Yes	

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Le Frois 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 #224-2025\***

**“Approval of the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Fredon Township to Provide Animal Control Services for Calendar Year 2026”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Fredon (“Fredon”) 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 Fredon to provide the requested animal control services to Fredon; 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, 2026 through and including December 31, 2026; 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 Fredon to provide animal control services to Fredon for the Period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

**RESOLUTION #225-2025\***

**“Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the 2025 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 receipt in the amount of \$5,783.99 from the Statewide Insurance Fund for FY 2025 General Safety and Risk Management Control “Safety Grant Program”;

**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 2025 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:

Statewide Insurance Fund - Safety Grant Program .....\$5,783.99

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations - Excluded from CAPS

Public and Private Program's Off-Set by Revenues:

Statewide Insurance Fund - Safety Grant Program ..... \$5,783.99

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

**RESOLUTION #226-2025\***

**“ Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property”**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newton is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Newton is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties; and

**WHEREAS**, such surplus items may be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, online through Municibid, holder of New Jersey State Contract;

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

- 1) The sale of surplus property shall be conducted through Municibid pursuant to NJ State Contract 19-GNSV1-00696 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract, and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36.
- 2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is <https://municibid.com>.
- 3) A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:
 

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. NEC Phones - DT400 Series Quantity: 59 Condition: Fair</li> <li>b. Minolta Maxxum 400si - 35mm Single-Lens Reflex Film Camera Condition: Fair</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Konica Minolta Maxxum 7D - Digital SLR Camera Condition: Fair</li> <li>d. Sears 135mm f/2.8 Vintage Telephoto Lens Condition: Fair</li> </ol>
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- 4) That the Newton Town Manager, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized to sell at auction to the highest bidder, any and all surplus items as described.
- 5) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2019-5.
- 6) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
- 7) The Town of Newton reserves the right to accept or reject any bids submitted. That the Newton Town Manager, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized to sell at auction to the highest bidder, any and all surplus items as described.

**RESOLUTION #227-2025\***

**“Authorize Refund of Taxes; Block 21.02, Lot 9, for a 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption”**

**WHEREAS**, Donna Sampson, surviving spouse of Eli Thomas, owns Block 21.02, Lot 9, also known as 3 Windsor Drive, Newton, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Tax Assessor has granted a 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption on September 22, 2025 retro-active to October 7, 2024 for Eli Thomas; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna Sampson, as the surviving spouse of Eli Thomas, is entitled to Mr. Thomas' disabled exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the property taxes for Block 21.02, Lot 9, are paid through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025, therefore, a refund is necessary, and all of the 2025 taxes need to be cancelled; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has determined the amount to be refunded is \$10,692.34 and the tax amount to be cancelled is \$14,244.36;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Governing Body acknowledges a refund is due to Donna Sampson, surviving spouse of Eli Thomas, in the total amount of \$10,692.34 and that this refund is the result of a 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption and the 2025 taxes need to be cancelled; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the total amount of \$10,692.34 to Donna Sampson, 3 Windsor Drive, Newton, NJ 07860 and the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel the 2025 taxes.

**RESOLUTION #228-2025\***

**“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 2024 and 2025 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**

