

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Clerk Ann LoBosco

Absent: Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Also Present: 3 members of the public

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the January 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Baiad, and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston had nothing new to report.

Tree Warden: No report due to Rob McCulloch's absence.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez presented the January 2017 report: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2015: \$188,468.97; Current Taxes: \$183,702.17; Back Taxes: \$1,402.09; Interest: \$816.86; Lien Fees: \$116.00; Refunds: \$157.77. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$186,100.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$183,702.17 representing 97.4%.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for January 2017, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Enriquez reported that the budget quote for binding of rate books and grand list is a little lower this year than last year. She also asked the Board for permission to attend the Annual Tax Collector's Conference which costs \$480.00.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to approve the request to appropriate \$480.00 for the Tax Collector's Conference, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the report: A deposit of \$1,000.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$186,100.00. A transfer of \$14,000.00 was made to cover invoices. Interest on the CD Account was \$72.10 making a total of \$74,243.69.

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

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that the light is now working at Lexington Gardens and tenants will be continuing to move in. The Borough has been active with other potential projects; however, nothing has been finalized as of yet. There are preliminary plans for an assisted living facility on Church Hill Road. The Rochambeau project on Mt. Pleasant Road will be coming to the Planning Commission (has received Borough Zoning's approval). No news on the old ambulance garage or the Inn at Newtown.

Burgess Kenyon asked about the status of the Proposed Streetscape for the flagpole area which Chris Hotois presented to the Borough. Warden Gaston stated it was discussed and/or presented to Pat Llodra, Land Use, the town's Planning & Zoning Commission, and most recently to the Police Commission who was very supportive. Discussion will continue.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Nothing new to report.

Streets & Parks: Nothing new to report.

New Business: Warden Gaston introduced Ann Scaia (4a Glover Avenue) as the new candidate for the upcoming Borough Election. Treasurer Brinkman has known Ms. Scaia for many years and spoke very highly of her qualifications. She is very organized, detailed oriented, as well as creative. Ms. Scaia stated that she looks forward to becoming the Borough Clerk and feels her corporate experience and skills will be very useful in the position.

Warden Gaston reported that he has met with Pat Llodra and Fred Hurley regarding the installation of banner poles on Queen Street. (He reminded everyone that when Eversource took over CL&P they would not allow banners to be placed on the telephone poles.) After meeting with Pat and Fred it was determined the installation could be done by Public Works for \$15,000.00 (with additional costs for labor). Original cost estimates for the work were \$39,000.00. After discussion, the Town asked if the Borough would share in the cost. Warden Gaston would like offer \$10,000.00 toward the cost and asked the Board for approval. Burgess Lucas asked who would govern the poles and the placement of the banners. Warden Gaston stated that the Borough would continue to manage the poles and banners; the Town would continue to put up and take down the banners.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 for installation of banner poles on Queen Street, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.

**There being no further business, Burgess Baiad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at
8:33 p.m.,** seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco
Borough Clerk

Borough of Newtown
Newtown, CT
Monthly Treasurer's Report
For month ending January 31, 2017

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2017) **\$472,988.55**

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
Jan. 12,2017	Tax Collector (YTD:\$186,100)	\$1,000.00
Jan. 20,2017	Jean St. Jean	\$2,765.80

Interest income (January 31, 2017) **\$19.89**

Total Income **\$3,785.69**

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
Jan. 12,2017	check #240 Treasurer's Acct (331)		\$14,000.00

Total Expenses **\$14,000.00**

Ending Cash Balance (January 31, 2017) **\$462,774.24**

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

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (January 31, 2017) **\$462,774.24**

<u>15 month CD ACCT. (#814)</u>	matures 1/28/18	\$74,171.59
Interest income (January 31, 2017)	interest 1.15%	\$72.10
TOTAL		\$74,243.69

Respectfully submitted on February 14, 2017
Paula Brinkman, Treasurer

Paula Brinkman

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR:

JANUARY 2017

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2015:

\$188,468.97

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	
BACK TAXES:	\$183,702.17
INTEREST:	\$1,402.29
LIENS & FEES:	\$816.86
	\$116.00

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:

\$186,037.32

WRITE OFF SMALL SHORTAGE & SMALL CREDITS - \$3.43

TOTAL CARRY OVER	
CARRY OVER FOR CREDIT APPLIED 7/1	-\$1,381.94
REFUND DUE FROM PRIOR YEAR \$109.21	\$1,272.73
	<u>-\$109.21</u>

CURRENT REFUNDS \$157.77

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE:

\$186,100.00

TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:		
OVERPAYMENTS	\$183,702.17	97.4%
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	-\$218.69	
	\$4,985.49	2.6%

NOTE:

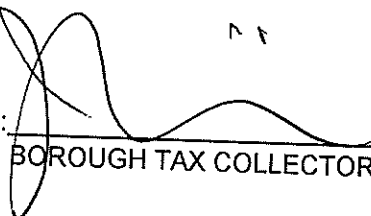
(BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2014 AND PRIOR:

\$372.83)

*(CORRECTED AGAIN!)

DATE:
2/14/2017

SIGN:


BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR