

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Joseph Maher, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas (7:37 p.m.), Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Clerk Ann Benore, Treasurer and Burgess Marie Walker, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez

Also Present: Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the September 13, 2011 annual meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the September 13, 2011 special meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Walker and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that he received a bill from Red Baron Carpet for \$421.68 (which appears to be in error) for cleaning at Edmond Town Hall. He will pass the bill on to Board of Managers Chairman, Jim Juliano. He also received a call from a Wendover Street resident regarding a street light out on that road. Senior Burgess Crick will take care of the matter by contacting CL&P.

Tree Warden: Rob McCulloch reported that trees were taken down on Hall Lane, pruning was done on Hanover Road, cleanup on Castle Hill Road and is getting quotes regarding trees on Glover Avenue, Queen Street, and Hanover Road. He also reported that Larry Meyer of Lewis Trees and he looked at a lot of trees. Two trees at Main Street and Schoolhouse Hill Road need to come down. One tree is located on the Slavin property at 68 Main Street and asked that the Borough contribute toward replacement of that tree.

Burgess Betsy Kenyon made a motion to fund up to \$500 for replacement of a tree at Slavin's property (68 Main Street), seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2010: \$168,543.73; Current Taxes: \$155,364.14; Back Taxes: \$4,408.09; Interest: \$1,200.10; Lien Fees: \$384.00; Return of Overpayments (\$1,225.44). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$153,800.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$154,138.70.

Senior Burgess Crick made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's report, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Walker reported the following: A deposit of \$6,000.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$153,800.00. A transfer of \$25,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing leaving a total of \$264,719.61 in the NSBMM Account. Capital Reserve is \$1,899.60 as of September 30, 2011.

Burgess Kenyon 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 \$5,194.10 in zoning and building fees was collected. The veterinary hospital has started renovations at 52 Church Hill Road which will be a 24/7 operation. The two developers looking at the Lexington Gardens and Chase properties (30 & 32 Church Hill Road) want to close by December. The possibility of a traffic light at that location was discussed; meetings with Chief Kehoe, the developers, and the State will be held to discuss the matter.

A small drug store that works directly with doctors is interested in 20 Church Hill Road and the liquor store is looking to move into space in Caraluzzi's Shopping Center. Zoning Officer St. Jean also reported that the public hearing regarding United Water will be held tomorrow night.

Warden Gaston reported that he went in front of the Ordinance Committee of the Legislative Council with a report on a blight ordinance. If a blight ordinance is passed it will probably be very narrow in scope (excluding farms, forest associations, etc.). Discussion followed.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported the Historic District still need to be put up but their placement is being finalized. Warden Gaston reported that Gordon Williams told him that he was very appreciative of the sidewalk work done in front of his house.

Streets & Parks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that two maple trees will be realized just north of Edmond Town Hall.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Participation: None.

The regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall.

There being no further business, Burgess Kenyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore
Borough Clerk

