

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020** in the Old Court Room at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Present: Warden Jay Maher, Senior Burgess Chris Gardner, Second Senior Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Eder, Burgess Jim Gaston, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, and Clerk Ann Scaia.

Absent: Burgess Bill Lucas, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez and Tree Warden Rob McCulloch.

Also Present: None.

Burgess Baird made a motion to accept the February 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes,
seconded by Burgess Eder. Warden Maher abstained. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None.

Budget: Warden Maher presented the proposed budget for 2020-2021 and line items were discussed individually. Several figures were adjusted and the Proposed Mill Rate for 2020-2021 is 0.66%. Warden Maher will present the revised budget at the April Borough meeting for final review.

Warden's Report: Warden Maher, reported the March 5, 2020, Special Borough meeting, discussing the Ad Hoc Sidewalk Committee findings, was well received and informative. Burgess Gaston received an email from Dawn Handschuh stating she was in favor of more sidewalks (see attached). Warden Maher was pleased to hear the report from Zoning Officer Sibley of the movement on the 19 Main Street property. While discussing the proposed 2020-2021 budget, there was discussion of utilizing a fund balance policy for anticipated projects. Further discussion will occur at the April 14, Borough meeting as to more specific funding allotted for future projects.

Tree Warden's Report: Tree Warden McCulloch was absent from the meeting so there was nothing new to report for the month of February.

Tax Collector's Report: In the absence of Tax Collector Enriquez, Warden Maher reported from an email from Tax Collector Enriquez, she was working on the Grand List, there were no new collections and no other new items to report.

Treasurer's Report: The February 2020 report presents: A deposit of \$190.00 made from the Borough Zoning Office. There were no deposits made from Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$8,600.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. A total of \$190.00 was transferred into the ISC Account from the Borough Operating Account. A transfer of \$8,410.00 was transferred from the ISC Account to the Borough Operating Account. Interest on the 12 mo. CD was \$106.20 making a total of \$77,830.48. Please review attached report for February 2020.

Burgess Gaston made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2020,
seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Brinkman also reported the CD matured at the end of February, Newtown Savings Bank was able to secure the same rate of 1.80% APY for a 12-month term with a new mature date of March 2, 2021.

Zoning Officer's Report: The Borough Zoning Commission reported new topics are being reviewed with new regulations with apartments and signs. He also stated there were very few applications, however, many referrals and reviews. He shared the Borough Zoning Commission are in the permit process for the property at 19 Main Street and will see the building permits being processed in the next two weeks. He clarified the property can be used as a restaurant, an inn, a small office and a residence. Zoning Officer Sibley also shared the Borough Zoning Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 has been cancelled.

Historic District: Second Senior Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Warden Maher reported the sidewalk will be replaced at 35 Main Street which completes the restoration of sidewalks on Main Street. Warden Maher will be releasing an RFP before the April 14, Borough meeting. He anticipates the project being completed by June 2020.

Streets & Parks: Burgess Eder had nothing new to report on the Victory and Peace monument. Senior Burgess Gardner reported donations are still being collected. Eversource replaced two of the downward facing lights with LED Bulbs on the flagpole.

New Business: As the Deputy Director for Emergency Management, Rob Sibley shared on the morning of Wednesday, March 11, a report will be released from the Health District with health recommendations for all municipal agencies and basic health and safety recommendations for people as it relates to COVID-19. He will share the report with the Board of Burgesses

Old Business: None at this time.

Public Participation: None.

Consistent with the message across the state, First Selectman Rosenthal request that future meetings that are not of an urgent, time sensitive nature not be held at this time.

There being no further business, Senior Burgess Chris Gardner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m., seconded by Burgess Eder and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Scaia
Borough Clerk

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Treasurer's Report Month Ending 2/29/2020

	ACCOUNT 673 Treasurer	ACCOUNT 2470-D Insured Cash Sweep	TOTAL
BEGIN 2/1/2020	\$250,011.27	\$357,228.98	\$607,240.25
Interest Transfer	-\$11.27	\$11.27	\$0.00
Transfer to Clerk's Account check #285	-\$8,600.00		-\$8,600.00
Transfer in from ICS acct	\$8,410.00	-\$8,410.00	\$0.00
Deposit from Building/Zoning	\$190.00		\$190.00
Deposit from Tax Collector YTD:\$160,700	\$0.00		\$0.00
Transfer out to ICS acct	-\$190.00	\$190.00	\$0.00
Interest earned 2/29/2020	\$9.56	\$322.81	\$332.37
ENDING BALANCE 2/29/2020	\$249,819.56	\$349,343.06	\$599,162.62

1 YEAR CD Account 814

BEGIN 2/1/2020	\$77,724.28
Interest earned 2/29/2020 1.80 APY	\$106.20
ENDING BALANCE 2/29/2020	\$77,830.48

Respectfully submitted 3/10/20

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[Newtown CT] Sidewalks (Sent by Dawn Handschuh, dawn303030@yahoo.com)

From: Contact form at Newtown CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
To: okjt <okjt@aol.com>
Subject: [Newtown CT] Sidewalks (Sent by Dawn Handschuh, dawn303030@yahoo.com)
Date: Sat, Mar 7, 2020 11:49 am

Hello jgaston,

Dawn Handschuh (dawn303030@yahoo.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.newtown-ct.gov/user/803/contact>) at Newtown CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.newtown-ct.gov/user/803/edit>.

Message:

I rarely miss an issue of the Bee, but last week I did, and then I read belatedly about your sidewalk expansion meeting, which I would have liked to attend.

I am very much in favor of more sidewalks in the center of town, most especially one linking Main Street with Madison Avenue or even West St., via Rt. 302. I understand this is one of your priorities, but just wanted to add my support as I would love to be able to walk more often from my West St. home to other parts of town without taking undue risks with traffic.

Thanks!