

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 in the Lower Meeting Room at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Warden Jay Maher, Burgess James Gaston, Burgess Sarah Phillips, Burgess Jared Modzelewski, Burgess Maureen Crick Owen, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch and Clerk Kiley Gottschalk

Absent: Clerk Ann Scaia, Senior Burgess Chris Gardner, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez and Zoning Enforcement Officer Joe Chapman

Also Present: There were 11 members of public and Developer, George Trudell

Burgess Maureen Crick Owen made a motion to accept the May 9, 2023 budget meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess James Gaston and unanimously approved.

Burgess Maureen Crick Owen made a motion to accept the May 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Jared Modzelewski and unanimously approved.

Warden's Report: Jay Mahar introduced George Trudell Mr. Trudell is in the early process of developing Castle View Village at 20 and 60 Castle Hill Road. They will be adhering to the existing Borough regulation 4.051. The idea is to preserve more than 50% of the land in it's natural state. A one-acre green in a central location will be built offering a pool, pickleball courts, cabana and gym. This development will be served by sewer, water and natural gas. The development will have private roads maintained by an HOA offering single-family detached 1500-1800 sq ft ranches as the smallest units growing upwards to 3000-4000 sq ft homes (with variations in design). Mr. Trudell shared the plan is to donate a sidewalk from Johnnie Cake Lane connecting to the existing sidewalk at 65 Main Street. There will be no official access to the lake. Rochambeau trail details are still in the works. The main entrance of Johnnie Cake is undergoing a traffic study that will need approval of State Traffic Commission. The impact of public sewer and water capacity is being analyzed. Aquarion Water is likely giving a will-serve letter, which means water can be serviced at this location. There will likely be an emergency exit on Castle Hill. There is no official impact on what this will be for the schools.

Tree Warden's Report: Tree Warden McCulloch reported he has had four work orders since January. Tree Warden Rob McCulloch suggested he look at 22 Main Street.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez was absent and had no report.

Treasurer's Report: The May 2023 report presents: A deposit of \$16,369.00 was made from the Borough Zoning Office. There was no deposit made from Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$25,000.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. There was a transfer of

\$16,369.00 made into the ISC Account from the Borough Operating Account. A transfer of \$25,000.00 was transferred from the ISC Account to the Borough Operating Account. Interest on the 13 mo. CD was \$172.13 making a total of \$68,554.75. Please review attached report for May 2023.

Burgess Gaston made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2023, seconded by Burgess Maureen Crick Owen and unanimously approved.

Burgess Maureen Crick Owen made a motion to transfer \$1,362.46.00 from Engineer to Street Lights, seconded by Burgess Sarah Phillips and unanimously approved.

Burgess Maureen Crick Owen made a motion to transfer \$3,937.50 from Zoning Officer, \$187.50 from Building Clerk, \$1,125.00 from Auxiliary, \$1,036.00 from Consulting and \$1,216.15 from Legal to Fire Hydrants, seconded by Burgess Sarah Phillips and unanimously approved.

Burgess Gaston made a motion to transfer \$704.33 from Legal Fees to Streets & Parks, seconded by Burgess Jared Modzelewski and unanimously approved.

Burgess Maureen Crick Owen made a motion to transfer \$112.56 from Soldiers & Sailors to Elections, seconded by Burgess Burgess Maureen Crick Owen and unanimously approved.

Burgess Maureen Crick Owen made a motion to transfer \$8.54 from Social Work Fund to Office Supplies, seconded by Burgess Jared Modzelewski and unanimously approved.

Zoning Enforcement Officer's (ZOE) Report: Due to Zoning Officer Chapman absence, there was no report.

Historic District: Burgess Phillips reported the Borough Bicentennial committee met on May 11, 2023. Burgess Phillips shared the Bicentennial Committee needs the ability to transfer and use funds, mainly to cut checks. The Borough has budgeted \$2,500 towards the Bicentennial celebration. Borough Auditor, Glenn Nanavaty, stated the committee should open their own bank account and receive donations through that account. Proper protocol would require two signatures on each check signed. The first event will be a gala on May 16th, 2024 at Marygolds. It will be a cocktail party. Burgess Phillips also reported the "Welcome to the Borough" signs have been installed in five locations.

Sidewalks: Warden Maher reported Church Hill Road and Sugar Street should be bid out as one project in an effort to save money. Sugar Street has been approved by the State and the Church Hill Road approval is immanent. Warden Maher is happy to report things are moving along.

Streets & Parks: No report

New Business: No report

Old Business: Burgess Gaston that it is apparent no one resides at 13 Main Street; however, a law firm is conducting business at that address. This is a zoning violation and should be pursued by the Borough Zoning Enforcement Officers.

Public Participation: None.

The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:30p.m.

There being no further business, Burgess Maureen Crick Owen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m., seconded by Burgess James Gaston and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kiley Morrison Gottschalk
Borough Clerk

			BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN					
			Treasurer's Report					
			Month Ending April 30, 2023					
			ACCOUNT 673	ACCOUNT 2470-D	ACCOUNT 873	TOTAL		
			Operating Account	Insured Cash Sweep	American Rescue Plan			
		BEGIN 4/1/2023	\$250,113.04	\$201,937.93	\$183,640.79	\$635,691.76		
		Interest Transfer	-\$113.04	\$113.04		\$0.00		
		Transfer to Clerk's Account Check #340	-\$11,000.00			-\$11,000.00		
		Check #341	-\$1,700.00			-\$1,700.00		
		Transfer in from ICS Account	\$12,700.00	-\$12,700.00		\$0.00		
		Deposit from ARP Acct for sidewalks	\$138,000.00		-\$138,000.00	\$0.00		
		Deposit from Tax Collector YTD:\$199,800	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		\$2,000.00		
		Deposit Bldg/Zoning/Misc	\$228.83	\$0.00		\$228.83		
		Transfer out to ICS Acct.	-\$2,228.83	\$2,228.83		\$0.00		
		Interest earned 4/30/2023	\$95.91	\$695.07	\$73.60	\$864.58		
		ENDING BALANCE 4/30/2023	\$250,095.91	\$192,274.87	\$45,714.39	\$626,085.17		

			CD ACCOUNT 814	
			matures 1/15/24	
		BEGIN 4/1/2023	\$68,216.45	
		Interest earned 4/30/2023 3% APY	\$166.17	
		ENDING BALANCE 4/30/2023	\$68,382.62	
		Respectfully submitted 5/9/2023		