

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, January 11, 2011** at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Clerk Ann Benore, Treasurer and Burgess Marie Walker

Absent: Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Burgess Marie Walker made a motion to accept the December 14, 2010 meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Anthony Baiad and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: Bill Lucas, 10 Reservoir Road, introduced himself as being interested in the vacant Burgess position. Second Senior Burgess Maher suggested that he attend this meeting and thought he would be a good candidate for the position. Mr. Lucas presented a resume to the Board members, expressed his interest in the Borough, and asked if they had any specific questions. Warden Gaston thanked him for his interest and gave a brief history of the Borough. He said that at next month's we should have a full slate of board members present and can vote on his appointment as a Burgess. In addition, that particular Burgess position will be up for election in May 2011.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that he put together a letter addressed to Pat Llodra, Jeff Capeci and Lilla Dean regarding the anti-blight ordinance. He asked for their feedback and whether it was something they would be interested in and, if so, said that the Borough will work with them on it. He is not certain that this is something that the Borough will get involved in; but if we do, then it is something that the town should be involved in as well. Other than that, there was not much else to report.

Tree Warden: Due to the absence of Tree Warden Rob McCulloch, there was no report.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2009: \$168,497.50. Current Taxes \$162,969.89; Back Taxes \$3,422.59; Interest \$1,973.95; Lien Fees \$408.00; Return of Overpayments (\$3,014.88). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date \$165,000.00. Current Taxes Collected 94.9%.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Walker reported the following: A deposit of \$1,000.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez on December 20, 2010, making a total of \$165,000.00 to date. A transfer of \$48,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing. The total in the NSBMM account is \$232,392.00 to date. Capital Reserve is \$1,895.93 as of December 31, 2010.

Treasurer Walker made a motion to transfer \$1,110.00 from Contingency to Data Processing to cover this month's expense, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

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

Zoning Officer's Report: Due to the absence of Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, there was no report.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that he spoke with Bob Geckle and Bruce Walzcak regarding sidewalks on Queen Street. Burgess Maher will be talking to the town about trying to put together a budget to get it on the CIP which is due in August. He will be looking at maps, linear footage, and line items and will have something more to report over the next couple of months.
Discussion followed.

Streets & Parks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that there was nothing new.

Old Business: Warden Gaston revisited the suggestion from LeReine Frampton, Democratic Registrar of Voters, which was presented at December's meeting. He and other Board members confirmed that they spoke with several Borough residents and saw no opposition to the suggestion of moving the May election polling place to the Registrar's Office as it would save the Borough over \$2,000.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to move the polling place to the Registrar's Office at the Municipal Center for May's election, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez reported that the package to the soldiers in Afghanistan was sent out on behalf of the Borough. Warden Gaston thanked her for taking care of the project and all agreed that it was great for the Borough to participate in such an endeavor.

New Business: None.

Public Participation: None.

A special meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alexandria Room at Edmond Town Hall.

There being no further business, Burgess Baiad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Second senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore
Borough Clerk