

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023** in the Lower Meeting Room at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Senior Burgess Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**Present:** Senior Burgess Chris Gardner, Burgess James Gaston, Burgess Sarah Phillips, Burgess Maureen Crick Owen, Burgess Jared Modzelewski, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez and Clerk Ann Scaia

**Absent:** Warden Jay Maher, Zoning Enforcement Officer Joe Chapman and Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

**Also Present:** There were 5 members of public.

**Burgess Gaston made a motion to accept the August 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes,**  
seconded by Burgess Phillips and unanimously approved.

**Warden's Report:** Due to Warden Maher's absence, Senior Burgess Gardner had nothing new to report.

**Tree Warden's Report:** Due to Tree Warden McCulloch's absence, Senior Burgess Gardner reported Tree Warden McCulloch inspected a tree on Knollwood Drive that fell across a driveway. No further information was available from the Tree Warden.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax Collector Enriquez reported that for the August 2023: Taxes Collectable \$226,783.50; Current Taxes: \$208,759.02; Back Taxes: \$305.48; Interest: \$113.87; Liens & Fees: \$48.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$183,000.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$208,759.02 representing 92.05%. Please review attached for August 2023.

**Burgess Crick Owen made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for August 2023,**  
seconded by Burgess Modzelewski and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The August 2023 report presents: A deposit of \$160.00 was made from the Borough Zoning Office. A deposit of \$148,000.00 was made from Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$14,800.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. There was a transfer of \$148,160.00 made into the ISC Account from the Borough Operating Account. A transfer of \$14,800.00 was transferred from the ISC Account to the Borough Operating Account.

Interest on the 13 mo. CD was \$173.44 making a total of \$68,901.19. Please review attached report for August 2023.

**Burgess Gaston made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2023,** seconded by Burgess Modzelewski and unanimously approved.

**Zoning Enforcement Officer's (ZOE) Report:** Zoning Enforcement Officer Joe Chapman was absent and there was no report submitted by him.

**Historic District:** Burgess Phillips reported the Bicentennial Committee has completed the creation of the logo and starting to create the website. Burgess Crick Owen also reported the Hawley Society will create events in conjunction with the Bicentennial celebration. The Hawley Society is creating an award for an individual/group that perform an outstanding service which will be presented during the Bicentennial Celebration. Burgess Phillips stating there will be a variety of activities during the Bicentennial Celebration starting with the kickoff party at Marygold's and then a variety of events such as cemetery tours, Main Street walks, the Labor Day parade will have a Bicentennial theme, a tie in with the Holiday celebration, etc. Soon the committee will begin marketing all the events related to the celebration.

**Sidewalks:** In Warden Maher absence, Senior Burgess Gardner reported the DOT is reviewing the Sugar Street and Church Hill Road/Queen Street projects. There doesn't appear to be any suggestions for the Rt. 302 project. The DOT continues to review the Queen Street project and has provided some recommendations for modifications.

**Streets & Parks:** Nothing new to report.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Public Participation:** Bob Meyers, of 10 Mt. Pleasant, inquired why borough residents couldn't drop off their tax bill/payment at the town hall. Tax Collector Enriquez stated the drop box was no longer available, but borough residents could mail their payment or pay online. Senior Burgess Gardner stated the possibility of resuming a drop box at the town hall could be re-investigated. Mr. Meyers asked if there has been a borough blight submitted for a house on Main Street. Burgess Gaston stated the Borough does not have a blight ordinance, but the town does. He suggested Mr. Meyers visit the Land Use Management department at the town hall to discuss his issue with the house in question. Lastly, Mr. Meyers stated he did not receive a letter regarding the potential Castle Hill development. Burgess Gaston stated the Borough is not

overseeing the development. He suggested Mr. Meyers visit the town zoning department since they are overseeing the potential project.

Mark Maruschak, of 12 Lincoln Road, asked if the Bicentennial Celebration will have family friendly activities. Burgess Phillips said the committee is currently reviewing a variety of possible family friendly activities.

**Executive Session: Burgess Crick Owen moved to enter into Executive Session regarding the renewal lease with Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers inviting Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Clerk Ann Scaia and Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez to remain in attendance.**

Burgess Phillips seconded. Executive Session was entered into at 7:58 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:14 p.m. with no action taken.

**The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:30p.m.**

**There being no further business, Burgess Modzelewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.,** seconded by Burgess Gaston and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Scaia  
Borough Clerk

## NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT THROUGH: AUGUST 2023

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2022:	\$226,830.85
LAWFUL CORRECTIONS:	
INCREASE	\$0.09
DECREASE	-\$47.44
TAXES COLLECTABLE:	\$226,783.50

### AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$208,759.02
BACK TAX	\$305.48
INTEREST:	\$113.87
LIENS & FEES:	\$48.00
TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:	\$209,226.37

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE:	\$183,000.00
REFUND GIVEN FROM CURRENT YR TAX	\$0.00
REFUNDS FROM PRIOR YEARS	(\$123.58)
BOUNCED CHECKS	\$0.00
	\$182,876.42

### TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

GL 2022	TAXES COLLECTED	\$208,759.02	
	TAXES SUSPENDED	\$0.00	
	TRANSFERS	\$0.00	
	BOUNCED CHECKS	\$0.00	
	REFUNDS	\$0.00	
	TOTAL CURRENT TAX COLLECTED	\$208,759.02	92.05%
	UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$18,024.48	7.95%
	OVERPAYMENTS	-\$1,028.78	

### NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2021 AND PRIOR:	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$1,421.80
OVERPAYMENTS FROM PRIOR YEARS	-\$100.71
ADJUSTMENTS	\$0.00
TRANSFER (TO CURRENT YEAR)	\$0.00
BOUNCED CHECK FROM BT PAID	\$0.00

DATE:  
1-Sep-23

SIGN: *Jodie Enriquez*  
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

# BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN

## Treasurer's Report Month Ending August 31, 2023

			ACCOUNT 673	ACCOUNT 2470-D	ACCOUNT 873	TOTAL
			Operating Account	Insured Cash Sweep	American Rescue Plan	
BEGIN 8/1/2023			\$250,106.19	\$193,739.24	\$45,847.03	\$489,692.46
Interest Transfer			-\$106.19	\$106.19		\$0.00
Transfer to Clerk's Account	Check #346		-\$14,800.00			-\$14,800.00
	Ram Pasture Bridge				-\$38,500.00	-\$38,500.00
Transfer in from ICS Account			\$14,800.00	-\$14,800.00		\$0.00
Deposit from Tax Collector	YTD:\$183,000		\$148,000.00	\$0.00		\$148,000.00
Deposit Bldg/Zoning/Misc			\$160.00			\$160.00
Transfer out to ICS Acct.			-\$148,160.00	\$148,160.00		\$0.00
Interest Earned 8/31/23			\$106.19	\$1,279.14	\$61.01	\$1,446.34
ENDING BALANCE 8/31/2023			\$250,106.19	\$328,484.57	\$7,408.04	\$585,998.80

CD ACCOUNT 814
matures 1/15/24

BEGIN 8/1/2023		\$68,727.75	
Interest earned 8/31/2023	3% APY	\$173.44	
ENDING BALANCE 8/31/2023		\$68,901.19	

Respectfully submitted 9/12/2023