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

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

Mayor Le Frois 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."

DISCUSSION

Mr. Russo asked the Mayor if they could deviate slightly from the agenda to have Mr. Ferry speak on Best Practices first.

a. Best Practices – Thomas M. Ferry, CMFO

Mr. Ferry stated he completed the annual Best Practices Survey. The survey asks questions seeking fiscal compliance and operational best practices. It is the State's way of evaluating municipal performance. The survey inventory asks a variety of questions, and you need to score at least 32 in order not to lose any state aid. Mr. Ferry was happy to report out of a possible 43.5 points, Newton scored 42.5 points. At this time the Mayor thanked Mr. Ferry for his time and all his hard work.

b. Homelessness Task Force – Michael Callahan, DCA, Barry Dreger, Team Twenty-Three LLC; Jessica Caldwell, J. Caldwell & Associates

Mayor Le Frois gave a brief overview on the steps the Town has taken to assist our unhoused population gain permanent housing. She acknowledged the efforts Mr. Russo has made in taking the lead on this initiative and his ability to get the County and other agencies to join the efforts to work collaboratively. She thanked Michael Callahan of the NJ DCA for his assistance and guidance on this endeavor.

Deputy Mayor Dickson said it was important to note that the Town Manager and staff are the steering force. He is very proud of how we are handling this.

Mr. Callahan thanked Mr. Russo and the Council for facing this issue head-on. He then proceeded to review the "Newton Township Unsheltered Homeless Resolution Sprint" PowerPoint with the Council. He explained currently we are ahead of schedule of our ninety (90) day timeline; ten individuals have been permanently housed since the program started two (2) weeks ago. There are four (4) phases to the plan. Currently we are in Phase 0: Ramp-Up, which goes from October 8th to November 7th, Phase 1: Sprint Launch runs November 8th to December 22nd, Phase 2: Housing Acceleration runs December 23rd to January 21, 2026, and Phase 3: Completion & Follow-up runs January 22nd – February 20th. He went on to explain there will be daily meetings with Core Strategy Team members. He praised Chief D'Annibale and his department for their assistance, they have been a real asset. He went on to explain the plan involves faith-based engagement, which Barry Dreger is overseeing.

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Mr. Dreger thanked Tom and the DCA for their leadership on this program. He also praised the Newton Police Department, saying they are phenomenal. Getting all the groups to work together collaboratively has worked very well. He explained he meets daily with the Core Strategy Team and they are able to address issues immediately. The second part of his involvement is having the faith-based community participate, they are eager to be part of the solution. He also stated they are ahead on the timeline, having housed several individuals in the first two weeks of the program.

Mayor Le Frois asked about what impact the upcoming election will have on the funding of this program. A brief discussion took place with Mr. Callahan explaining the funding process.

Jessica Caldwell came forth and explained she is working on a strategic plan to create a road map for the long term. There are a lot of different things we can do to address the short-term as well as the long-term vision for the Town, involving funding, processes, and goals. Most importantly we need to treat people with respect, collaborate with the non-profit agencies, and de-stigmatize homelessness, by getting more people involved.

Chief D'Annibale stated with this presentation people will now have a better understanding of what we are doing, which should result in more support. He could not be prouder of his department, the Town, and all the agencies, as we are all working towards the same goal. He went on to say he has reached out to the Courts, Mr. Callahan suggested a diversion court, modeling it after Newark and NJ Transit, where it can be used as a gateway for low-level criminals to get services. He thinks this would be really helpful. He also stated crime has drastically decreased since this entire process began.

Mr. Russo stated this issue has been a personal mission for him, and he is so proud of everyone and hopes this program becomes an inspiring model to share with other municipalities.

Each of the Council members thanked Tom and the team for their efforts. Mrs. Teets asked if the Council could be given an overview after each phase to keep them informed of the progress.

The Mayor opened the meeting up to the public for the public to comment on this matter. With no one coming forward, Mayor Le Frois closed the meeting to the public and thanked everyone for their time and hard work.

c. Fleet Management – Jerry Haddad, D&M Leasing (via Zoom)

Mr. Russo introduced Jerry and Joshua Haddad of D&M Leasing. Mr. Jerry Haddad thanked the Council for their time and explained his company has been in business for 45 years and is based in Texas. They currently do not have any New Jersey clients but would love for Newton to be the first. He reviewed the fleet analysis he did based on the information provided by Tom Ferry. His projection, if we choose his company, could be a significant savings in the cost of maintenance and the purchase of new vehicles.

A brief discussion took place with Mr. Jerry Haddad answering all the Council's questions.

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Mr. Russo advised the Council that he and Mr. Ferry wanted to keep them up to date on the research that they are doing. They will continue their review of options, and if they have any more questions, let him know and he will reach out to Jerry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mrs. Teets, and all those present voting to approve, the minutes of October 15, 2025, Regular and Executive meetings were unanimously approved as presented.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor LeFrois 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.

There being no one from the public wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Russo – offered congratulations to all the nominees for the 20th Annual Sussex County Economic Development Partnership Awards. The ceremony's coming up on the 14th of November. Approximately one-third of the nominees are Newton related or affiliated. He reminded everyone that the Halloween parade is this Friday. On Saturday, November 8th we will be hosting the annual Flags of Honor ceremony, currently we have sixty-eight (68) flags. The Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 4th for Election Day and on Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day, thank you to all the Veterans. He, along with the Mayor and Mrs. Teets, attended the Pride 5K last Saturday, there were one hundred thirty-six (136) runners, it was a lot of fun, and he looks forward to it being bigger and better next year. Lastly, he offered congratulations to his parents... they are celebrating sixty-two (62) years of marriage!

Councilmember Couce – nothing to report.

Councilmember Diglio – offered congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Russo. She stated that plans are progressing for the Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 29th. Anyone wishing to participate can visit the Chamber's website for an application or contact her.

Councilmember Teets – A local resident and standout football player, Sean Carson was named Super Football Conference Young Man of the Year for his community service, leadership, and positive contributions to the school environment. She personally

experienced issues with a police vehicle at the 5K this past Saturday, it was making concerning noises, confirming the need for vehicle upgrades. So, she sees there may be a benefit to Fleet Management. Officer Bellis was not complaining but is managing despite the aging fleet. The recent PRIDE 5K race had excellent weather and impressive results:

- Winner: Carmine Battaglia, 15 years old - 21 minutes, 4 seconds (left immediately after to play soccer)
- Top female: Olivia Herzenberg, 12 years old - 21 minutes, 23 seconds

Mrs. Teets encourages more participation next year, suggesting a 10-week "couch to 5K" training program and team costumes. She offered congratulations to Danielle Finkle, Recreation Supervisor and Carla Brunell, of the Pride Foundation for successfully organizing this first-time event with many volunteers, with expectations it will grow in future years.

Deputy Mayor Dickson – nothing to report.

Mayor Le Frois – attended the Sussex County Economic Development Partnership Mayor's Annual Dinner featuring presentations from the New Jersey Business Action Center, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, and the United Counties Economic Development Corporation. New grant programs are available for small businesses, including up to \$50,000 reimbursement for interior/exterior improvements and equipment purchases. Now it includes home-based businesses. Materials on this will be shared and added to the Town website. She also attended Project Self Sufficiency's Season of Hope annual event kickoff. This event provides over 2,000 children and 1,000+ families with holiday presents. Special recognition given to the Newton Police Department for their assistance with crowd control, parking management, and traffic coordination during the two-day event. She also attended the 5K Race: Additional praise for the event, noting that many participants ran in full costumes (including dinosaur costumes). The course, particularly the hill on Foster Street, was noted as challenging—comparable to Sussex County's "most difficult 5K." She wanted to note the Town achieved Sustainable New Jersey Bronze Certification through planning and community efforts. As mentioned earlier twenty-seven (27) out of eighty-two (82) nominees for the Sussex County Economic Development Partnership awards are Newton-based or Newton-adjacent businesses. Congratulations to everyone that was nominated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

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."*

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Mr. Russo then reviewed the consent agenda items.

RESOLUTION #230-2025*

“Authorizing Change Order No. 2 for Town of Newton Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Rebid”

WHEREAS, a need existed for the bidding of a project known as “Town of Newton Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Rebid” within the Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton awarded contract for services through Resolution #312-2024 after the Town's design Engineer engaged in negotiations in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(3) authorized through Resolution #304-2024, award was made in the amount of \$595,000.00 to Montana Construction; and

WHEREAS, Change Order # 1 was accepted without resolution as there was no increase or adjustment in price; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has received a request for Change Order #2, dated October 15, 2025, from Montana Construction for unforeseen conditions at time of bid award, necessitating a change order in the amount of \$95,000.00, representing a 15.9% change in contract price; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer on this Project, Professional Consulting Inc., recommends accepting the proposed Change Order # 2; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of change orders is less than 20% in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.8;

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 issuance of Change Order #2 to the contract with Montana Construction for an increase of 15.9% (\$95,000.00) for a total contract amount of \$690,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Town of Newton Chief Financial Officer, the Town of Newton Engineer on this Project, and to Montana Construction.

RESOLUTION #232-2025*

“Appointment of Nicole Kukan as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Newton”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16b, states a Governing Body of a municipality shall appoint a certified Animal Control Officer who shall be responsible for animal control within the jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Kukan has successfully satisfied the requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16a as a Certified Animal Control Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton hereby appoints Nicole Kukan as the Animal Control Officer for the Town of Newton effective July 14, 2025 through calendar year 2025.

RESOLUTION #233-2025*

“Authorize the Award of a Required Disclosure Contract for Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc.”

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has a need to provide Service and Maintenance Coverage of (1) 10kW Galaxy VS UPS Systems located at 60 Morris Lake Road, Sparta, NJ

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through Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., 200 East Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601 as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Sean Canning, Q.P.A., of the Canning Group, LLC, the Town of Newton's Qualified Purchasing Agent, has determined and certified in writing the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for the 2025 and 2026 year(s); and

WHEREAS, Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., 200 East Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601, has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the services for \$19,000.00 for a two (2) year contract, in addition to support per hour rates outside of the scope of the proposal exceeding in aggregate the pay-to-play threshold of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Disclosure Contribution form, which certifies Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Town of Newton in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified funds will be available as per the attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton authorizes the Newton Town Manager to enter into a contract with Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., 200 East Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601 not to exceed \$19,000.00 for the 2025 and 2026 calendar year(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, Political Contribution Disclosure, and the Determination of Value be placed on file in the Municipal Clerk's office.

RESOLUTION #234-2025*

"Authorize Premium Payment Turned Over to the Treasurer"

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2020-008 was issued at the Tax Sale held on October 7, 2020 with zero percent redemption and a premium of \$45,100.00 on Block 24.01, Lot 18, also known as 12 Lincoln Place; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-33 states that if redemption is not made within five (5) years from the date of the Sale the premium payment shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2020-008 was five (5) years from the date of the Tax Sale on October 7, 2025, therefore the premium in the amount of \$45,100.00 is to be turned over to the Treasurer;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges that the premium for Tax Sale Certificate #2020-008 in the amount of \$45,100.00 is to be turned over to the Treasurer of the Town of Newton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$45,100.00 for said premium to the Treasurer of the Town of Newton.

RESOLUTION #235-2025*

"Approve Bills and Vouchers for Payment"

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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.

Check #	Vendor #	Vendor	Decription	Payment	Check Total
14182	89	AIRMARK POOLS, INC.	PO 67902 POOL ANNUAL CLOSING WINTERIZATION	2,360.70	2,360.70
14183	73	ALERT-ALL CORP.	PO 68753 ED MAT'S FOR SCHOOL KIDS	2,418.00	2,418.00
14184	3897	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PO 68711 HALLOWEEN SUPPLIES	440.89	
			PO 68713 Trunk or Treat Supplies	198.91	
			PO 68726 CENCOM EQ Order #112-2035062-2195430 & O	247.18	
			PO 68741 Electronics Dusters	6.00	
			PO 68741 Electronics Dusters	11.14	
			PO 68760 CENCOM EQ Order #112-7671756-2310628 & O	465.50	
			PO 68763 Trunk or Treat	64.94	1,434.56
14185	2757	ATLANTIC TACTICAL INC.	PO 67639 BODY ARMOR VESTS QUOTE #80818326	4,323.20	4,323.20
14186	3087	BASSANI POWER EQUIPMENT	PO 68707 Mower Repairs	229.89	229.89
14187	1079	BENNETT SAND & GRAVEL LLC	PO 68701 ROUND GRAVEL	170.00	170.00
14188	4706	CARLUCCI, MICHAEL	PO 67016 B: MUNICIPAL JUDGE (N \$40,205.00 + G \$3,	3,800.41	3,800.41
14189	77	CCP INDUSTRIES, INC.	PO 68704 Gloves Cust #53794	531.98	531.98
14190	3770	CINTAS	PO 67343 B: FIRST AID SUPPLIES DPW/WS/TH Jan - De	132.92	
			PO 67343 B: FIRST AID SUPPLIES DPW/WS/TH Jan - De	342.17	475.09
14191	1425	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	PO 68587 COUNTY OPEN SPACE TAX -4th QTR	4,131.72	4,131.72
14192	178	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	PO 68588 COUNTY LIBRARY TAX -4th QTR	104,193.75	104,193.75
14193	176	COUNTY OF SUSSEX	PO 68589 COUNTY PURPOSE TAX -4th QTR	1,131,535.99	1,131,535.99
14194	4827	CTS LANGUAGE LINK	PO 68644 PD LANGUAGE SERVICES	2.22	2.22
14195	1474	DELL MARKETING L.P.	PO 68669 Technology Upgrades/ Computers	3,935.72	3,935.72
14196	106	ELIZABETHOWN GAS	PO 67001 B: NATURAL GAS	1,077.49	
			PO 67001 B: NATURAL GAS	631.59	1,709.08
14197	4775	ENGIE POWER & GAS LLC #411330	PO 67002 B: NATURAL GAS	197.20	
			PO 67002 B: NATURAL GAS	37.14	234.34
14198	4653	FATHER JOHNS	PO 68647 VETERINARY SERVICES	450.00	
			PO 68730 TRANSFER FEE	90.00	540.00
14199	4747	FF1 APPARATUS LLC	PO 68756 FIRE DEPT PPE	1,145.20	
			PO 68756 FIRE DEPT PPE	2,750.70	3,895.90
14200	4650	FINKLE DANIELLE	PO 68715 Pumpking for Seniors	25.00	25.00
14201	1707	FINKLE, DANIEL	PO 68702 Newton OEM Domain Name Renewal Reimburse	90.00	90.00
14202	250	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	PO 68646 General Election Facility Use Fee	150.00	150.00
14203	4964	GARDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.	PO 68218 Environmental Assessment	12,269.70	12,269.70
14204	4540	GINA MARIA JONES	PO 68712 Senior Holiday Lunch Music Dec 8th	225.00	
			PO 68747 Flags of Honor Music	150.00	375.00
14205	4506	GLENN C KIENZ	PO 67011 B: 2025 PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY (800/MNT	800.00	800.00
14206	4398	GLOBAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS LLC	PO 67207 B: Recycling Collection: Jan to Dec 2025	1,338.17	1,338.17
14207	1608	GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINES	PO 68057 Sign Board/ Information Board	41,130.00	41,130.00
14208	3550	GREEN TOWNSHIP	PO 68754 REIMB DOG INV PAID BY GREEN	227.50	227.50
14209	3804	HAYDEE BALLESTER	PO 67010 B: COURT TRANSLATION	150.00	150.00
14210	1866	HOME DEPOT, INC.	PO 68696 6 POP- UP TENTS	717.00	
			PO 68696 6 POP- UP TENTS	477.00	
			PO 68727 PATCH CABLE	37.11	
			PO 68758 TURF GRASS	24.98	1,256.09
14211	4826	HUGO DELUCA'S ITALIAN DELI	PO 68762 Boxed lunches for FOH 75 qty	713.75	713.75
14212	4959	IIA FIRE DEPARTMENT TESTING	PO 68717 ANNUAL FIRE PUMP TESTING	425.00	425.00
14213	4986	J HARRIS ACADEMY OF POLICE TRAINING	PO 68759 OPRA CLASS	189.00	189.00
14214	3235	J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	PO 68749 Sep services	290.00	
			PO 68750 SEPT PLANNER	4,078.75	
			PO 68750 SEPT PLANNER	1,530.00	
			PO 68750 SEPT PLANNER	5,825.00	
			PO 68750 SEPT PLANNER	310.00	12,033.75
14215	1271	JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC	PO 67157 B: LIQUID CHLORINE/GAS (\$350 PER Cyl @15	2,479.06	2,479.06
14216	113	JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT, INC.	PO 66993 B: ELECTRIC BLDG'S & STREET LIGHTING	14,757.12	
			PO 66994 B: W/S ELECTRIC	14,372.94	29,130.06
14217	3644	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT, LLC.	PO 67250 B: PORT-A-JOHNS TWN EVENTS	739.50	739.50
14218	2569	KIEFFER ELECTRIC, INC.	PO 68710 Electrical Repairs/ Rpr Tripped Light Po	600.00	
			PO 68751 POLICE RADIO TOWER ELECTRICAL	33,572.91	34,172.91
14219	3711	KKPR MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS,	PO 66984 B: PUBLIC RELATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS MAR	116.00	
			PO 66984 B: PUBLIC RELATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS MAR	2,096.58	2,212.58
14220	3925	LANG, DIANE	PO 68744 Virtual Workshop - Declutter	325.00	
			PO 68744 Virtual Workshop - Declutter	175.00	500.00
14221	2278	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC.	PO 68714 TRANSLATION SERVICES Acct #9020910058	22.56	22.56
14222	4658	LAW OFFICE OF ORLANDO R RODRIGUEZ, LLC.	PO 67014 B: 2025 PUBLIC DEFENDER ((N \$13,500. G \$	1,125.00	
			PO 67014 B: 2025 PUBLIC DEFENDER ((N \$13,500. G \$	183.33	1,308.33
14223	4668	LAW OFFICES OF CHIRAG D. MEHTA, LLC.	PO 67015 B: PROSECUTOR (N \$31,000 G \$2,250 F \$1,5	2,920.81	2,920.81
14224	4042	LEAD INC.	PO 68631 PD TRAINING	50.00	50.00
14225	4356	LENOVO	PO 68725 PD COMPUTERS Q#4649809920	2,243.95	2,243.95

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14226	4040 - LOEFFELS WASTE OIL SERVICE LLC	PO 67135 WASTE OIL REMOVAL	220.63	220.63
14227	62 - MGL FORMS - SYSTEMS, LLC.	PO 68571 Minute Book (2024) CUST #N023	301.00	301.00
14228	409 - MINISINK PRESS INC	PO 68392 TAX COLLECTOR ENVELOPES	289.00	
		PO 68716 FOH Invites	54.00	343.00
14229	170 - NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION	PO 68241 SCHOOL TAX (JULY-DEC) 2025 -	1,178,478.34	1,178,478.34
14230	4816 - NIELSEN FORD OF MORRISTOWN INC	PO 66759 Fleet Vehicles/ Contract # ESCNJ 23/24-1	149,376.20	149,376.20
14231	1762 - NJSACOP	PO 68729 TRAINING CONFERENCE	530.00	530.00
14232	4656 - PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR LLC	PO 66247 SCADA/PLC REPLACEMENT PROJECT	1,332.50	
		PO 66876 SAND FILTER REHAB SAND FILTER	967.50	
		PO 66979 B: ALTERNATE SEWER ENGINEER	2,812.50	
		PO 67620 WWTP GENERATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT BID &	6,928.65	
		PO 68209 PUMP STATION CONSOLIDAITON	562.27	12,603.42
14233	64 - PELLOW, HAROLD & ASSO, INC.	PO 68687 August services	652.50	
		PO 68688 August services	72.50	
		PO 68690 August services	145.00	
		PO 68691 August services	507.00	
		PO 68692 August services	435.00	
		PO 68695 August services	550.93	2,362.93
14234	2788 - PENTELEDATA	PO 66997 B: INTERNET -DPW & STP (2 modems)	159.95	
		PO 66997 B: INTERNET -DPW & STP (2 modems)	159.95	319.90
14235	4204 - PLANET NETWORKS INC.	PO 68671 OFFICE 365 LICENSES	6,010.00	6,010.00
14236	2753 - PORTER LEE CORPORATION	PO 68639 SOFTWARE SUPPORT (11/25-10/26)	970.00	970.00
14237	2212 - PROCESS TECH SALES AND SERVICE	PO 68703 WATER PLANT /Service July 29, 2025	856.00	856.00
14238	4126 - PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING INC.	PO 68748 SEWER ENGINEER -SEPT	2,724.00	
		PO 68748 SEWER ENGINEER -SEPT	14,428.00	17,152.00
14239	4273 - QUADIENET INC.	PO 66982 B: POSTAGE MACH LEASE CUST #89936	486.00	486.00
14240	39 - QUILL CORPORATION	PO 68634 PD OFFICE SUPPLIES	40.98	
		PO 68752 CHAIR & STAND DESK	471.53	512.51
14241	3849 - ROK INDUSTRIES, INC	PO 68745 ELECTRONIC TAX SALE	210.00	210.00
14242	4400 - RUTGERS,OFFICE OF CONTINUING ED	PO 68619 Diseases and Pests of Trees Interactive	390.00	
		PO 68623 Lake Management/ Training Course/ Novemb	1,300.00	1,690.00
14243	4543 - SASSE GLASS LLC	PO 67878 Rpr Townhall Bottom Floor Door/ CFO Wind	6,585.00	6,585.00
14244	3660 - SCHENCK, PRICE, SMITH, & KING, LLP	PO 66976 B: TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY & SPECIAL CONFLIC	1,331.93	1,331.93
14245	3134 - SHOP RITE, INC.	PO 68761 Paint a pumpkin supplies Liberty Towers	212.04	212.04
14246	316 - SPARTA TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR	PO 68277 4Tth QTR's 2025 PROP TAX MORRIS LAKE	19,029.13	19,029.13
14247	2257 - STAPLES	PO 67331 Office Supplies:	319.22	
		PO 68152 B: PD OFFICE SUPPLIES	165.71	
		PO 68659 COMPUTER SUPP'S FOR BERRY	218.36	
		PO 68659 COMPUTER SUPP'S FOR BERRY	117.58	
		PO 68685 Flags of Honor office supplies	136.96	957.83
14248	1212 - STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND	PO 68743 DEDUCTIBLE CLAIM K RICHARDS	680.13	680.13
14249	4144 - SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	PO 64513 MOORES BROOK DREDGING STORMWATER MANAGEM	578.75	
		PO 66970 B: SEWER ENGINEER	2,038.75	
		PO 67621 SPARTA AVE PUMP STATION TOPOGRAPHIC SURV	2,300.50	
		PO 67622 MORRIS LK WTP CLEARWELL & HIGH ST WATER	1,558.25	
		PO 67623 MORRIS LK CHEM RM REHAB & SCADA IMPROVEM	862.50	
		PO 67632 CONVEYANCE STSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE i S	9,075.25	
		PO 67835 WWTP GENERATOR IMPROVEMENTS NJIB REPORTI	1,338.75	
		PO 67925 MERRIAM AVE & SUSSEX ST PUMP STATION CON	417.50	18,170.25
14250	4144 - SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	PO 67938 SPARTA AVE PUMP STATION NJIB REPORTING	1,102.50	
		PO 67939 DIGESTER NJIB REPORTING	2,528.75	
		PO 68028 MEMORY PARK ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS	1,995.00	
		PO 68041 B: ENGINEERING DESIGN MOORES BROOK	5,954.21	
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		PO 68375 SRF PROJECT PRIORITIZAITON SERVICES	2,580.00	14,160.46
14251	4712 - TANKEL JESSICA	PO 68746 Flags of Honor Balloons	75.00	75.00
14252	3851 - THE CANNING GROUP, LLC.	PO 67013 B: 2025 QPA ANN \$9,000	750.00	750.00
14253	1034 - TONY'S CONCRETE CONSTR CO, INC	PO 68626 Rpr Concrete/ Mason Avenue Water MainPr	9,470.00	9,470.00
14254	2880 - TRACTOR SUPPLY	PO 68633 ACO SUPPLIES	367.53	367.53
14255	4013 - TRANSUNION ALTERNATIVE RISK & DATA,	PO 68635 ONLINE INVESTIGATION SERVICE acct #7971	75.	75.00
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14256	367 - TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	PO 68742 MARR LICENSES 4TH QTR	300.	300.00
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14257	1280 - VERIZON WIRELESS, INC.	PO 66991 B: CELL PHONE ACCT #882571077-0001	1,570.54	
		PO 66991 B: CELL PHONE ACCT #882571077-0001	280.66	1,851.20
14258	2635 - W.B. MASON, INC.	PO 68682 Court Office Supplies CUST #C1329496	219.89	219.89
14259	217 - W.E. TIMMERMAN COMPANY, INC.	PO 68709 SWEEPERS PARTS/ PM Oil	825.28	825.28
14260	2576 - WHITE JOE	PO 68700 REIMB/Wastewater License - C2	106.	106.00
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TOTAL				2,860,463.87

