

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, August 13, 2019** in the Old Court Room at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Warden Jay Maher, Senior Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Bill Eder, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch, and Clerk Kiley Gottschalk.

Absent: Clerk Ann Scaia, Second Senior Burgess Chris Gardner, Burgess Jim Gaston, Burgess Bill Lucas

Also Present: Seven members of the public.

Burgess Anthony Baiad made a motion to accept the July 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Senior Burgess Betsy Kenyon. Motion passed.

Public Participation:

Chris Fadus of 5 Sunset Hill Rd. inquired about the Sugar Street sidewalk project and whether the 300 signature petition in support of the project had been submitted to the Board of Burgesses for review. She was informed that it had not. Warden Maher stated that further discussion of sidewalks would be in his report. Ms. Fadus also questioned the reasoning of zoning restrictions that prohibit accessory apartments, ie in-law apartments, within the Borough. Warden Maher suggested that this question be presented to the Borough zoning commission.

Ms. Deborra Zukowski of 4 Cornfield Ridge Rd. also questioned the rationale of zoning regulations that prohibit accessory apartments. Ms. Zukowski also identified a safety concern on West St., where the existing hedge is overgrown and forces pedestrians into the roadway. Tree Warden McCulloch and Warden Maher will review the area and consult with the Highway Department.

Warden's Report: Warden Maher stated that he plans to create a committee to review the installation of future sidewalks within the Borough. These potential projects shall be fully identified and submitted to the Borough Planner, George Benson, with the intention of having them added to the Town's sidewalk masterplan. This will assist in the funding of these projects at the State and Town level. The sidewalk area's currently being considered include the west side of Queen Street, the Sugar St. sidewalk from the new bridge to Madison, the north Main St. section at the Monument and up to Currituck, the west side of The Boulevard and the installation of the small section of sidewalk on the north side of Church Hill Rd. to complete a continuous walkway to Sandy Hook.

Discussion included adding to the list, sidewalk in front of 3 Main St. and the Pleasance.

Tree Warden's Report: Tree Warden McCulloch offered the following report:

The removal of designated tree stumps is behind schedule but shall commence within the next few week. Tree work on Lincoln Road shall be completed soon.

Tree planting was recommended concentrating on one side of the Main Street first. The alternate side will be completed the following year. Warden Maher asked if there are any trees that need to be replaced other

than Main Street within the Borough. Tree Warden McCulloch suggested planting on Main Street first. He stated with the money in the budget they can purchase six Sugar Maple Trees with around a 2.5" caliber.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for July 2019: Taxes Collectable \$159,806.28; Current Taxes: \$151,709.20; Back Taxes: \$0.00; Interest: \$45.18; Liens & Fees: \$0.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$28,400.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$151,709.20 representing 94.87%. Please review attached report for July 2019.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for July 2019, seconded by Senior Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The July 2019 report presents: A deposit of \$185.00 was made from the Borough Zoning Office. A deposit of \$28,400.00 was made from Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$16,800.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. Interest on the 12 mo. CD was \$116.36 making a total of \$77,029.99. Please review attached report for July 2019.

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

The following motion is a transfer for the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget.

Senior Burgess Kenyon made a motion to transfer \$1,791.85 from Consulting to Street and Parks, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: No report from Zoning Officer Sibley due to his absence.

Historic District: Senior Burgess Kenyon has nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Please see above in Warden's Report.

Streets & Parks: Warden Maher stated there has been a request for signage at points of entry into the Borough. As design of the potential sign is created, six locations were suggested. They include: the west side of Mount Pleasant at Blackman. The south side of Castle Hill at Taunton Lake Rd. The south side of Sugar Street at Boggs Hill Rd. The west side of Currituck at the Old Road and Church Hill Rd. at the train bridge.

Second Senior Burgess Gardner informed the Board via email that a proposal of the renovation of the Flagpole has not been received yet. It was stated the Board of Burgesses assumed the responsibility for maintenance of the Flagpole about five years ago.

Warden Maher stated that "Newtown Hope on Main St." has scheduled an event on September 7th at 3:30 in front of Newtown Savings Bank. It will include a walk on Main St. and luminaries at night.

New Business:

Burgess Baiad noted that the Inn at Newtown has fallen into disrepair and that there are over 16 negative comments regarding it's condition on the FaceBook group *Newtown Neighbors Unite*.

Warden Maher sadly acknowledged the passing of a dear friend of the Borough, Darlene Spencer, who had been a clerk for the Borough for many years. The Board of Burgesses wishes to extend their deepest condolences to her family.

Old Business: There was nothing new to report.

Public Participation:

Ms. Zukowski questioned the expense of \$64,000 for fire hydrants within the Borough and requested that the board review the specifics of this line item. Warden Maher agreed to pursue.

The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:30p.m. in the Old Court Room in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.

There being no further business, Senior Burgess Kenyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m., seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kiley Gottschalk
Clerk

Borough of Newtown
Newtown, CT
Monthly Treasurer's Report
For month ending July 31, 2019

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2019) \$571,158.97

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
July 10,2019	Tax Collector	\$28,400.00
July 10,2019	BZE	\$165.00
July 16,2019	BZE	\$20.00

Interest income (July 31, 2019) \$24.72

Total income \$28,609.72

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
July 10, 2019``	Treasurer's Acct (331)	check #276	\$16,800.00

Ending Cash Balance (July 31, 2019) \$582,968.69

Outstanding Checks	Payable To	Description	Amount
	Total Outstanding Checks		\$0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (July 31, 2019) \$582,968.69

12 MONTH CD ACCOUNT (#814)

Matures 2/28/2020

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2019) \$76,913.63

Interest income (July 31, 2019) interest 1.80 APY \$116.36

TOTAL \$77,029.99

Respectfully submitted on August 13, 2019

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: JULY 2019

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2018:	\$159,909.80
LAWFUL CORRECTIONS:	INCREASE \$3.45
	DECREASE <u>-\$106.97</u>
TAXES COLLECTABLE:	\$159,806.28

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$151,709.20
BACK TAX	\$0.00
INTEREST:	\$45.18
LIENS & FEES:	\$0.00
TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:	<u>\$151,754.38</u>

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE:	\$28,400.00
REFUND GIVEN FROM CURRENT YR TAX	\$0.00
REFUND GIVEN DUE FROM PRIOR YR	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$28,400.00

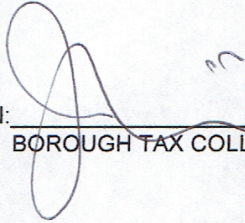
TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

GL 2018	TAXES COLLECTED	\$151,709.20	
	TAXES SUSPENDED	\$0.00	
	TRANSFERS	\$0.00	
	REFUNDS	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	TOTAL CURRENT TAX COLLECTED	\$151,709.20	94.87%
	TAXES OUTSTANDING	\$8,097.08	5.06%
	OVERPAYMENTS	<u>1542.81</u>	
	TOTAL TAX DUE GL 2016	\$9,639.89	

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2017 AND PRIOR:	\$2,431.47
	<u>\$2,431.47</u>
CREDIT FROM PRIOR YEARS	\$186.40
REFUND FROM PRIOR YEARS	<u>\$2,617.87</u>
	0

DATE:
12-Aug-19

SIGN: 
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR