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The regular work session meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo, Mr. Storm, Mayor Unhoch and Town Manager, Eileen Kithcart. Mr. Elvidge was excused.

Mayor Unhoch the following declaration that “in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this work session meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 26, 2007”.

MAIN STREET MINUTE

Mrs. Carola Hartley, Executive Director, was unable to attend this meeting, due to illness, therefore no report was presented for the “Main Street Minute”.

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Ms. Kithcart and Mrs. Millikin updated Council on the redevelopment matters.

Mrs. Millikin advised Council that the Town received notice from the Office of Smart Growth (OSG) that they received the Town of Newton’s Self-Assessment for Plan Endorsement. All required notice materials were submitted and OSG has began the 45-day period to conduct the state agency Opportunities and Constraint Assessment for Newton. OSG will provide Newton with an Assessment Report no later than March 21, 2008.

2008 PRELIMINARY BUDGET (CONTINUATION FROM 2/4/2008)

Ms. Kithcart addressed the questions of the Town Council in a memo dated February 8, 2008. Ms. Kithcart provided a breakdown regarding salary and wages (S&W) from 2007 to 2008. In addition, Ms. Kithcart provided differential figures for S&W for Police Superiors and Patrolmen.

Ms. Kithcart advised Council of a “new” levy cap, implemented by

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the State, which will have a huge impact on the preliminary budget figures.

Ms. Kithcart will work on re-analyzing some calculations relative to the new

levy cap, upon receipt of the directive from the State.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mr. Storm and carried, the Town Council went into executive session at 8:07 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton (hereinafter referred to as the "Town Council"), convened a meeting in full compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows a public body to enter executive session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters, and

WHEREAS, it has become clear to the Town Council that there is a need to enter executive session to discuss one or more of the exceptions to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

WHEREAS, this work session meeting of the Town Council will not reconvene;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it will enter executive session to discuss issues related to personnel issues and litigation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion conducted in executive session by the Newton Town Council shall be disclosed to the public as follows:

LITIGATION

Ms. Kithcart updated Council on pending litigation issues.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Kithcart updated Council on several personnel issues.

Mrs. Read, Municipal Clerk, addressed Council regarding a LOSAP request from Fire Department Administration. After a brief discussion, Council suggested the Town create a policy regarding non-vested LOSAP members.

Upon motion of Mr. Storm seconded Mayor Unhoch and carried, the

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Town Council left executive session at 8:47 p.m.

Mayor Unhoch declared the meeting opened to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Ricciardo and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk