## BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday**, **May 14, 2013** at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

<u>Present</u>: Warden James Gaston, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Kim D'Amico, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Treasurer Cathy Monckton, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Clerk Ann Benore, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

**Absent**: Senior Burgess Joan Crick

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the April 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

<u>Tree Warden:</u> Tree Warden McCulloch reported that stump grinding has been going on in preparation for tree replacements. He introduced Gary Storms from Newtown Lion's Club. Mr. Storms stated that the Lion's Club wanted to do something for the Borough in honor of the victims of December 14<sup>th</sup>. His suggestion was to plant trees along Main Street (on the town side of the properties). He stated that the Lion's Club would organize, provide the manpower, and handle fundraising for the effort. Warden Gaston and all the Burgesses were in agreement that it was a very positive idea and thanked Mr. Storms for the offer. Warden Gaston suggested that Rob McCulloch and Mr. Storms get together to work on the project.

**Warden's Report**: Warden Gaston had nothing new to report.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for April 2013: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2011: \$169,413.31; Current Taxes: \$163,566.35; Back Taxes: \$2,568.81; Interest: \$1,910.43; Lien Fees: \$352.48; Write-Offs: (\$78.32); Refunds: (\$822.28). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$166,500.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$163,566.35.

<u>Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for April 2013</u>, seconded by Burgess D'Amico and unanimously approved.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Treasurer Cathy Monckton read the report: No deposit was made this month from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$166,500.00. A transfer of \$7,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,901.23 as of April 30, 2013.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to transfer \$113.04 from Trees & Tree Maintenance to Elections, seconded by Burgess D'Amico and unanimously approved.

Burgess Lucas made a motion to transfer \$203.19 from Trees & Tree Maintenance to Office Supplies, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2013, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Monckton reported that as of June 11, 2013 she will be resigning her position as Treasurer. Paul Brinkman Hughes, 4 Grand Place, introduced herself as someone who would be interested in the position.

**Zoning Officer's Report**: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that Dr. Beck now has less than a year to have his new office built at 12 Queen Street. She also reported that State should be approving the traffic light at 30-32 Church Hill Road very soon and construction will begin shortly thereafter.

<u>Historic District</u>: Burgess Kenyon reported that the application to place a circular piece around the top of the flagpole was reviewed. The application was approved subject to the approval of Memorial Committee (which is being formed to review ideas from various organizations and people that wish to offer acts of kindness to the town in light of December 14th.

**Sidewalks**: Senior Burgess Maher had nothing to report.

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

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business**: None.

**Public Participation**: None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT

## <u>There being no further business, Burgess Baiad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.</u>, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore Borough Clerk