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
01-201-20-100-200	TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE - OTHER EXPENSES	5,978.08			

01-201-20-120-200	TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - OTHER EXPENSES	787.00			
01-201-20-121-200	ELECTIONS - OTHER EXPENSES	150.00			
01-201-20-145-200	COLLECTION OF TAXES - OTHER EXPENSES	499.00			
01-201-20-155-200	LEGAL SERVICES - OTHER EXPENSES	5,933.72			
01-201-20-175-200	HISTORIC COMMISSION - OTHER EXPENSES	290.00			
01-201-21-180-200	PLANNING BOARD - OTHER EXPENSES	4,077.00			
01-201-21-181-200	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - OTHER EXPENSES	1,190.89			
01-201-23-220-300	EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE - OTHER EXPENSE	680.13			
01-201-25-240-200	POLICE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSES	6,790.20			
01-201-25-250-200	COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - OTHER EXPENSES	9,003.74			
01-201-25-252-200	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - OTHER EXPENSES	90.00			
01-201-25-255-200	FIRE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSES	6,038.70			
01-201-26-290-200	ROAD REPAIR & MAINT - OTHER EXPENSES	390.00			
01-201-26-305-200	RECYCLING/SANITATION - OTHER EXPENSES	1,338.17			
01-201-26-310-200	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSES	19,196.87			
01-201-26-315-200	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - OTHER EXPENSES	220.63			
01-201-27-340-200	ANIMAL CONTROL - OE	932.51			
01-201-28-370-200	RECREATION - OTHER EXPENSES	1,855.60			
01-201-28-371-200	SWIMMING POOL - OTHER EXPENSES	2,360.70			
01-201-28-375-200	PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSES	229.89			
01-201-31-460-200	UTILITY EXP/BULK PURCH - OTHER EXPENSES	18,202.24			
01-201-42-107-100	INTERLOCAL - FREDON TWP COURT	450.00			
01-201-42-108-100	INTERLOCAL - GREEN TWP COURT	520.83			
01-201-42-113-000	INTERLOCAL - ACO	227.50			
01-201-43-490-200	MUNICIPAL COURT - OTHER EXPENSES	369.89			
01-201-44-900-000	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - OTHER EXPENSES	41,130.00			
01-203-25-240-200	(2024) POLICE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSES		50.00		
01-207-55-000-000	DUE NEWTON BOE - SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE			1,178,478.34	
01-208-55-000-001	DUE COUNTY - LIBRARY TAX			104,193.75	
01-208-55-000-002	DUE COUNTY - PURPOSE TAX			1,131,535.99	
01-208-55-000-004	DUE COUNTY - OPEN SPACE TAX			4,131.72	
01-221-55-000-001	DUE S/NJ - MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES			300.00	
01-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	2,547,623.09

TOTALS FOR	CURRENT FUND	128,933.29	50.00	2,418,639.80	2,547,623.09
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02-213-41-000	RESERVE FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS			2,355.28	
02-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	2,355.28

TOTALS FOR	STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS	0.00	0.00	2,355.28	2,355.28
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ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
04-215-55-908-000	ORD 2022-13 SIDEWALKS RT 206/WATER ST			310.00	
04-215-55-913-000	ORD 22-21 amendORD 20-10 MEM PK ORD 23-2 NJIB			8,527.96	
04-215-55-935-000	ORD 2025-10 VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			33,742.91	
04-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	42,580.87
TOTALS FOR	GENERAL CAPITAL	0.00	0.00	42,580.87	42,580.87

08-215-55-901-000	ORD 2017-8 SPARTA AVE PUMP STATION (SWR)			456.00	
08-215-55-903-000	ORD 2020-7 DIGESTER & PRI SLUDGE PUMP-NJIB			2,528.75	
08-215-55-910-000	ORD 2023-3 SPARTA AVE PS - NJIB			3,403.00	
08-215-55-911-000	ORD 2023-4 DIGESTER NJIB			4,500.00	
08-215-55-912-000	ORD 2023-8 WATER IMP NJIB			4,775.00	
08-215-55-913-000	ORD 2023-11 SEWER IMP. NJIB			6,574.52	
08-215-55-918-000	ORD 2024-8 VAR WS IMP.			9,470.00	
08-215-55-920-000	ORD 2024-10 VARIOUS WS VEHICLE ACQUISITIONS			149,376.20	
08-215-55-921-000	ORD 2024-25 WATER IMP amend Ord 2023-08 NJIB			1,558.25	
08-215-55-923-000	ORD 2025-05 SUPPL APPROP VAR SEWER IMP-NJIB			22,187.40	
08-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	204,829.12

TOTALS FOR	WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL	0.00	0.00	204,829.12	
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09-201-56-501-200	W&S OPERATING - TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	54,870.63			
09-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	54,870.63

TOTALS FOR	WATER/SEWER UTILITY	54,870.63	0.000.00	54,870.63	
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31-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	4,126.13
31-286-56-102-000	ENGINEER REVIEW FEES			1,855.93	
31-287-56-114	RESERVE FOR FIRE PREVENTION FEES/FINES			1,145.20	
31-287-56-117	RESERVE FOR MUNIC PUBLIC DEFENDER			1,125.00	

TOTALS FOR	TRUST	0.00	0.004,126.13	4,126.13	
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35-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING	0.00	4,078.75
35-296-56-001-000	RESERVES FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT	4,078.75	

TOTALS FOR	HOUSING TRUST	0.00	0.00
		4,078.75	4,078.75
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Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND	2,547,623.09
Total to be paid from Fund 02 STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS	2,355.28
Total to be paid from Fund 04 GENERAL CAPITAL	42,580.87
Total to be paid from Fund 08 WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL	204,829.12
Total to be paid from Fund 09 WATER/SEWER UTILITY	54,870.63
Total to be paid from Fund 31 TRUST	4,126.13
Total to be paid from Fund 35 HOUSING TRUST	4,078.75

	2,860,463.87

Checks Previously Disbursed

14179	JOSEPH D CALABRESE	PO# 66989 B: LOGISTICS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS	25.00	10/20/2025
14180	PENNYROSE COFFEE CORP	Multiple:	46.41	10/21/2025
250184	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	10/23 PAYROLL	227,893.70	10/23/2025
250241	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	10/23 GRANT PAYROLL	528.09	10/23/2025
250424	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	10/23 CAPITAL PAYROLL ROAD PROJ'S	1,399.45	10/23/2025
250952	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	10/23 W/S PAYROLL	54,860.05	10/23/2025
253138	PAYROLL ACCOUNT	10/23 TRUST PAYROLL	24,150.00	10/23/2025

			308,902.70	

ACCOUNT	Totals by fund DESCRIPTION	Previous Checks/Voids CURRENT YR	Current Payments	Total APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
Fund 01	CURRENT FUND	227,923.87	2,547,623.09			2,775,546.96
Fund 02	STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS	528.09	2,355.28			2,883.37
Fund 04	GENERAL CAPITAL	1,399.45	42,580.87			43,980.32
Fund 08	WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL		204,829.12			204,829.12
Fund 09	WATER/SEWER UTILITY	54,901.29	54,870.63			109,771.92
Fund 31	TRUST	24,150.00	4,126.13			28,276.13
Fund 35	HOUSING TRUST		4,078.75			4,078.75
BILLS LIST TOTALS		308,902.70	2,860,463.87			3,169,366.57

Mayor Le Frois asked if the Council wanted to remove any resolutions from the consent agenda. Mr. Couce asked for Resolution #231-2025 to be pulled and voted on separately.

Mrs. Diglio made a motion to approve the **COMBINED RESOLUTIONS of the Consent Agenda**, as presented, except for Resolution #231-2025, and Mrs. Teets seconded the motion, and the roll call resulted as follows:

Mr. Couce	Yes	Deputy Mayor Dickson	Yes
(Abstain on Checks 14202 & 14235)			
Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Teets	Yes
		Mayor Le Frois	Yes

RESOLUTION #231-2025

“Approve Fireworks Display at Newton Medical Center, Atlantic Health System”

WHEREAS, a Resolution of the local Governing Body is required by the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Workplace Standards, to grant permission for the public display of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, Celebration Fireworks of Slatington, PA has submitted a proposal to the Sussex County Fire Marshal for a fireworks display with a copy of the permit application, certificate of insurance, site diagram, and other pertinent information, in conjunction with a fireworks display that will take place at Newton Medical Center, 175 High Street, Newton, New Jersey on Saturday, November 15, 2025 as part of the annual "Festival of Lights"; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Fire Marshal, Virgil R. Rome, Jr., has advised the application for said fireworks display is complete and in order;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Newton Medical Center is hereby granted permission for a fireworks display during the "Festival of Lights" event to take place on November 15, 2025 and that said fireworks display will be provided by Celebration Fireworks of Slatington, PA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified original of this Resolution be forwarded to the Sussex County Fire Marshal, Virgil R. Rome, Jr. and Celebration Fireworks of Slatington, PA.

Mrs. Diglio made a motion to approve Resolution #231-2025, and Mrs. Teets seconded the motion, and the roll call resulted as follows:

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Le Frois opened the meeting to the public.

Joseph Atkinson appeared in person and stated he appreciates that the Town is doing major improvements however the construction companies are treating the residential neighborhoods like a construction zone rather than respecting them as residential areas. There has been damage to his property, as well as others. The company did make good on it, but he still has concerns for the safety of the families and lack of consideration for the neighborhoods. He is asking for better oversight to ensure construction companies respect the residential nature of the neighborhood and are more mindful of nearby residents and pedestrians.

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

COUNCIL MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Couce stated he received a communication from a resident of Liberty Street that was affected by the Linwood Annex traffic direction changes, he is appreciative of our efforts, and he is happy with the resolution.

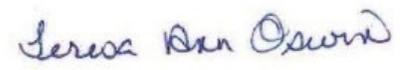
Mrs. Teets mentioned she inadvertently forgot to mention and thank the Newton First Aid Squad for their presence and help with the 5K event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion by Mr. Couce seconded by Mrs. Teets, and unanimously carried, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

October 27, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa A. Oswin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Teresa A. Oswin, RMC
Municipal Clerk