

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, July 11, 2017** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch and Clerk Ann Scaia

Absent: Zoning Officer

Also Present: 1 member of the public.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the June 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Gardner. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Bill Eder, 58 Mt. Pleasant Road, asked if there were restrictions to the size of retail/realtor signage on properties in the Borough. He has noticed a few realtor signs that are quite large. Warden Gaston stated the Zoning Office usually oversees the enforcement of proper signage usage however since the current Zoning Officer has retired, Warden Gaston will contact Doug Nelson who is acting temporarily on the behalf of Zoning Office.

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

Tree Warden: Rob McCulloch reported this past year has been relatively quiet. Since the onset of July there were only 2 orders, 1) on Reservoir Road to cut down trees. Upon reviewing the site the trees had already been cut down; 2) on 1 Knoll Wood Road Rob determined the tree to be neither a state/town tree but a neighbors tree. He spoke with the resident and explained the situation. Rob has worked with the state to remove trees at 18 Main Street and 23 Main Street. The state is also expected to remove trees on Mt. Pleasant Road and removed a hanging limb at 32 Main Street. A broken limb at 50 Main Street was tended to by a private arborist during the holiday weekend. The state is expected to remove the debris. Rob will also remove stumps around the Borough as needed. He also mentioned a future need to prune trees on Main Street. Warden Gaston asked Rob to secure an estimate for this project.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for June 2017: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2015: \$188,449.74; Current Taxes: \$185,662.57; Back Taxes: \$1,402.29; Interest: \$1,111.90; Liens & Fees: \$116.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$189,330.42. Current Taxes Collected: \$185,662.57 representing 98.5%.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the June 2017 report: A \$1,638.00 deposit was made from Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean. A \$25 deposit was made as a donation to the Flagpole from an area resident. A \$1,130.42 deposit was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$189,330.42. A transfer of \$22,000.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. Interest on the 15 mo. CD was \$70.10 making a total of \$74,593.55.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2017, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to transfer \$650.00 from Date Processing to Sidewalks, seconded by Senior Burgess Crick and unanimously approved.

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

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon reported that renovations are being done at 79 Main Street. Second Senior Burgess Maher inquired about the renovations occurring at 48 Main Street. Burgess Kenyon stated the owners are salvaging most of the structure and replacing structure where needed.

Sidewalks: Warden Gaston requested to revisit Ellen Whalen's (65 Main Street) request for the possible sidewalks from 65 Main Street to Martin Street. Second Senior Burgess Maher restated his findings last month of the proposed sidewalk to be 500 linear feet. He estimated the timing to complete the project could be one year if funding was appropriated or could be completed in two years with an estimated cost of \$42,000-\$45,000.

Streets & Parks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported work was done on the islands. Burgess Baiad confirmed the issues brought up in last month's meeting were addressed which were; 1) grass was cut on the corner of The Boulevard and Church Hill Road; 2) the fire hydrant on the corner of Budd Drive is now clear and exposed; and 3) the curbing's have been cleared.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Public Participation: Bill Eder, 58 Mt. Pleasant Road, suggested further consideration be taken as to how families could benefit by the proposed sidewalk from 65 Main Street to Martin Street. Warden Gaston agreed and suggested the residents in the proposed area be interviewed for their opinion to assess how best to proceed with this request.

The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:30p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.

There being no further business, Burgess Kenyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Scaia
Borough Clerk

Borough of Newtown
 Newtown, CT
 Monthly Treasurer's Report
 For month ending June 30, 2017
 END FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

Beginning Balance (June 1, 2017) \$414,165.51

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
June 22,2017	Jean St. Jean (building/zoning fees, sign fees, DEEP)	\$1,638.00
June 30,2017	Tax Collector	\$1,130.42
June 30,2017	Flagpole donation	\$25.00

Interest income (June 30, 2017) \$17.72

Total Income \$2,811.14

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
Jun 12, 2017	Treasurer's Acct (331)	check #244	\$8,000.00
June 15,2017	Treasurer's Acct (331)	check #245	\$14,000.00

Total Expenses \$22,000.00

Ending Cash Balance (June 30, 2017) \$394,976.65

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

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (June 30, 2017) \$394,976.65

15 MONTH CD ACCOUNT (#814) matures 1/28/18 **\$74,523.45**

Interest income (June 30, 2017) interest 1.15% **\$70.10**

TOTAL **\$74,593.55**

Respectfully submitted on July 11, 2017

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT

FOR:

JUNE 2017

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2015:

\$188,449.74

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$185,662.57
BACK TAXES:	\$1,402.29
INTEREST:	\$1,111.90
LIENS & FEES:	\$116.00

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:

\$188,292.76

CURRENT REFUNDS	\$157.77
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TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE:

\$189,330.42

TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:	\$185,662.57	98.5%
OVERPAYMENTS	-\$39.14	
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	\$2,826.31	1.5%

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2014 AND PRIOR:	\$359.32
OVERPAYMENTS FROM PRIOR TAXES PAID:	-\$1,188.70

DATE:

11-Jul-17

BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR