

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, May 13, 2014** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

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

Absent: Burgess Betsy Kenyon

Also Present: Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to accept the April 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Due to lack of quorum at last month's meeting, Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the March 10, 2015 minutes, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for April 2015: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2013: \$190,261.05; Current Taxes: \$185,359.04; Back Taxes: \$5,533.06; Interest: \$4,489.75; Lien Fees: \$886.77; Refunds: (\$1,707.94). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$194,700.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$185,359.04.

Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for April 2015, seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for March 2015 presented at last month's meeting, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston went to the Police Commission's May 5th meeting to follow up on a list sent to him of the number of accidents occurring at the top 10 most dangerous locations in Newtown. Chief Kehoe said that no criteria was applied in the report and that it was just a number count. The top 3 locations were reported to be Church Hill Road near Exit 10, Berkshire Road at Wasserman's Way, and the Flagpole. Warden Gaston said that since the studies were done without criteria including volume, radius, etc. and the data was not weighted, the results were not accurate. He believes there will be more discussion at next month's Police Commission meeting.

Warden Gaston reported that he and Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean met with George Benson and Pat Llodra to discuss building fees in the Borough and the Town. The developers of the old Lexington Gardens property had questioned why both municipalities collected building fees on the same project. He said the Borough incurs costs related to such projects. The Town will be looking into the matter.

Tree Warden: Rob McCulloch said Lewis Tree has completed some trimming and he is looking at a couple of emergency jobs. He is waiting for approval from the Town to begin further tree work which he expects to happen in July with the new budget year. A tree at 3 Hanover Road and some pine trees in the right-of-way off Lincoln Road need to be removed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the report: A deposit of \$5,000.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$194,700.00. A \$5,000.00 transfer will be made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,903.13 as of April 30, 2015.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2015, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2015 presented at last month's meeting, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to transfer \$376.70 from Elections to Advertising and \$105.35 from Contingency to Elections, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that the Lexington Gardens developer still has to get the final permit, but the light will be installed very soon. At tomorrow's Borough Zoning meeting discussion will occur about establishing a different policy about signs, and letters will be sent to all businesses explaining the regulations. Aquarion will also be at that meeting to discuss construction of a pump station at the new Hook & Ladder Firehouse location.

With respect to Newtown Hook & Ladder, Senior Burgess Crick suggested that the Borough consider making another donation to them to help with construction of the new building. Due to prevailing wage standards, the cost for the new firehouse could increase by \$500,000. Burgess Gardner thought a monetary donation would be a good idea but suggested that a better way to support them may be to help purchase kitchen equipment for the firehouse. Discussion followed.

Warden Gaston reported that Eversource (who has taken over for CL&P) will no longer allow banners to be hung from their poles. Since there are many requests for banners to be hung on Queen Street, Mr. Gaston said that they are looking into having "sister poles" installed on Queen Street to make this possible.

Historic District: Second Senior Burgess Maher said that 2 of the new Historic District signs are up and the others will be shortly.

Sidewalks: Senior Burgess Maher reported that the sidewalk project on Church Hill Road near the Flagpole is coming along nicely. He said that he is concerned that the section of existing sidewalk in front of 3 Church Hill Road and The Bee is in bad shape. He suggested that it be washed and sealed upon completion of the current work being done. The project would cost \$2,500.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to spend up to \$2,500 on washing and sealing the sidewalk in front of 3 & 5 Church Hill Road, seconded by Senior Burgess Crick and unanimously approved.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Senior Burgess Crick said she received a request from a resident of Grand Place to install another light pole there. She will contact Eversource about the matter.

