

**Executive Session**

August 10, 2009

An Executive Session meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 8:55 p.m. Present were Mrs. Unhoch, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Le Frois, Mr. Ricciardo, Mayor Elvidge and Town Manager, Mr. Thomas Russo, Jr.

Mr. Russo read the following statement which authorized the Town Council to enter into Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION #164-2009**

**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**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Newton is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specific purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Newton to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

- (1) Personnel

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, assembled in public session on Monday, August 10, 2009, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on August 10, 2009, at 8:55 PM in the Town of Newton Municipal Building, 39 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific item designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Town Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

The following **RESOLUTION** was offered by Mrs. Le Frois, seconded by Mrs. Becker and unanimously carried, the Town Council entered into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

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Mr. Russo agreed to leave the room in order for the Governing Body to discuss the Town Manager's one-year review.

Mayor Elvidge and the members of the Town Council discussed the overall performance of Mr. Russo serving as Town Manager and reviewed his three (3) year contract.

Upon the return of Mr. Russo, Mayor Elvidge advised that the consensus of the governing body was that the performance of the Town Manager has met and exceeded the expectations of the Town Council during the past year. Council congratulated Mr. Russo on his performance and authorized the salary increase of \$4,000.00, as per the Town Manager's contract.

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Mr. Russo made comments to the governing body and thanked them for the opportunity to serve the Town of Newton and indicated that he “loves what he does”.

There being no further business to be conducted in Executive Session, upon motion of Mrs. Le Frois, seconded by Mrs. Becker and unanimously carried, Council left Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC  
Municipal Clerk