

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, July 12, 2022** in the Old Court Room at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 7:32p.m.

**Present:** Warden Jay Maher, Senior Burgess Chris Gardner, Burgess James Gaston, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Sarah Phillips, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, and Clerk Ann Scaia.

**Absent:** Burgess Jared Modzelewski & Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

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

**Senior Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the June 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Maher announced the Borough has acquired the necessary UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) from the government which is required prior to dispersing any ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Warden Maher, as a reminder, outlined the funding approved to various entities via motions passed during the May Borough meeting. Checks will be mailed to the outlined entities this week.

**Burgess Gaston made a motion to open the appropriation where \$34,000.00 was approved for internet upgrade and amend it to approve \$34,400.00 for internet upgrade,** seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

**Burgess Gaston made a motion to open the appropriation where \$13,500.00 was approved for installation of security cameras and amend it to approve \$13,450.00 for installation of security cameras,** seconded by Burgess Senior Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

**Tree Warden's Report:** Due to Tree Warden McCulloch absence, nothing new was presented.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax Collector Enriquez reported the End of Fiscal Year June 2022: Taxes Collectable \$163,729.75; Current Taxes: \$165,609.22; Back Taxes: \$1,697.46; Interest: \$1,413.29; Liens & Fees: \$168.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$166,524.48. Current Taxes Collected: \$163,956.58 representing 100.14%. Please review attached End of Fiscal Year June 2022.

**Senior Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's End of Fiscal Year June 2022 Report**, seconded by Burges Lucas and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Enriquez presented a corrected annual suspense letter regarding personal property in the Borough (see attached) which was approved at the June Borough meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The July 2022 report presents: There were no deposits made from the Borough Zoning Office. A deposit of \$524.48 was made from Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$32,800.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. There was a transfer of \$524.48 into the ISC Account from the Borough Operating Account. A transfer of \$32,800.00 was transferred from the ISC Account to the Borough Operating Account. Interest on the 6 mo. CD was \$3.27 making a total of \$79,431.33. Please review attached report for July 2022.

**Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2022**, seconded by Senior Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

**Senior Burgess Gardner made a motion to transfer \$135.00 from Auxiliary Help to Advertising**, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

**Burgess Gaston made a motion to transfer \$327.84 from Engineer to Consulting**, seconded by Senior Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

**Burgess Phillips made a motion to transfer \$106.00 from Engineer to Legal Fees**, seconded by Burgess Gaston and unanimously approved.

**Burgess Gaston made a motion to transfer \$1,045.26 from Street Lights, \$250.00 from Soldiers & Sailors and \$9.84 from Health District to Streets & Parks**, seconded by Burgess Phillips and unanimously approved.

**Senior Burgess Gardner made a motion to transfer \$1,195.00 from Zoning Officer to Trees & Maintenance**, seconded by Burgess Gaston and unanimously approved.

**Burgess Gaston made a motion to transfer \$425.00 from Auxiliary Help, \$80.00 from Bonds & Ins., \$245.42 from Data Processing, \$.16 from Health District, \$100.00 from Historic District, \$100.00 from Flagpole, \$10.00 from Social Work Fund, \$16.16 from Engineer and \$821.21 from Zoning Officer to Fire Hydrants**, seconded by Burgess Phillips and unanimously approved.

**Burgess Gaston made a motion for a special appropriation of \$6,642.97 from the Fund Balance to Fire Hydrants line item to cover final Fiscal Year '21-22 expenses**, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Nothing new to report.

**Historic District:** Warden Maher presented the re-appointment of Sarah Phillips as a commissioner for the Historic District.

**Burgess Gaston made a motion to reappoint Sarah Phillips to a five-year term as Historic District Commissioners starting July 9, 2022 and ending July 9, 2027,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Burgess Phillips was sworn in at the conclusion of the Borough meeting.

**Sidewalks:** Warden Maher reported deteriorating sidewalks in front of the Newtown Middle School. Warden Maher suggested we offer a temporary repair for safety's sake prior to the start of the school year. After discussion amongst the Burgesses, the Board agreed to proceed with the repair.

**Burgess Lucas made a motion to appropriate up to \$2,500.00 from the Sidewalks line item to repair the sidewalk in front of the Newtown Middle School,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Streets & Parks:** Burgess Phillips has been researching the design, pricing and placement of the Borough "Welcome" signs. Warden Maher gave Burgess Phillips a map of the Borough which she will review and offer suggested placement of the signs. She also presented preliminary designs for the "Welcome" signs which the Board of Burgesses offered comments. Burgess Phillips will present revised designs, pricing and suggested placement at the next Borough meeting.

**New Business:** Burgess Phillips suggested acknowledging the Borough's bi-centennial which will be May of 2024. She will present suggestions in a future borough meeting.

**Old Business:** None.

**Public Participation:** Peggy Jepsen, of 16 S. Main Street, brought up the concern over trucks using "Jake Brakes" or engine compression brakes which cause tremendous noise pollution at all hours of the day and night. She stated there are state laws in place regulating the use of proper mufflers with the engine compression brakes which quiets the noise level. She asked the Board of Burgesses if they had any authority over the control of trucks riding through town causing excessive noise. Burgess Gaston stated she should seek out the police commissioner since it was in his jurisdiction. Warden Maher stated he would join her when she approached the police commissioner as support. Robert Meyers, of 10 Mt. Pleasant Road, concurred with Ms. Jepsen regarding her grievances. He too said he would join her when she approaches the police commissioner. John Madzula, Sr., of 20 The Boulevard, conveyed a few grievances. The first being the need to have winter debris swept from The Boulevard and the need to remove cables

on The Boulevard. Warden Maher stated he will talk to Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works, regarding these items. Senior Burgess Gardner also said he would reach out to First Selectman Rosenthal to discuss these items. Mr. Madzula, Sr. also conveyed a concern over a transport bus continually parked along The Boulevard and delivery trucks idling on The Boulevard at the Church Hill Village Assisted Living Facility. Warden Maher will discuss these concerns with Doug Nelson, Chair of the Borough Zoning Commission.

**The August meeting of the Board of Burgesses has been cancelled, therefore the annual meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. followed by the regular meeting in the Old Court Room in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.**

**There being no further business, Senior Burgess Gardner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.,** seconded by Burgess Phillips and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Scaia  
Borough Clerk

## NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR:                      END OF FISCAL YEAR JUNE 2021

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

### AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$161,092.89
BACK TAX	\$2,259.29
INTEREST:	\$1,523.57
LIENS & FEES:	<u>\$236.00</u>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$165,111.75</b>

<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$164,963.76</b>
REFUND GIVEN FROM CURRENT YR TAX	\$147.99
REFUND GIVEN DUE FROM PRIOR YR	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<b>\$165,111.75</b>

### TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

GL 2019	TAXES COLLECTED	\$161,092.89	
	TAXES SUSPENDED	\$10.86	
	TRANSFERS	\$21.34	
	BOUNCED CHECKS	\$0.00	
	REFUNDS	<u>-\$147.99</u>	
	<b>TOTAL CURRENT TAX COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$160,977.10</b>	99.41%
	UNCOLLECTED TAXES	<b>\$954.80</b>	0.60%
	OVERPAYMENTS	\$0.00	

### NOTE:

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

DATE:  
9-Jul-21

SIGN: *Jodie Enriquez*  
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

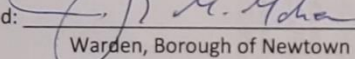
			<b>BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN</b>					
				Treasurer's Report				
				Month Ending May 31, 2022				
			<b>ACCOUNT 673</b>	<b>ACCOUNT 2470-D</b>	<b>ACCOUNT 873</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		
			Operating Account	Insured Cash Sweep	American Rescue Plan			
			<b>BEGIN 5/1/2022</b>	\$250,010.62	\$252,879.20	\$274,838.79	\$777,728.61	
			<b>Interest Transfer</b>	-\$10.62	\$10.62		\$0.00	
			<b>Transfer to Clerk's Account</b> Check #321	-\$16,100.00			-\$16,100.00	
			<b>Transfer in from ICS acct</b>	\$16,100.00	-\$16,100.00		\$0.00	
			<b>Deposit: Bldg/Zoning Misc.</b>	\$319.24	\$0.00		\$319.24	
			<b>Deposit from Tax Collector</b> YTD:\$166,000	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
			<b>Transfer out to ICS Acct.</b>	-\$319.24	\$319.24		\$0.00	
			<b>Interest earned 5/31/2022</b>	\$10.27	\$150.54	\$11.29	\$172.10	
			<b>ENDING BALANCE 5/31/2022</b>	\$250,010.27	\$237,259.60	\$274,850.08	\$762,119.95	
			<b>CD Acct 814 (3 month)</b>					
			<b>.10 % APY matures 6/15/22</b>					
			<b>BEGIN 5/1/2022</b>	\$79,421.32				
			<b>Interest earned 5/31/2022</b> .10 APY	\$6.74				
			<b>ENDING BALANCE 5/31/2022</b>	\$79,428.06				
			Respectfully submitted 6/14/2022					

DATE: June 12, 2022  
TO: Board of Burgess, Borough of Newtown  
FROM: Jodie Enriquez, Tax Collector  
SUBJECT: Suspense List

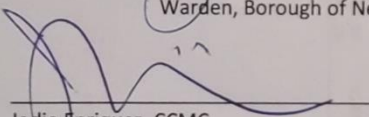
Attached is my proposed Suspense List for consideration and approval by the Board of Burgess, of the Borough of Newtown, for the current year. Once a year, I am required by State Statute (12-165) to submit such a list which covers Personal Property. The items transferred to suspense are removed from consideration as assets of the town but are not abated as a tax liability of the person against whom it was levied. Taxes are collectible for 15 years, therefore; even though they will be put on suspense, I will still be attempting collection.

The total for Personal Property is ~~\$42.86~~ \$28.00

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief each tax in the foregoing lists has not been paid and is deemed uncollectible.

Approved:   
Warden, Borough of Newtown

6-14-22  
Date

  
Jodie Enriquez, CCMC  
Tax Collector