BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday**, **April 9, 2019** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

<u>Present</u>: Warden Jim Gaston, Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Second Senior Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Burgess Bill Eder, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, and Clerk Ann Scaia.

Absent: Tree Warden Rob McCulloch.

Also Present: One member of the public.

A correction to the March 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes was requested. It was incorrectly stated the budget would be presented at the March Borough Meeting. The correct statement is the budget would be presented at the April Borough Meeting.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the March 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes with the change noted above, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None

<u>Warden's Report</u>: Warden Gaston had nothing to report other than the presentation of the budget (see below).

Tree Warden's Report: Warden Gaston stated there nothing new to report.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for March 2019: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2017: \$226,326.41; Current Taxes: \$224,112.59; Back Taxes: (\$217.50); Interest: \$676.57; Liens & Fees: \$72.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$224,400.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$223,706.48 representing 98.84%.

<u>Second Senior Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for</u>
<u>March 2019</u>, seconded by Burgess Eder and unanimously approved.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the March 2019 report: No deposits were made from the Borough Zoning Office. A deposit of \$300.00 was made from Tax Collector,

Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$19,000.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. Interest on the 12 mo. CD was \$123.00 making a total of \$76,573.07.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2019, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Warden Gaston reported the project on The Boulevard/Church Hill Road is moving along.

<u>Historic District</u>: Second Senior Burgess Kenyon had reported at last month's meeting, Dere Street Restaurant's plan to close in the outdoor seating. During this meeting, she presented images of the intended plans (see attached below).

<u>Sidewalks</u>: Senior Burgess Maher approached George Benson to assess if there were town monies that could be applied to the proposed sidewalk project starting on the north side of Sugar St. from the new bridge to Madison Dr. Mr. Benson said there were no monies at this time. Senior Burgess Maher requested Mr. Benson alert him of any grant opportunities worth pursuing.

Streets & Parks: Rob Sibley approached Senior Burgess Maher regarding the garden at the top of Church Hill Road. The town currently covers the cost to maintain the garden. Mr. Sibley suggested possibly the Borough could assume the cost to maintain it in the future. Mr. Sibley supplied a quote from LRM, the current landscaper, which Senior Burgess Maher presented to the group (see attached below). It was agreed a quote from the Borough's current landscaper, Connor Landscaping, would be appropriate for cost comparison. Warden Gaston will have further discussion with Mr. Sibley regarding the garden. As an aside, Connor Landscaping has agreed to another year of servicing the Borough's properties and held the same price as the last year's contract.

Burgess Eder will be reaching out to Arlene Mills of the town highway department to acquire a bucket truck to attach and raise the flag at the Soldiers and Sailors monument.

<u>Budget</u>: Warden Gaston presented the proposed budget for 2019-2020 and line items were discussed individually. Several figures were adjusted and the Proposed Mill Rate for 2019-2020 is 0.83%.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to present the proposed budget for approval at the May

14, 2019 meeting of property owners and/or electors, seconded by Second Senior Burgess

Kenyon and unanimously approved.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

<u>Public Participation:</u> Bob Geckle, of 35 Queen Street, after listening to the budget discussion felt the budget was moving in the right direction but could perhaps see a little more.

A meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown will be held on May 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Meeting Room at Edmond Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020. The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held immediately following the meeting of the property owners in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.

<u>There being no further business, Burgess Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.</u>, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Scaia Borough Clerk

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MARCH 2019

MONTHLY REPORT FOR:

LAWFUL C	XES DUE FOR GRAND LIST CORRECTIONS: LLECTABLE:	T 2017: INCREASE DECREASE	,	\$226,326.41 \$32.98 -\$522.42 \$225,836.97	
AMOUNTS	COLLECTED TO DATE:				
TOTAL CO	CURRENT TAX: BACK TAX INTEREST: LIENS & FEES: LLECTED TO DATE:		,	\$224,112.59 \$217.50 \$676.57 \$72.00 \$225,078.66	
REFUND G	BMITTED TO TREASURER IVEN FROM CURRENT YR IVEN DUE FROM PRIOR YI LECTIONS	TAX	,	\$224,400.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$224,400.00	
TAX COLL	ECTION SUMMARY:				
GL 2017	TAXES COLLECTED TRANSFERS REFUNDS TOTAL CURRENT TAX CO	DLLECTED	, ,	\$224,112.59 \$5.58 -\$411.69 \$223,706.48	98.84%
	TAXES OUTSTANDING OVERPAYMENTS TOTAL TAX DUE GL 2016	6	r -	\$2,130.49 \(^{37.08}\) \$2,167.57	0.94%
NOTE: BACK TAX	ES OUTSTANDING FOR LIS	T 2016 AND PRIOR: OM PRIOR YEARS		,	\$1,046.60 \$1,046.60 \$168.80 \$1,215.40
DATE: 9-Apr-1	9	SIGN:_			
			ROKO	JGH TAX COLLECT	OR

Borough of Newtown

Newtown, CT Monthly Treasurer's Report For month ending March 31, 2019

Beginning Balance (March 1, 2019) \$633,259.88

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date Description Amount

March 13,2019 Tax Collector (YTD:\$224,400) \$300.00

Interest income (March 31, 2019) \$26.51

Total income \$326.51

Expenses (checks written)

 Date
 Payable To
 Description
 Amount

 Mar 12, 2019
 Treasurer's Acct (331) check #270
 \$14,000.00

 Mar 15, 2019``
 Treasurer's Acct (331) check #271
 \$5,000.00

Total Expenses \$19,000.00

Ending Cash Balance (March 31, 2019) \$614,586.39

 Outstanding Checks
 Payable To
 Description
 Amount

Total Outstanding Checks \$0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (March 31, 2019) \$614,586.39

12 MONTH CD ACCOUNT (#814) matured 2/14/19

begin 3/1/19 \$76,450.07

 Interest income (March 31, 2019)
 interest 1.80 APY
 \$123.00

 TOTAL
 \$76,573.07

NEW TERN 12 months / 1.80 APY / Matures 2/28/20

Respectfully submitted on April 9, 2019

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown will be held at 7:30 PM on May 14, 2019, at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2019-20. Estimated Budget recommended by the Board of Burgesses of the Borough of Newtown is hereby set below in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

Expendi	ture Est <u>2017-2018</u>	imated Budget Prop <u>2018-2019</u>	osed Budget <u>2019-2020</u>
ADVERTISING	\$ 2,043	3,000	3,000
AUDIT	6,200	6,100	6,200
AUXILLIARY HELP	3,951	7,000	7,000
BONDS & INSUR.	120	250	250
CULTURAL ARTS	0	0	0
CONSULTING	986	5,000	5,000
CONTINGENCY	0	3,500	3,500
DATA PROCESSING	G 7,047	3,500	4,000
ELECTION	0	7,500	0
FIRE HYDRANT	62,889	64,000	64,000
FIRE DEPT	2,500	6,500	6,500
HEALTH DISTRICT	0	10	10
HISTORIC DISTRIC	Т 0	5,000	3,000
LEGAL FEES	22,356	25,000	25,000
SIDEWALKS	0	5,000	20,000
STREET LIGHTS	32,679	30,500	33,500
OFFICE MAINT & S	3,568	3,500	3,500
TREES AND MAINT	0	5,000	5,000
SOLDIERS & SAILO	RS 0	10	10
STREETS & PARKS	6,358	4,000	8,500

	Expenditure	Estimated Budget	Proposed Budget	
FLAGPOLE	0	1000	250	
SOCIAL WORK	0	10	10	
ASSESSOR	2,250	2,250	3,500	
CLERK	4,500	4,500	5,000	
TAX COLLECTOR	4,200	4,200	7,500	
TREASURER	4,000	4,000	4,500	
WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500	
BUILDING OFFICIA	AL 4,000	4,000	5,800	
CONSERV. DIR.	1,000	1,000	1,000	
ENGINEER	1,800	1,800	1,800	
BUILDING CLERK	2,333	4,200	4,200	
ZONING OFFICER	2,917	5,000	8,000	
TREE WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500	
PAYROLL TAXES	2,487	3,000	3,000	
EDMOND TOWN H	5,000	5,000	3,000	
RAM PASTURE HO	DLIDAY		1,000	
\$	190,184	229,330	251,530	

Interest	1,000	
Building Revenues Anticipated	20,000	
Revenue Anticipated From Prior Year	\$ 35,000	

\$ 56,000

Money to be Raised from Taxes \$251,530 - \$56,000 = \$195,530

98.5% Tax Collection Rate

 $1.015 \times \$195,530 = \$198,463$

198,463 divided by 238,814,712 (1000's Grand List – Mill) = 0.83

2019-2020 Proposed Mill Rate = 0.83

Note: Pre-Revaluation

2013-2014 MILL RATE - 0.89

2014-2015 MILL RATE - 0.87

2015-2016 MILL RATE - 0.85

2016-2017 MILL RATE - 0.86

2017-2018 MILL RATE - 0.85

2018-2019 MILL RATE - 0.95

James O. Gaston

Warden, Borough of Newtown

BOARD OF BURGESSES

Joseph M. Maher, III, Senior Burgess Christopher Gardner, Burgess

Betsy Kenyon, Second Senior Burgess William J. Lucas, III, Burgess

Anthony P. Baiad, Jr., Burgess William E. Eder, Burgess



Date: March 22, 2019

23 Commerce Road Newtown, CT 06470 203-426-4383 main 203-426-3128 fax www.lrm-ct.com

ESTIMATE

Customer: Town of Newtown -	Flagpole Street	scape c/o Jay Mah	er	
Address: Borough of Newtown,	СТ			
Phone: Email	: jaymaher1@)yahoo.com		
Scope of Work:				
Landscape Service				
- Streetscape/Gardens at Churc	ch Hill Road/Fl	agpole	\$1	,600.00
- Shrub/Perennial Pruning - maintenance pruning of shru	ubs and perennials			
- Landscape Bed Maintenance - S - clean-out, edge and mulch I. - Materials: - Spruce/Pine mulch	andscape beds			
- Monthly weeding/maintenance	e of garden be	ds	\$	175.00
* To do Landscape Bed Mainter (no pruning included) we could (
Acceptance of Proposal: The above prices, sp You are authorized to do the work as specified. be made in full upon completion.				
Signature:	Date:	LRM:		Date:
"4	ffirmative Action / Faual C	Innortunity Employer"		





