# **BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday**, **January 10, 2023** in the Old Court Room at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 7:33p.m.

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

Absent: Zoning Enforcement Officer Joe Chapman and Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Also Present: There were 4 members of public.

Burgess Gaston made a motion to accept the December 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

<u>Warden's Report</u>: Warden Maher reported the sidewalk in front of the Newtown Middle School has been repaired. The project was completed under budget using on \$1,800.00 of the \$2,500.00 that were allocated in July. Warden Maher also reported the stump grinding signs have been removed from the Borough.

Warden Maher presented the meeting calendar for the Board of Burgesses for 2023.

Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the Borough meeting calendar for 2023 as presented, seconded by Senior Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

<u>Tree Warden's Report</u>: In his absence, Tree Warden McCulloch, via text, stated 25 stumps were removed over the past 6 weeks. Burgess Phillips requested Tree Warden McCulloch to look at a tree stump on Elm Street.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the for December 2022: Taxes Collectable \$200,994.59; Current Taxes: \$200,664.91; Back Taxes: \$27.39; Interest: \$851.46; Liens & Fees: \$0.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$197,800.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$197,735.57 representing 98.38%. Please review attached for December 2022.

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Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for December 2022, seconded by Senior Burges Gardner and unanimously approved.
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Treasurer's Report: The December 2022 report presents: A deposit of \$72.00 was made from the Borough Zoning Office. A deposit of \$2,300.00 was made from Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$35,750.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. There was a transfer of \$2,372.00 into the ISC Account from the Borough Operating Account. A transfer of \$35,750.00 was transferred from the ISC Account to the Borough Operating Account. Interest on the 13 mo. CD was \$8.34 making a total of \$67,637.74. Please review attached report for December 2022.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2022, seconded by Burgess Gaston and unanimously approved.

Burgess Lucas requested Treasurer Brinkman to inquire if the ARPA funds could be placed in a sweep account. Treasurer Brinkman will seek clarification from both her representative at the Newtown Savings Bank and Borough Auditor Glenn Nanavaty. She will report back at the next Borough meeting.

# Zoning Enforcement Officer's (ZOE) Report: In his absence, ZEO Chapman had nothing to report.

Historic District: Burgess Phillips reported she has coordinated committee members for the Borough 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. She hopes to have the first committee meeting at the end of February. Burgess Phillips also reported the Borough "Welcome" signs are on scheduled to be posted when the ground thaws in the Spring.

Sidewalks: Warden Maher discussed estimates for the Sugar Street and Queen Street projects with the Burgesses. A formal application for ARPA funds at the town level will be submitted to First Selectman with the hope that the town will be a financial partner in these two projects. Senior Burgess Gardner will draft and submit the request this week.

Streets & Parks: Nothing new to report.

### New Business: None

<u>Old Business</u>: Burgess Lucas inquired if documentation has been received from the entities who received ARPA funds confirming their use of funds as outlined in their proposals. Warden Maher will contact the entities for documentation.

**<u>Public Participation</u>**: Deborra Zukowski, of 4 Cornfield Ridge Road, asked if Tree Warden McCulloch would review 4' stumps near the top of Castle Hill Road for possible removal.

Burgess Gaston suggested the Forest Association be informed of the desire to remove the stumps. Warden Maher will contact Tree Warden McCulloch regarding this matter. Mrs. Zukowski also asked if the Sugar Street project will be two phases or one. Warden Maher confirmed the project will be completed in one phase.

# A special meeting will be followed by the regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:30p.m.

There being no further business, Burgess Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at8:03 p.m., seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Scaia Borough Clerk

#### **NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX**

MONTHLY F	REPORT THROUGH:	DECEMBER 2022			
LAWFUL CO	ES DUE FOR GRAND LIST DRRECTIONS: LECTABLE:	2021: INCREASE DECREASE		\$195,771.16 \$5,336.90 -\$113.47 \$200,994.59	
AMOUNTS	COLLECTED TO DATE:				
TOTAL COL	CURRENT TAX: BACK TAX INTEREST: LIENS & FEES: LECTED TO DATE:		-	\$200,664.91 \$27.39 \$851.46 \$0.00 <b>\$201,543.76</b>	
	MITTED TO TREASURER VEN FROM CURRENT YR CHECKS	-	-	\$197,800.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$197,800.00	
TAX COLLE	CTION SUMMARY:				
GL 2021	TAXES COLLECTED TAXES SUSPENDED TRANSFERS BOUNCED CHECKS REFUNDS TOTAL CURRENT TAX CO	DLLECTED	•	\$200,664.91 \$0.00 \$53.41 \$0.00 <u>-\$2,982.75</u> <b>\$197,735.57</b>	98.38%
	UNCOLLECTED TAXES	RE RE - OVERPAYMENTS	۲	\$3,259.02 <sup>F</sup> -\$123.58	1.62%
NOTE: BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2020 AND PRIOR: UNCOLLECTED TAXES OVERPAYMENTS FROM PRIOR YEARS ADJUSTMENTS \$116.63					
DATE: 10-Dec-23	TRANSFER BOUNCED ( REFUNDS	(TO CURRENT YEAR) CHECK FROM BT PAID		-\$53.41 \$0.00 (\$141.03)	

SIGN: <u>Jodie Euriquez</u> BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

			BORO	UGH OF NE	WTOWN		
			Treasurer's Report Month Ending December 31, 2022				
			ACCOUNT 673	ACCOUNT 247	0-D ACCOUNT	873 TOTAL	
			Operating Account	Insured Cash S	weep American R	escue Plan	
BEGIN 12/1/20	22		\$250,020.55	\$296,411.71	\$183,399.0	97 \$729,83	31.33
Interest Trans	fer		-\$20.55	\$20.55		5	\$0.00
Transfer to Clerk's Accour check #334		-\$9,950.00			-\$9,9	50.00	
		check #335	-\$25,800.00			-\$25,80	00.00
Transfer in fro	om ICS Acco	punt	\$35,750.00	-\$35,750.00			\$0.00
Deposit from	Tax Collecto	YTD:\$197,800	\$2,300.00	\$0.00		\$2,30	00.00
Deposit Bldg/2	Zoning		\$72.00			\$7	72.00
Transfer out to	o ICS Acct.		-\$2,372.00	\$2,372.00			\$0.00
Interest earne	d 12/31/202	2	\$67.81	\$749.50	\$54.2	28 \$87	71.59
ENDING BALA	NCE 12/31/2	2022	\$250,067.81	\$263,803.76	\$183,453.3	35 \$697,32	24.92

	CD Account 814	
	3% APY matures 1/15/2	
BEGIN 12/1/2022	\$67,629.40	
Interest earned 12/31/2022 .30 APY til 12/	1 \$8.34	
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2022	\$67,637.74	

Respectfully submitted 1/10/23