Public Participation: None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2015 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 9:20 p.m., seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco
Borough Clerk

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: APRIL 2015

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2013: \$190,261.05

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$185,359.04
BACK TAXES:	\$5,533.06
INTEREST:	\$4,489.75
LIENS & FEES:	\$886.77

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: \$196,268.62

WRITE OFFS (WAIVE BILLS UNDER \$2.00)	?
REFUNDS	(\$1,707.94)

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE: \$194,700.00


TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:	\$185,359.04	97.4%
OVERPAYMENTS	(\$17.36)	
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	\$4,919.37	2.6%

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2012 AND PRIOR:		\$4,299.95
(refund due from prior years)	(\$5.68)	

DATE:
12-May-15

SIGN:  _____
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: MARCH 2015

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2013: \$190,261.05

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$184,709.44
BACK TAXES:	\$4,936.85
INTEREST:	\$4,069.10
LIENS & FEES:	\$766.77

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: \$194,482.16

WRITE OFFS (WAIVE BILLS UNDER \$2.00)	?
REFUNDS	(\$1,707.94)

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE: \$189,700.00

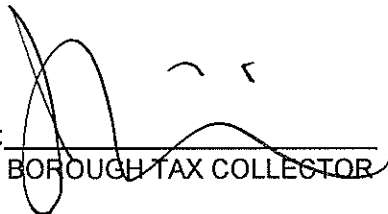
TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:	\$184,709.44	97.1%
OVERPAYMENTS	(\$17.36)	
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	\$5,568.97	2.9%

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2012 AND PRIOR:	\$4,896.16
(refund due from prior years)	(\$5.68)

DATE:
14-Apr-15

SIGN: 
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

Borough of Newtown
 Newtown, CT
 Monthly Treasurer's Report
 For month ending April 30, 2015

Beginning Balance (April 1, 2015) \$356,664.28

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description		Amount
Apr 15, 2015	Tax Collector	(YTD: \$194,700)	\$5,000.00
Apr 20, 2015	Jean St. Jean	(Bldg/Sign/Tag Sale fees)	\$960.00
Apr 27, 2015	Level 3	property tax	\$6.21
Apr 27, 2015	Frontier	property tax	\$110.63
Apr 27, 2015	AT&T	property tax	\$0.28

Interest income (March 31, 2015) \$14.75

Total Income \$6,091.87

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
Apr 15, 2015	Check #216 Treasurer's Acct (331)	invoices	\$6,000.00

Total Expenses \$6,000.00

Ending Cash Balance (April 30, 2015)

Outstanding Checks	Payable To	Description	Amount
	Total Outstanding Checks		\$0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE April 30, 2015 \$356,756.15

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT (#200)

Beginning Balance (April 1, 2015)	\$1,903.06
Interest income (April 30, 2015)	\$0.07
Ending Cash Balance (April 30, 2015)	\$1,903.13

<u>2 Yr. CD ACCT. (#814)</u>	matures 10/24/15	\$73,509.05
Interest income (April 30, 2015)	interest .35%	\$21.15
TOTAL		\$73,530.20

Respectfully submitted on May 12, 2015
 Paula Brinkman, Treasurer



Borough of Newtown
 Newtown, CT
 Monthly Treasurer's Report
 For month ending March 31, 2015

Beginning Balance (March 1, 2015) \$361,449.48

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
Mar 14, 2015	Tax Collector (YTD: \$189,700)	\$1,200.00
Interest income (March 31, 2015)		\$14.80

Total Income \$1,214.80

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
Mar 9, 2015	Check #215 Treasurer's Acct (331)	invoices	\$6,000.00

Total Expenses \$6,000.00

Ending Cash Balance (March 31, 2015) \$356,664.28

Outstanding Checks	Payable To	Description	Amount
Total Outstanding Checks			\$0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE March 31, 2015 \$356,664.28

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT (#200)

Beginning Balance (March 1, 2015)	\$1,902.98
Interest income (March 31, 2015)	\$0.08
Ending Cash Balance (March 31, 2015)	\$1,903.06

<u>2 Yr. CD ACCT. (#814)</u>	matures 10/24/15	\$73,487.20
Interest income (March 31, 2015)	interest .35%	\$21.85
TOTAL		\$73,509.05

Respectfully submitted on April 14, 2015
 Paula Brinkman, Treasurer

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