

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the special meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

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

Absent: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean

Also Present: Tree Warden Rob McCulloch, Borough Zoning Chairman Doug Nelson, one member of the public

Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the August 14, 2012 meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Walker and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Walker presented her annual report and went through each page in detail. She also reported the following for this month: A deposit of \$34,300.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$147,800.00 to date. A transfer of \$12,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing leaving a total of \$147,800.00 in the NSMM Account. Capital Reserve is \$1,900.61 as of September 3, 2012.

Burgess and Treasurer Walker also announced that she will be resigning from both positions effective immediately. The Board thanked her for her many years and her dedication to the Borough Board and the wonderful job she has done over the years.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston asked that Board members begin to think about a replacement for Marie Walker to be discussed at next month's meeting. He also reported that the Anti-Blight Ordinance is still in the work-in-progress stage. A Public Hearing was held and it is now being reviewed by legal. He gave an overview of the ordinance stating that it is to correct blight of existing structures and land; not open space, farmland, or wetlands. An Enforcement Officer will be appointed by the Planning & Zoning Department and the Board of Selectmen will appoint a Hearing Officer if there is an appeal. Discussion followed.

Tree Warden: Tree Warden Rob McCulloch will be looking at two trees, one located at 4 The Old Road and the other at 26 West Street. Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works, contacted Rob regarding trees on Queen Street and Rob will follow up. He also looked at the tree at 23 Main Street and determined that the tree is healthy' however, when the new sidewalk goes in the tree should be removed. The tree is a state tree and Rob made them aware of the situation.

Second Senior Burgess Maher asked Rob McCulloch to look at a branch that fell down at 10 Glover Avenue. Warden Gaston presented the application for an account at Planters Choice and suggested that Rob McCulloch, Jay Maher and himself be listed as contact people.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2011: \$169,413.31; Current Taxes: \$153,266.98; Back Taxes: \$1,841.73; Interest: \$794.94; Lien Fees: \$160.48; Write-Offs: \$78.32; Refunds: (\$822.28); Overpayments: \$8.63. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$147,800.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$153,266.98.

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

Zoning Officer's Report: No report due to the absence of Zoning Officer St. Jean.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing to report.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that he met with the concrete contractor regarding the two sections of sidewalk that are to be replaced. The estimated cost for 23 Main Street is \$10,000.00, and a smaller section north of second entrance to Edmond Town Hall is estimated to be \$6,400.00. He still needs to get the permit from the state which would not be before October 1st. The timing of the work will not interfere with the Halloween festivities.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to transfer \$2,000.00 from Contingency to Sidewalks to cover expenses for the sidewalk project, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Streets & Parks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that all was quiet.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Participation: None.

The regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 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 9:06 p.m., seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore
Borough Clerk