

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**. The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19 mandates and precautions. Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 7:34p.m.

Present: Warden Jay Maher, Senior Burgess Chris Gardner, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Bill Eder, Burgess Jim Gaston, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch and Clerk Ann Scaia.

Absent: Second Senior Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad and Zoning Officer Rob Sibley

Also Present: None

Senior Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the February 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Lucas. Motion passed.

Budget: Warden Maher presented the proposed budget for 2021-2022. Several line items were discussed individually and the overall Borough budget shall be reduced from the previous year. The Proposed Mill Rate for 2021-2022 is set at 0.66%. Warden Maher will present the revised budget at the April Borough meeting for final review.

Warden's Report: Warden Maher learned from Maureen Crick Owen, the grant application for the Hawley Pond submitted to DEEP has received acknowledgement of receipt on February 12, 2021. The Borough is entertaining support in some capacity. The survey of the Sugar Street project has commenced due to improved weather.

Tree Warden's Report: Tree Warden McCulloch reported he will be doing stump grinding and has a couple of other small projects. Come Spring, Tree Warden McCulloch will review the borough trees and assess the needs for pruning. Once assessed, he will then create an RFP for pruning services.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for February 2021: Taxes Collectable \$161,931.90; Current Taxes: \$160,939.24; Back Taxes: \$2,259.29; Interest: \$1,502.83; Liens & Fees: \$212.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$164,400.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$160,812.59 representing 99.31%. Please review attached report for February 2021.

Burgess Gaston made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for February 2021,
seconded by Senior Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Enriquez reviewed the various tax exemptions acknowledged by the borough.

Burgess Gaston made a motion to continue tax exemptions for veterans, The Pleasants and the Bob Geckle Conservation, as has been on going, seconded by Senior Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The February 2021 report presents: A deposit of \$3,134.00 was made from the Borough Zoning Office. There was no deposit made from Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$17,300.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. A transfer of \$3,134.00 was transferred into the ISC Account from the Borough Operating Account. A transfer of \$17,300.00 was transferred from the ISC Account to the Borough Operating Account. Interest on the 12 mo. CD was \$116.09 making a total of \$79,227.23. Please review attached report for February 2021.

Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2021,
seconded by Burgess Eder and unanimously approved.

Burgess Gaston made a motion to transfer \$60.00 from Contingency to Flagpole, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Brinkman reported the CD is due for renewal in March. She presented the following rates for renewal: 6 months @ .25% and 1 yr @ .30%,

Burgess Gaston made a motion to renew the CD in the amount of \$79,227.23 for a 6 month term at .25% APY, seconded by Burgess Lucas.

Zoning Officer's Report: Due to the absence of the Zoning Officer, there was nothing new to report.

Historic District: Due to the absence of Second Senior Burgess reported she had nothing new to report. Burgess Gaston reported Stephanie Gaston had initial conversations with Brid Craddock, of 59 Main Street, regarding an attached apartment on their property.

Sidewalks: Warden Maher suggested the \$10,000 allocated for sidewalks be utilized towards the maintenance of the bomanite. The Board agreed this would be an appropriate use of funds. Warden Maher will review the sidewalks and report back at the next meeting the suggested maintenance and the costs associated with it.

Streets & Parks: Warden Maher had nothing new to report.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Public Participation: None.

The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:30p.m.

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY
DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE MEETING WILL NOT BE IN-PERSON.
A PUBLIC CALL-IN PHONE NUMBER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REMOTE
PARTICIPATION.**

There being no further business, Burgess Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Burgess Eder and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Scaia
Borough Clerk

A recording of the meeting may be found here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/NBXrn0MYuLzI6HcZD9me1nRXolonQ2-O2FnptF1xoAxNH7D2M2skbzKk35XGZfa3.4Ae9wZDI5BqQeSLz>

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: FEBRUARY 2021

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| TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2019: | | \$160,258.65 |
| LAWFUL CORRECTIONS: | INCREASE | \$1,712.23 |
| | DECREASE | -\$38.98 |
| TAXES COLLECTABLE: | | \$161,931.90 |

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| CURRENT TAX: | \$160,939.24 |
| BACK TAX | \$2,259.29 |
| INTEREST: | \$1,502.83 |
| LIENS & FEES: | \$212.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: | \$164,913.36 |

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| TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE: | \$164,400.00 |
| REFUND GIVEN FROM CURRENT YR TAX | \$147.99 |
| REFUND GIVEN DUE FROM PRIOR YR | \$0.00 |

TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

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| GL 2019 | TAXES COLLECTED | \$160,939.24 | |
| | TAXES SUSPENDED | \$0.00 | |
| | TRANSFERS | \$21.34 | |
| | BOUNCED CHECKS | \$0.00 | |
| | REFUNDS | -\$147.99 | |
| | TOTAL CURRENT TAX COLLECTED | \$160,812.59 | 99.31% |
| | UNCOLLECTED TAXES | \$1,119.31 | 0.70% |
| | OVERPAYMENTS | \$0.00 | |

NOTE:

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| BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2018 AND PRIOR: | |
| UNCOLLECTED TAXES | \$242.09 |
| OVERPAYMENTS FROM PRIOR YEARS | -\$151.33 |
| ADJUSTMENTS | \$4.01 |
| TRANSFER (TO CURRENT YEAR) | -\$21.34 |

DATE:
7-Mar-21

SIGN: *Jodie Enriquez*
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN

Treasurer's Report Month Ending February 28,2021

| | ACCOUNT 673 Operating Account | ACCOUNT 2470-D Insured Cash Sweep | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| BEGIN 2/1/2021 | \$250,010.62 | \$375,824.58 | \$625,835.20 |
| Interest Transfer | -\$10.62 | \$10.62 | \$0.00 |
| Transfer to Clerk's Account | check #300 -\$17,300.00 | | -\$17,300.00 |
| Transfer in from ICS | \$17,300.00 | -\$17,300.00 | \$0.00 |
| Deposit from Bldg/Zoning | \$3,134.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,134.00 |
| Deposit from Tax | YTD:\$164,400 \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Transfer out to ICS Acct. | -\$3,134.00 | \$3,134.00 | \$0.00 |
| Interest earned 2/28/2021 | \$9.59 | \$14.12 | \$23.71 |
| ENDING BALANCE 2/28/2021 | \$250,009.59 | \$361,683.32 | \$611,692.91 |

1 YEAR CD Account 814 matures 3/2/2021

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| BEGIN 2/1/2021 | \$79,111.14 |
| Interest earned 2/28/2021 | 1.80 APY \$116.09 |
| ENDING BALANCE 2/28/2021 | \$79,227.23 |

Respectfully submitted 3/9/21