Meeting Date: 10/15/2025 For bills from 10/16/2025 to 10/10/2025

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
14104	2799 - AFLAC	PO 68668 Vol Ben - Disability, Hospital, Accident	2,631.34	2,631.34
14105	3866 - ALLIED 100 LLC	PO 68531 ACCT #C0922316 Replacement Battery, Adul	679.99	679.99
14106	3897 - AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PO 68608 PD SUPPLIES	41.97	
		PO 68611 SUPPLIES FOR PIE EATING CONTEST (FALL FE	34.78	
		PO 68611 SUPPLIES FOR PIE EATING CONTEST (FALL FE	23.19	
		PO 68617 ACO SUPPLIES	255.31	
		PO 68672 Hand truck - dolly for Town tent	20.96	
		PO 68672 Hand truck - dolly for Town tent	38.92	415.13
14107	3869 - AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	PO 68657 SEPT 2025 - Vol Benefits - LTD, Critical	573.86	573.86
14108	3868 - AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE COMPANY	PO 68656 FSA - Voluntary - SEPT 2025	250.00	250.00
14109	4965 - ANIMAL CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES	PO 68470 ACO BITE GLOVES Quote #20352	272.72	272.72
14110	4744 - APPRAISAL SYSTEMS INC.	PO 66972 2025 REASSESSMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00
14111	300 - BRIGHTSPEED	PO 67000 B: ALARM CIRCUITS A/C #309485585 HIGH ST	125.85	125.85
14112	702 - C W A LOCAL 1032	PO 68655 Police Dispatch Dues - SEPT 2025	259.13	259.13
14113	2443 - CAMPBELL FOUNDRY CO. INC.	PO 68547 DRAINAGE INLET ACCESSORIES MT VIEW/PALME	2,441.00	2,441.00
14114	4864 - COASTAL ENGINEERING, LLC.	PO 68680 TANK CLEANIG WTP CLEARWELL & HIGH ST STO	30,000.00	30,000.00
14115	2386 - DOMINICK'S PIZZA LLC	PO 68586 Lunch/ Training	91.30	91.30
14116	676 - EQUITABLE	PO 68673 Equitable - Def Comp - Sept 11 & 25, Oc	21,680.00	21,680.00
14117	4385 - ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	PO 66981 B: LEGAL ATTORNEY (\$130/HR NOT TO EXCEE	624.00	
		PO 66981 B: LEGAL ATTORNEY (\$130/HR NOT TO EXCEE	4,770.01	
		PO 66981 B: LEGAL ATTORNEY (\$130/HR NOT TO EXCEE	390.00	5,784.01
14118	4747 - FF1 APPARATUS LLC	PO 68661 LADDER #2 BRACKET PADDING	2,303.98	
		PO 68663 LADDER #2 PREVENTIVE MAINT	3,885.00	
		PO 68664 TOWER #4 PREVENTIVE MAINT	3,785.00	
		PO 68665 TRUCK #3 PREVENTIVE MAINT	2,485.00	12,458.98

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14119	3318 - FREDON ANIMAL HOSPITAL	PO 68624	VETERINARY SERVICES	1,270.35	1,270.35
14120	478 - GANN LAW BOOKS	PO 68622	LAWYERS DIARY	150.00	150.00
14121	4724 - GANNETT NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY LOCALIQ	PO 66987	B: ADVERTISING ACCT #704136	29.76	
		PO 66987	B: ADVERTISING ACCT #704136	221.23	
		PO 66987	B: ADVERTISING ACCT #704136	22.01	273.00
14122	3727 - GENERAL FOUNDRIES, INC.	PO 68658	B INLET EXTENSION	609.00	609.00
14123	2313 - GRAVITY DESIGN WORKS, INC.	PO 67901	English Alley Signage - NPP 2024 Budget	6,137.50	
		PO 68609	4x4 sign for 5 k	267.00	6,404.50
14124	3550 - GREEN TOWNSHIP	PO 68660	REIMB DOG INV PAID BY GREEN THAT WAS NEW	234.95	234.95
14125	4981 - GUPTA BIMAL	PO 68614	COUNTY TAX APPEAL OVERPAYMENT	2,161.71	2,161.71
14126	1866 - HOME DEPOT, INC.	PO 68684	POTTING MIX	271.52	271.52
14127	4620 - HQW ARCHITECTS, LLC.	PO 65387	FIRE HOUSE #1 RENOVATIONS ARCHITECTURAL	510.00	
		PO 68210	FIREHOUSE #1 EXTERIOR PROF ARCHITECT SVC	9,517.00	10,027.00
14128	3235 - J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	PO 68678	FIRE MUSEUM HISTORIC -JULY	2,392.50	2,392.50
14129	113 - JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT, INC.	PO 66993	B: ELECTRIC BLDG'S & STREET LIGHTING	8,705.51	8,705.51
14130	4359 - KATIES HOUSE INC	PO 68638	Ad in 2025 Katie's House Fashion Event P	35.00	
		PO 68638	Ad in 2025 Katie's House Fashion Event P	65.00	100.00
14131	2569 - KIEFFER ELECTRIC, INC.	PO 68445	ELECTRIC ACO BLDG	2,978.40	
		PO 68597	Parks/ Roller Hockey	6,460.40	
		PO 68597	Parks/ Roller Hockey	8,746.00	18,184.80
14132	3711 - KKPR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS,	PO 66984	B: PUBLIC RELATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS MAR	1,324.08	1,324.08
14133	4042 - LEAD INC.	PO 68610	NPD TRAINING	100.00	100.00
14134	4754 - LENTINI FARMS, INC.	PO 68683	CORN STALKS AND HAY BALES FOR FALL FESTI	435.00	
		PO 68683	CORN STALKS AND HAY BALES FOR FALL FESTI	290.00	725.00
14135	62 - MGL FORMS - SYSTEMS, LLC.	PO 68022	WATER/SEWER BILLS AND ENVELOPES FOR FOUR	1,618.00	1,618.00
14136	409 - MINISINK PRESS INC	PO 68612	J DODD BUSINESS CARDS	68.00	68.00
14137	1741 - MORRIS COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY	PO 68618	INTERNAL AFFAIRS COURSE	25.00	25.00
14138	4889 - MUINO BAKED GOODS	PO 68620	FOH cookies	180.00	180.00
14139	116 - New Jersey Herald	PO 68326	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION ACCT #QQ1485970	21.04	21.04
14140	700 - NEWTON PATROLMANS ASSOCIATION	PO 68654	PBA DUES - SEPT 2025	840.00	840.00
14141	1745 - NEWTON SUPERIOR OFFICERS	PO 68653	SOA DUES - SEPT 2025	480.00	480.00
14142	311 - NJLM	PO 68621	2025 League Of Municipalities Conference	70.00	70.00
14143	2835 - NJMEBF	PO 68666	MEDICAL/DENTAL - OCTOBER 2025	34,800.00	
		PO 68666	MEDICAL/DENTAL - OCTOBER 2025	194,115.59	
		PO 68666	MEDICAL/DENTAL - OCTOBER 2025	33,525.41	262,441.00
14144	4681 - NORTHEAST COMMUNICAITONS INC.	PO 68585	PD VEHICLE INSTALL	450.00	

**List of Bills - CLEARING/CLAIMS**

Meeting Date: 10/15/2025 For bills from 10/16/2025 to 10/10/2025

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
14145	4350 - NW FINANCIAL GROUP LLC	PO 68637 Radio reprogramming	150.00	600.00
		PO 68018 AFFORDABLE HOUSING BROOKSIDE TERR	1,633.75	
		PO 68662 ARMORY -AUG	3,976.25	5,610.00
14146	2882 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	PO 66986 B: ONE CALL MESSAGES	768.60	768.60
14147	4383 - OPTIMUM	PO 66998 B: DIGITAL CONVERTERS & DTA'S	84.85	84.85
14148	1407 - PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMM.	PO 67006 B: SLUDGE DISPOSAL A/C #12701 (\$107	6,520.50	6,520.50
14149	64 - FELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	PO 65388 FIRE HOUSE #1 RENOVATIONS ENGINEERING	145.00	
		PO 66977 B: WATER ENGINEER (not to exceed \$55,000	5,147.50	
		PO 68211 FIREHOUSE #1 EXTERIOR	1,621.40	
		PO 68601 July services	43.00	
		PO 68604 JULY ENGINEERING	3,047.60	10,004.50
14150	64 - FELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	PO 68604 JULY ENGINEERING	7,814.20	
		PO 68604 JULY ENGINEERING	915.00	
		PO 68605 July services	145.00	
		PO 68606 July services	253.75	
		PO 68607 July services	72.50	9,200.45
14151	64 - FELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	PO 68675 AUG ENGINEERING	3,464.55	
		PO 68675 AUG ENGINEERING	5,066.25	
		PO 68675 AUG ENGINEERING	3,423.00	
		PO 68676 August services	181.25	
		PO 68677 Jul services	870.00	13,005.05
14152	4204 - PLANET NETWORKS INC.	PO 66996 B: PHONE SYSTEM HOSTING/INTERNET/LICENSE	5,532.10	5,532.10
14153	39 - QUILL CORPORATION	PO 68596 PD OFFICE SUPPLIES	55.57	55.57
14154	2478 - RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL COMPANY, INC.	PO 67008 B: GAS ACCT #40382	13,229.10	13,229.10
14155	126 - SCMUA	PO 66990 B: TRASH/BRUSH/STREET SWEEPINGS REMOVAL	1,112.80	1,112.80
14156	611 - SEBRING AUTO PARTS, INC.	PO 68595 PD VEHICLE REPAIRS	335.31	335.31
14157	3134 - SHOP RITE, INC.	PO 68640 Recreation C0mmission meeting	25.05	
		PO 68642 Trivia Night supplies	163.32	
		PO 68686 MUMS AND PUMPKINS FOR FALL FESTIVAL (HAL	41.90	
		PO 68686 MUMS AND PUMPKINS FOR FALL FESTIVAL (HAL	62.85	293.12
14158	4761 - SMARSH INC.	PO 68636 Social Media Archiving Service - monthly	2.65	
		PO 68636 Social Media Archiving Service - monthly	4.93	7.58
14159	2257 - STAPLES	PO 68152 B: PD OFFICE SUPPLIES	158.16	158.16
14160	146 - STATE OF NEW JERSEY - PWT	PO 68602 3rd QUARTER WATER TAX	476.28	476.28
14161	1212 - STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND	PO 68670 SIR/Deductible Recovery	2,613.60	2,613.60
14162	4982 - STONEHEDGE GROWERS LLC	PO 68613 MUMS CABBAGE FALL FEST	913.50	913.50
14163	3442 - SUNLIGHT GENERAL	PO 66992 B: ELECTRIC DPW/STP	543.90	
		PO 66992 B: ELECTRIC DPW/STP	1,777.26	2,321.16

