

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, August 11, 2015** 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 Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Clerk Ann LoBosco

Absent: Burgess Anthony Baiad, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Also Present: 3 members of the public

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

Public Participation: Paul Poeltl, 17 Glover Avenue, provided an update on the bamboo situation at 3 Lorraine Drive. He stated that the owner has cut down the bamboo stalks but has not removed the roots. Warden Gaston has sent a letter to the owner and the property will be inspected by Rob McCulloch who will then provide a report to the Board of Burgesses. If the report indicates a problem, the Board will suggest a remedy along with a timeframe.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that a dead tree on West Street has been taken down. He had two flagpole related topics to discuss. The Police Commission has ordered another traffic study to be done on the intersection at the flagpole. One option being looked at is truck turning restrictions, in particular no left turns for trucks traveling south on Main Street at Church Hill Road. Warden Gaston is concerned about the increased traffic on Glover Avenue and other side roads which could result from this restriction. He has not received a response to his FOI request on detailed information of accidents; therefore, he has again made the request for the information covering the past 3 years.

The "Keeper of the Flagpole", Dave Lydem, has stepped down from his duties and First Selectman Pat Llodra has asked whether the Borough would be interested in assuming that position. The winter and summer flags are provided by Newtown Hardware and Newtown Lion's Club and Newtown Hook & Ladder raises and lowers the flags. After some discussion, the Board agreed that they would be honored to assume the responsibility of overseeing the flagpole. Warden Gaston appointed Second Senior Burgess Maher to the flagpole sub-committee with help from Burgess Lucas and Burgess Gardner.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion that the Board accepts responsibility of overseeing the flagpole, seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Tree Warden: None due to Rob McCulloch's absence.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for July 2015: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2014: \$187,871.54; Current Taxes: \$171,989.68; Back Taxes: \$576.93; Interest: \$243.46; Lien Fees: \$97.98; Refunds: \$0.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$24,800.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$171,989.68.

Senior Burgess Crick made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for July 2015, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

There were two bookkeeping errors in Fiscal Year 2014/2015 which needed to be corrected.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to transfer \$1,050.00 from Office Supplies to Streets and Parks, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to transfer \$0.44 from Office Supplies to Advertising, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the July 2015 report: A deposit of \$24,800.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez. A \$45,000.00 transfer was made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,903.38 as of July 30, 2015. Treasurer Brinkman reported that the 2 year CD account totaling \$73,595.09 will mature on 10/24/2015.

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

Warden Gaston reported that Rob Sibley, Land Use, was very pleased that the Borough agreed to pay for the lighting bill totaling \$33,775.00 (new sidewalk). Warden Gaston suggested making that payment from two accounts – Capital Reserve Account and the 2 year CD Account.

Burgess Lucas made a motion to pay \$1,903.29 to the Town for the lighting fixtures from the Capital Reserve Account in October at which point the account will close, seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved. The balance of \$31,871.71 will be paid from the 2 Year CD Account at that same time.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that George Benson has contacted the owner of 48 Main Street about the blight of her property and she has not responded. The case has gone to court and as of June 22, 2015 a fine of \$100 per day has been filed totaling \$5,000 to date. There is concern about the safety of the homeowner due to the condition of the home, and the process will continue.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Senior Burgess Maher reported that a section of sidewalk in front of The Bee is overgrown with weeds and he is taking care of it.

Streets & Parks: 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, September 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT

There being no further business, Burgess Kenyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco, Borough Clerk

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

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2015) \$337,407.92

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
July 15,,2015	Tax Collector	\$24,800.00

Interest income (July 31, 2015) \$14.85

Total Income \$24,814.85

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
July 15,,2015	chk # 220	Treasurer's Acct (331) invoices	\$45,000.00

Total Expenses \$45,000.00

Ending Cash Balance (July 31, 2015) \$317,222.77

Outstanding Checks Amount

Total Outstanding Checks \$0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE July 31, 2015 \$317,222.77

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT (#200)

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2015) \$1,903.29

Interest income (July 31, 2015) \$0.09

Ending Cash Balance (July 31, 2015) \$1,903.38

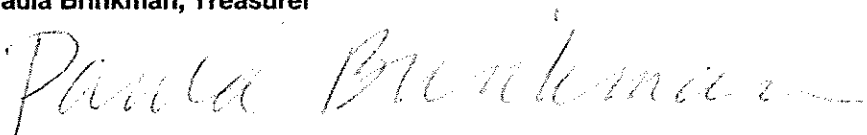
2 Yr. CD ACCT. (#814) matures 10/24/15 \$73,573.22

Interest income (July 31, 2015) interest .35% \$21.87

TOTAL \$73,595.09

Respectfully submitted on August 11, 2015

Paula Brinkman, Treasurer



NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: JULY 2015

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2014: \$187,871.54

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$171,989.68
BACK TAXES:	\$576.93
INTEREST:	\$243.46
LIENS & FEES:	\$97.98

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: \$172,908.05

WRITE OFFS (WAIVE BILLS UNDER \$5.00)
REFUNDS

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE: \$24,800.00

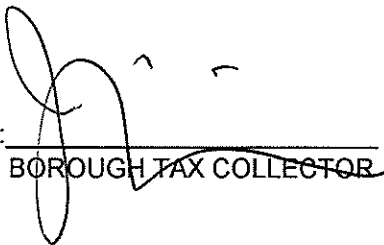
TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:	\$171,989.68	91.1%
OVERPAYMENTS	(\$752.49)	
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	\$16,634.35	8.9%

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2013 AND PRIOR: \$7,718.50
(refund due from prior years) (\$45.70)

DATE:
11-Aug-15

SIGN: 
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR