

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, May 9, 2017** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, 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 Scaia

Absent: Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Also Present: 3 members of the public.

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to accept the April 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Baiad. Burgesses Lucas and Gardner abstained due to their absence at April's meeting. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported there will be an important Zoning meeting about Edmond Town Hall and mixed uses of the building. It will be held on May 10, 2017 at 7pm. Warden Gaston wanted to congratulate everyone who was re-elected. Borough Clerk Ann Scaia and Warden Gaston have sworn in everyone except Senior Burgess Crick. Warden Gaston asked he be reminded to swear in Senior Burgess Crick at the next Borough meeting in June. The Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals also need to be sworn in. It was stated Maureen Crick Owen will execute the swearing in for these officials.

Tree Warden: Rob McCulloch sent Warden Gaston an email stating things are quiet and monies will not be spent on trees until July. Warden Gaston read on facebook a complaint of a tree north of the flagpole with falling branches. He investigated and could not find the tree. Burgess Lucas stated the tree is near Reservoir Road and agreed branches needed to be removed and/or cleared. Also on facebook was a person complaining of bright lights shining into their house at night. There are zoning regulations that prevent such issues. Cathy Monckton investigated the issue and spoke to the people and issued them a cease and desist. It was noted on facebook that the lights have been addressed.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for April 2017: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2015: \$188,463.57; Current Taxes: \$184,726.09; Back Taxes: \$1,402.29; Interest: \$943.34; Lien Fees: \$116.00; Refunds: \$157.77. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$188,200.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$184,726.09 representing 97.9%.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for April 2017, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the April 2017 report: A \$510.00 deposit was made from Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean. A \$111.37 deposit was made in lieu of taxes from telecommunications (AT&T, Level 3 & Frontier). A \$1,600.00 deposit was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$188,200.00. A transfer of \$7,000.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. Interest on the 15 mo. CD was \$69.97 making a total of \$74,451.08.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2017, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to transfer \$165.00 from Contingency to Auxiliary, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to transfer \$544.17 from Fire Hydrants to Street Lights, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that Lexington Gardens is coming along nicely. Nothing yet has been finalized for the proposed Assisted Living project on Church Hill Road. There are still discussions of remodeling The Inn at Newtown but nothing has been acted upon. Warden Gaston conveyed police dog training is occurring at The Inn. The Borough views this as a community service provided Newtown Police is involved with the training.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon reported Paul Tanski (13 Main Street) has submitted an application to build a garage on his property.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher had nothing new to report.

Streets & Parks: Second Senior Burgess Maher had nothing new to report.

Old Business: Second Senior Burgess Maher stated that 48 Main Street was auctioned for \$67,000.00. It was purchased by 3 local people (electrician, carpenter and plumber).

New Business: Burgess Gardner reported the summer flag will replace the winter flag on May 20, 2017. Any necessary paint touch ups will be conducted as needed. There was a reported slight car swipe of the flagpole. This will be addressed with touch ups. The Lion's Club paid for the summer flag and the VFW paid for the winter flag. Burgess Gardner will be looking into companies that could sandblast the flagpole and repaint it.

Public Participation: Ellen Whalen (65 Main Street) inquired if a sidewalk would be installed in front of her property up to Martin Street. There is a lot of foot traffic there which could potentially be dangerous. Second Senior Burgess Maher will measure the proposed sidewalk and offer estimated costs. Ms. Whalen also mentioned a tree on town property that hangs over the road and is concerned a good storm could fell it. Lastly, she inquired about the status of the ambulance building. Zoning turned down Danbury Ambulance and there is concern about the property becoming commercial.

The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:30p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.

There being no further business, Burges Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m., seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Scaia
Borough Clerk

Borough of Newtown
Newtown, CT
Monthly Treasurer's Report
For month ending April 30, 2017

Beginning Balance (April 1, 2017) **\$418,910.41**

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
April 19,2017	Jean St. Jean	\$510.00
April 12,2017	AT&T, Level 3, Frontier refunds	\$111.37
April 12,2017	Tax Collector (YTD: \$188,200)	\$1,600.00

Interest income (April 30, 2017) **\$16.04**

Total Income **\$2,237.41**

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
Apr 12, 2017	check #243 Treasurer's Acct (331)		\$7,000.00

Total Expenses **\$7,000.00**

Ending Cash Balance (April 30, 2017)

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

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (April 30, 2017) **\$414,147.82**

15 MONTH CD ACCOUNT (#814) matures 1/28/18 **\$74,381.11**

Interest income (April 30, 2017) interest 1.15% **\$69.97**

TOTAL **\$74,451.08**

Respectfully submitted on May 9, 2017
Paula Brinkman, Treasurer



NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: APRIL 2017

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2015: \$188,463.57

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$184,726.09
BACK TAXES:	\$1,402.29
INTEREST:	\$943.34
LIENS & FEES:	\$116.00

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: \$187,187.72

WRITE OFF SMALL SHORTAGE & SMALL CREDITS -\$3.43

TOTAL CARRY OVER	-\$1,381.94
CARRY OVER FOR CREDIT APPLIED 7/1	\$1,272.73
REFUND DUE FROM PRIOR YEAR \$109.21	<u>-\$109.21</u>
ADDITION TO REF DUE PRIOR YR FOR	
MODULAR SPACE CORP \$1188.70	-\$1,188.70
CURRENT REFUNDS	\$157.77

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE: \$188,200.00

TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:	\$184,726.09	97.9%
OVERPAYMENTS	-\$218.69	
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	\$3,956.17	2.1%

NOTE:

(BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2014 AND PRIOR: (\$372.83))

DATE:

9-May-17

SIGN:

BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR