

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the special meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Thursday, June 18, 2020**. The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19 mandates and precautions.

Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Jay Maher, Senior Burgess Chris Gardner, Second Senior Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Bill Eder, Burgess Jim Gaston and Clerk Ann Scaia.

Absent: Burgess Anthony Baiad

Also Present: None.

Burgess Gaston made a motion of passage of the resolution, as attached, Re: Tax Deferment Program pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order 2020-7S, in its entirety except at the bottom it should say "adopted by the Borough of Newtown, County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut on June 18, 2020", seconded by Senior Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

There being no further business, Burgess Eder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Burgess Gaston and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Scaia
Borough Clerk

A recording of the meeting may be found here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/xuAsd5LLplxlfM_Kx22DffMONLqieaa80CEa_vpeyB7OVAO15XiMtAt9Q-3BVSoi

**RESOLUTION RE: TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO
GOVERNOR LAMONT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-7S**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut ("Governor") declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States ("President") declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

WHEREAS, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor he has issued a series of Executive Orders setting for the law governing the conduct of the business and state and municipal government during the period of the emergency;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7S ("EO 7S"), requiring municipalities, by a vote of its legislative body, participate in a deferment or low interest rate program; and

WHEREAS, participation in a deferment program is in the best interest of the Borough of Newtown.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the Board of Burgesses of the Borough of Newtown as follows:

1. That pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 7S, beginning and including July 1, 2020, the Borough of Newtown, Town of Newtown shall participate in the deferral program and will offer to all eligible tax payers, businesses, industries, non-profit and residents a deferment of 90 days for any taxes on real estate, personal property, or motor vehicle from the time such taxes first become due and payable.
2. Eligible taxpayers shall not include financial institutions escrowing taxes for residential, commercial, or industrial properties.
3. The Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses directs the Borough Tax Collector and Assessor to proceed with implementation of this resolution as directed.

ADOPTED by the Borough of Newtown, County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut on June 18, 2020.

Jay Maher, Warden

Christopher Gardner, Senior Burgess

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