

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, April 14, 2015** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Clerk Ann LoBosco

Absent: Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

No quorum was met.

Approval of minutes of March 10, 2015 postponed until next meeting.

Public Participation: None.

Budget: Warden Gaston presented the proposed budget for 2015-2016 with a change to line item "Data Processing" from \$1,500 to \$2,500. The change does not affect the mill rate of 0.85. The proposed budget will be presented for approval at the May 12, 2015 meeting of property owners and/or electors.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that with respect to the suggested traffic study at the flagpole, Police Commission Chairman Paul Mangiafico has asked the Police Department to gather information about the 10 most dangerous spots resulting in accidents in Newtown. Warden Gaston feels that a criteria needs to be set before this information can be gathered.

Warden Gaston reminded board members to encourage people to vote in the Borough's election on May 4, 2015.

Tree Warden: No report due to Rob McCulloch's absence.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for March 2015: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2013: \$190,261.05; Current Taxes: \$184,709.44; Back Taxes: \$4,936.85; Interest: \$4,069.10; Lien Fees: \$766.77; Refunds: (\$1,707.94). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$189,700.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$184,709.44 representing 97.1%.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the report: A deposit was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez of \$1,200.00 making a total of \$189,700.00. A transfer of \$6,000.00 will be made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,903.06 as of March 31, 2015.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean had nothing new to report.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon reported that the new signs will be installed since good weather is now here.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that he will be working on an RFP for the sidewalk in front of 64 Main Street.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Participation: None.

A meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown will be held on May 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Courtroom at Edmond Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016. The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held immediately following the meeting of property owners, in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco
Borough Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that the Borough Meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown will be held at 7:30 PM on May 12, 2015, at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2015-16. Estimated Budget recommended by the Board of Burgesses of the Borough of Newtown is hereby set below in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

	Expenditure <u>2013-2014</u>	Estimated Budget <u>2014-2015</u>	Proposed Budget <u>2015-2016</u>
ADVERTISING	\$ 1,654	2,250	2,000
AUDIT	5,500	5,500	5,500
AUXILLIARY HELP	2,909	3,750	3,250
BONDS & INSUR.	220	250	250
CONSULTING	0	1,000	1,000
CONTINGENCY	1,136	3,000	2,250
DATA PROCESSING	940	2,400	2,500
ELECTION	0	3,200	0
FIRE HYDRANT	61,044	76,000	76,000
FIRE DEPT	2,000	2,000	2,000
HEALTH DISTRICT	0	10	10
HISTORIC DISTRICT	0	100	250
LEGAL FEES	7,080	7,500	7,500
SIDEWALKS	1,500	15,000	15,000
STREET LIGHTS	25,467	28,000	28,000
OFFICE MAINT & S	3,917	4,000	4,000
TREES AND MAINT	6,375	3,500	3,500
SOLDIERS & SAILORS	0	10	10
STREETS & PARKS	5,002	6,000	6,000
FLAGPOLE	0	10	10
	Expenditure	Estimated Budget	Proposed Budget
SOCIAL WORK	0	10	10

ASSESSOR	2,000	2,000	2,250
CLERK	4,250	4,250	4,500
TAX COLLECTOR	4,000	4,000	4,200
TREASURER	3,750	3,750	4,000
WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500
BUILDNG OFFICIAL	4,000	4,000	4,000
CONSERV. DIR.	1,000	1,000	1,000
ENGINEER	1,800	1,800	1,800
BUILDING CLERK	4,200	4,200	4,200
ZONING OFFICER	5,000	5,000	5,000
TREE WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500
PAYROLL TAXES	2,563	7,000	5,000
EDMOND TOWN H	2,500	3,500	3,500
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	\$ 164,807	208,990	203,490
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Revenue Anticipated From Prior Year	\$ 7,000
Building Revenues Anticipated	10,000
Interest	1,000

Total Revenues Anticipated	\$ 18,000

Money to be Raised from Taxes \$ 203,490 - \$18,000 = \$ 185,490

97.0% Tax Collection Rate

1.03 x \$185,490 = \$ 191,054

\$191,054 divided by \$223,227,798 (1000's Grand List – Mill) = 0.85

2015-2016 Proposed Mill Rate = 0.85

Note:

2013-2014 MILL RATE – 0.89

2014-2015 MILL RATE - 0.87

2015-2016 MILL RATE – 0.85

(Decrease in taxes = 0.02 Mills)

James O. Gaston

Warden, Borough of Newtown

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