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14164	102 - SUSSEX CAR WASH INC	PO 66983	B: CAR WASHES	9.00	9.00
14165	2479 - TAYLOR OIL CO., INC.	PO 67007	B: DIESEL ACCT #01-0062714	6,821.31	6,821.31
14166	4278 - TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PO 68652	Life Insurance - Sept 2025	35.45	35.45
14167	2781 - THE CHILLA BUSINESS COUNSEL	PO 66980	B: LABOR ATTORNEY (\$170/HR NOT TO EXCE	312.00	312.00
14168	691 - TRANS WORLD ASSURANCE CO.	PO 68651	TWA - Voluntary Life - SEPT 2025	400.00	400.00
14169	4152 - UNITED SITE SERVICES, INC	PO 67004	B: SLUDGE REMOVAL STP A/C #74732 (\$1	37,912.00	
		PO 67005	B: CHEMICAL WASTE REMOVAL WTP A/C #7473	3,488.31	41,400.31
14170	1257 - UNUM LIFE/DISABILITY INSUR	PO 68650	UNUM - Voluntary - LTD - SEPT 2025	906.81	906.81
14171	2716 - UPSEU LOCAL 424J	PO 68649	DPW - Monthly Dues - SEPT 2025	756.00	756.00
14172	1158 - VISION SERVICE PLAN	PO 68667	VISION - OCT 2025	1,232.14	1,232.14
14173	2635 - W.B. MASON, INC.	PO 68576	Clerk Office Supplies cust #C1329496	532.42	532.42
14174	1144 - WEINER LESNIAK	PO 68679	Sep services	27.00	
		PO 68681	Sep services	36.00	63.00
14175	633 - WEIS MARKETS, INC.	PO 68641	Trivia Water and 2 bonus give aways	20.96	20.96
14176	3726 - WITMER PUBLIC SAFTEY GROUP, iINC.	PO 68594	PD EQ	32.00	
		PO 68615	PPE	3,348.80	3,380.80
TOTAL					530,052.70

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
01-201-20-100-200	TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE - OTHER EXPENSES	6,621.80			
01-201-20-105-200	HUMAN RESOURCE - OTHER EXPENSES	68.00			
01-201-20-120-200	TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - OTHER EXPENSES	602.13			
01-201-20-145-200	COLLECTION OF TAXES - OTHER EXPENSES	172.56			
01-201-20-150-200	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES - OTHER EXPENSES	5,000.00			
01-201-20-155-200	LEGAL SERVICES - OTHER EXPENSES	9,147.36			
01-201-20-165-200	ENGINEERING - OTHER EXPENSES	3,372.00			
01-201-20-175-200	HISTORIC COMMISSION - OTHER EXPENSES	2,609.50			
01-201-21-180-200	PLANNING BOARD - OTHER EXPENSES	107.50			
01-201-23-220-300	EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE - OTHER EXPENSE	195,347.73			
01-201-25-240-200	POLICE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSES	557.22			
01-201-25-250-200	COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - OTHER EXPENSES	158.16			
01-201-25-252-200	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - OTHER EXPENSES	150.00			
01-201-25-255-200	FIRE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSES	3,348.80			
01-201-26-298-200	STORMWATER/FLOOD CONTROL - OTHER EXPENSE	202.50			
01-201-26-305-200	RECYCLING/SANITATION - OTHER EXPENSES	1,081.60			
01-201-26-310-200	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSES	5,212.20			
01-201-26-315-200	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - OTHER EXPENSES	13,253.29			
01-201-27-340-200	ANIMAL CONTROL - OE	1,737.00			
01-201-28-370-200	RECREATION - OTHER EXPENSES	656.33			
01-201-28-375-200	PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSES	8,746.00			
01-201-31-460-200	UTILITY EXP/BULK PURCH - OTHER EXPENSES	29,830.42			
01-201-32-465-200	RECYCLING TAX (PL2007 c.311)O/S CAP	31.20			
01-201-42-113-000	INTERLOCAL - ACO	234.95			
01-201-44-900-000	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - OTHER EXPENSES	2,937.65			
01-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	293,347.61
01-275-55-000-000	RESERVE FOR TAX APPEALS PENDING			2,161.71	
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>291,185.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,161.71</b>	<b>293,347.61</b>
02-213-41-000	RESERVE FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS			7,931.52	
02-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	7,931.52
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,931.52</b>	<b>7,931.52</b>
04-215-55-908-000	ORD 2022-13 SIDEWALKS RT 206/WATER ST			2,299.00	
04-215-55-913-000	ORD 22-21 amendORD 20-10 MEM PK ORD 23-2 NJIB			13.95	
04-215-55-918-000	ORD 2023-7 VAR CAP IMP.			6,570.80	
04-215-55-925-000	ORD 2024-4 FIRE HOUSE 1 RENOVATIONS			655.00	
04-215-55-930-000	ORD 2024-18 HVAC, SUPP ORD 24-11			870.00	
04-215-55-934-000	ORD 2025-06 MEMORY PARK BOARDWALK			265.00	
04-215-55-935-000	ORD 2025-10 VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			21,288.01	
04-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	31,961.76
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>GENERAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31,961.76</b>	<b>31,961.76</b>
08-215-55-902-000	ORD 2018-14 WATER TANK IMPR \$105T			30,000.00	
08-215-55-907-000	ORD 2022-12 WS IMP. FULLY FUNDED			326.25	
08-215-55-915-000	ORD 2023-14 W&S MAIN IMP. NEW HAMPS.ST FF			217.50	
08-215-55-918-000	ORD 2024-8 VAR WS IMP.			36.25	
08-215-55-919-000	ORD 2024-9 VAR WS IMP. FF			5,401.25	
08-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	35,981.25
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>35,981.25</b>	<b>35,981.25</b>
09-201-56-501-200	W&S OPERATING - TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	93,568.16			
09-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	93,568.16
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>WATER/SEWER UTILITY</b>	<b>93,568.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>93,568.16</b>
20-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	62,338.00
20-291-55-075-001	UNION DUES - PBA			1,320.00	
20-291-55-075-002	UNION DUES - IUE #911			756.00	
20-291-55-075-003	UNION DUES - CWA #1032			259.13	
20-291-55-077	DEFERRED COMP - EQUITABLE			21,680.00	
20-291-55-080	TWA SAVINGS PLAN			400.00	

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20-291-55-082-001	AFA LTD			207.78	
20-291-55-082-002	AFA Med FSA			250.00	
20-291-55-082-004	AFA Life Ins.			366.08	
20-291-55-082-005	AFA Texas Life			35.45	
20-291-55-084	UNUM DISABILITY INS.			906.81	
20-291-55-086	HEALTH INS. EMPLOYEE			33,525.41	
20-291-55-087-001	AFLAC DISABILITY Post Tax			1,340.88	
20-291-55-087-002	AFLAC ACCIDENT Pre Tax			731.34	
20-291-55-087-003	AFLAC HOSPITAL Pre Tax			276.06	
20-291-55-087-004	AFLAC CANCER Pre Tax			283.06	
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>62,338.00</b>	<b>62,338.00</b>
27-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	2,978.40
27-288-56-100-000	RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL			2,978.40	
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>ANIMAL TRUST</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,978.40</b>	<b>2,978.40</b>
31-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	1,556.00
31-286-56-102-000	ENGINEER REVIEW FEES			1,556.00	
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>TRUST</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,556.00</b>	<b>1,556.00</b>
35-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	390.00
35-296-56-001-000	RESERVES FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT			390.00	
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>HOUSING TRUST</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>390.00</b>	<b>390.00</b>

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND	293,347.61
Total to be paid from Fund 02 STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS	7,931.52
Total to be paid from Fund 04 GENERAL CAPITAL	31,961.76
Total to be paid from Fund 08 WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL	35,981.25
Total to be paid from Fund 09 WATER/SEWER UTILITY	93,568.16
Total to be paid from Fund 20 PAYROLL	62,338.00
Total to be paid from Fund 27 ANIMAL TRUST	2,978.40
Total to be paid from Fund 31 TRUST	1,556.00
Total to be paid from Fund 35 HOUSING TRUST	390.00
<b>530,052.70</b>	

Checks Previously Disbursed

14098	NJMVC	PO# 68648	Registration (2) Dodge Ram 2500 Bi	60.00	10/08/2025
14099	NJMVC	PO# 68648	Registration (2) Dodge Ram 2500 Bi	60.00	10/08/2025
14100	JOSEPH D CALABRESE	PO# 66989	B: LOGISTICS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS	200.00	10/08/2025
14101	JOSEPH D CALABRESE	PO# 66989	B: LOGISTICS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS	100.00	10/08/2025
14102	PENNYROSE COFFEE CORP	Multiple:		105.75	10/09/2025
14103	GEDEON, JAMES F.	Multiple:		375.00	10/09/2025
47288	THOMAS S RUSSO JR		CAR ALLOWANCE -OCT	600.00	10/09/2025
250178	PAYROLL ACCOUNT		9/25 CURR PAYROLL	242,715.13	9/25/2025
250180	TRUST ACCOUNT, TOWN OF NEWTON		CLERK FISHING -SEPT MOVED TO TRUST	235.00	10/09/2025
250180	ELAVON, INC.	PO# 66988	B: COURT MERCHANT FEE	110.61	10/02/2025
250181	FEDERAL & STATE GRANT		STATEWIDE INS SAFETY GRANT TO BE M	5,783.99	10/09/2025
250237	PAYROLL ACCOUNT		9/25 GRANT PAYROLL	2,415.18	9/25/2025
250947	PAYROLL ACCOUNT		9/25 W/S PAYROLL	52,571.18	9/25/2025
250949	USDA		USDA LOAN	17,359.00	9/30/2025
252077	POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM		FFRS -SEPT	25,711.42	10/09/2025
252078	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIRE SYSTEM		PERS PENSION -SEPT	26,726.09	10/09/2025
253135	PAYROLL ACCOUNT		9/25 PAYROLL	14,300.00	9/25/2025

Totals by fund	Previous Checks/Voids	Current Payments	Total
Fund 01 CURRENT FUND	249,157.22	293,347.61	542,504.83
Fund 02 STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS	2,415.18	7,931.52	10,346.70
Fund 04 GENERAL CAPITAL		31,961.76	31,961.76
Fund 08 WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL		35,981.25	35,981.25
Fund 09 WATER/SEWER UTILITY	70,518.44	93,568.16	164,086.60
Fund 20 PAYROLL	53,037.51	62,338.00	115,375.51
Fund 27 ANIMAL TRUST		2,978.40	2,978.40
Fund 31 TRUST	14,300.00	1,556.00	15,856.00
Fund 35 HOUSING TRUST		390.00	390.00
<b>BILLS LIST TOTALS</b>	<b>389,428.35</b>	<b>530,052.70</b>	<b>919,481.05</b>

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
14086	2141 - AIRMATIC COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS, INC.	PO 67734 Svc Contract Morris Lk/ 2025 contract/ c	2,113.86	2,113.86
14087	4745 - ATHENIA MASON SUPPLY, LLC	PO 68575 Storm Basin Rpr / Block cust #644	733.36	733.36
14088	77 - CCP INDUSTRIES, INC.	PO 68599 Cleaning Supplies Cust #53794	1,054.80	1,054.80
14089	4979 - GRADE A PETROLEUM	PO 68598 Truck Fluids DRUM CUST #00-0012272	2,745.00	2,745.00
14090	266 - LAFAYETTE AUTO PARTS	PO 68577 Equip Main/Fuses #483	27.88	27.88
14091	391 - LOU'S GLASS & TRUCK ACCESSORIES LLC	PO 68583 Rpr/Broken Rear Window/ #16/ 2022 Ram	650.00	650.00
14092	2300 - LOWE'S , INC.	PO 68570 Misc Spls/	223.13	223.13
14093	1566 - MAIN POOL & CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.	PO 67159 B: Liq Sodium Hydroxide (\$23,540. @ \$4.2	2,140.00	2,140.00
14094	4453 - OMAHA STANDARD LLC	PO 68578 Rolloff #14 Rpr/ Roller/ Flange	918.76	918.76
14095	2056 - SUBURBAN PROPANE, LP.	PO 67936 B: Propane	191.85	191.85
14096	371 - T.A. MOUNTFORD COMPANY, INC.	PO 68579 Copier Ink - 6 Boxes	570.00	570.00
14097	1151 - TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	PO 68580 SAFE DRINKING WATER (7/1/25-6/30/26)	720.00	720.00
TOTAL				12,088.64

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
01-201-20-105-200	HUMAN RESOURCE - OTHER EXPENSES	87.45			
01-201-26-290-200	ROAD REPAIR & MAINT - OTHER EXPENSES	804.92			
01-201-26-305-200	RECYCLING/SANITATION - OTHER EXPENSES	918.76			
01-201-26-315-200	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - OTHER EXPENSES	2,745.00			
01-201-28-375-200	PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSES	92.00			
01-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	4,648.13
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>4,648.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,648.13</b>
09-201-56-501-200	W&S OPERATING - TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	7,440.51			
09-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	7,440.51
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>WATER/SEWER UTILITY</b>	<b>7,440.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,440.51</b>

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND	4,648.13
Total to be paid from Fund 09 WATER/SEWER UTILITY	7,440.51
	12,088.64

Mayor Le Frois asked if any member of the Council would like to pull a Resolution for discussion or to be removed from consent.

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

Mr. Couce (abstain check #14152)	Yes	Deputy Mayor Dickson	Yes
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
	Mayor Le Frois	Yes	

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Le Frois opened the meeting to the public. With no public stepping forward, Mayor Le Frois closed the open portion.

**COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Le Frois 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 3, 2025.”

Mayor Le Frois stated she would accept a motion to enter Executive Session under a Resolution providing for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, Attorney-Client Privilege.

Upon motion by Mrs. Teets and second by Deputy Mayor Dickson and unanimously carried, the Council entered Executive Session at 8:26pm. Mr. Bernstein stated the Governing Body shall be meeting with an Advisor from NW Financial, the Town Attorney, the Town Tax Assessor, and the CMFO. All members of the Governing Body present at the commencement of the Executive Session are present at the re-commencement of the regular open meeting except for Deputy Mayor Dickson who was present on the phone. No formal action will be taken except the motion to return to the open session.

Mrs. Teets made a motion to exit the Executive Session, it was seconded by Mr. Couce and unanimously carried, Council exited Executive Session at 9:55pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be conducted, upon a motion by Mrs. Teets seconded by Deputy Mayor Dickson and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn E. Alcock, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk