

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Chris Gardner, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Clerk Ann Benore

Absent: Burgess Bill Lucas

Also Present: Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the February 11, 2014 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that he will be meeting with Aquarion Water Company to get an itemization of a bill sent to the Town. At that point, he will have a better idea of what the Borough's budget will be for that line item for next year; he will present a preliminary budget at next month's meeting.

Tree Warden: Rob McCulloch had nothing new to report.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for January/February 2014: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2012: \$192,172.81; Current Taxes: \$185,921.67; Back Taxes: \$3,823.77; Interest: \$3,330.62; Lien Fees: \$687.25; Write-Offs: \$54.98; Refunds: (\$4,515.65). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$193,000.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$185,921.67.

Tax Collector Enriquez stated that she will be looking into the write off policy (waiving bills under a certain amount) and whether the Borough should modify its policy. Warden Gaston asked that it be put on next month's agenda to discuss her findings.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the report: No deposit was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$193,000.00. A transfer of \$50,000/00 was made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,902.03 as of February 28, 2014.

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

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that Dr. Beck took out a building permit, and nothing new has developed with the former Lexington Gardens site or 27 Church Hill Road.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon reported that work being done at 33 Main Street has not required an application up to this point. The Historic District met with the owner to have a conceptual meeting to go over the general guidelines and present their plan. An application will be submitted after reviewing the types of materials to be used on the project. Burgess Kenyon stated that the plans were very appealing and that the owner is being very mindful of the historic nature of the property.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that 3 bids were received for the sidewalk work on Church Hill Road (from Newtown Bee to Main Street). He met with George Benson and Rob Sibley and the bids need to be further reviewed. He again stated that he will ensure that the plan will comply with the Borough's Historic District regulations.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Participation: None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT

There being no further business, Burgess Baiad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m., seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore
Borough Clerk