

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the special meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023** in the Gym at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Present: Warden Jay Maher, Senior Burgess Chris Gardner, Burgess James Gaston, Burgess Sarah Phillips, Burgess Jarod Modzelewski, Burgess Maureen Crick Owen, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch and Clerk Ann Scaia.

Absent: Zoning Officer Joseph Chapman

Also Present: Erica Canfield, Registrar of Voters and 21 members of the public.

Warden Maher thanked everyone for attending the meeting and copies of the 2023-2024 proposed budget were distributed.

Revenues Anticipated from Prior Year are \$15,000.00; Building Revenues Anticipated are \$1,000.00; and Interest is \$10,000.00 making total revenues other than taxes equal to \$26,000.00. The Tax Collection Rate is 99.0%. The Proposed Mill Rate for 2023-2024 is 0.67%.

Warden Maher reviewed the budget, specifically a few line items which were increased from the 2022-2023 budget. Ellen Whalen, of 65 Main Street, inquired as to why the Street Lights line item increased from last year. Senior Burgess Gardner responded by stating rates have gone up, but he has secured a new electricity supplier with a lower rate which has been locked in for the next four years. John Madzula, of 20 The Boulevard, asked for an explanation for the high cost of Fire Hydrants. Senior Burgess Gardner explained the cost is a combination of water usage, maintenance of pipelines and delivery of water.

Bill Eder of 58 Mt. Pleasant Road, made a motion to approve the Borough's 2023-2024 budget as presented, seconded by Senior Burgess Gardner. The motion passed with 28 votes in favor to 0 votes against, making the vote unanimously approved.

Burgess Gaston made a motion to set the Borough's mill rate at 0.67%, seconded by Senior Burgess Gardner. The motion passed with 28 votes in favor to 0 votes against, making the vote unanimously approved.

John Madzula, of 20 The Boulevard, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m., seconded by Burgess Gaston and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Scaia
Borough Clerk