

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**Present:** Warden James Gaston, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Clerk Ann LoBosco

**Absent:** Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

**Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the February 9, 2016 minutes,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Public Participation:** None.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Gaston reported that Economic Development has been working with an individual from Maine who works with towns and designs what is called "The Museum in the Streets". The concept is to promote awareness of historical events and landmarks in a town. Plaques are placed at key locations containing illustrations and historical information. The idea is to have a walking/driving tour following the signs which tell the town's story. Sandy Hook is in the process of developing its own tour and has asked the Borough if they would be interested in the concept as well. There could be a cost savings if the two work together on this.

Warden Gaston said one of the pluses is attracting people to the town as well as forming a sense of unity. Both Ridgefield and Danbury have these plaques in place. Town Historian Dan Cruson has agreed to work on the project as well. It was decided that the Historic District should have a meeting to discuss the proposal; further discussion can take place at next month's meeting.

**Tree Warden:** In Mr. McCulloch's absence, Clerk LoBosco reported that he will be starting his spring time drive around the Borough within a few weeks to look for hazardous or distressed trees. At next month's meeting, he will provide a list of tree planting suggestions.

**Tax Collector's Report:** No report due to Tax Collector Enriquez's absence.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the February 2016 report (Att. A): No deposits were made this month from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez. Interest on the 1 Yr. CD was \$29.22 making a total of \$73,779.65.

**Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2016,** seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported on the blight situation at 48 Main Street. Several people are interested in rebuilding/restoring the house; however, the owner has until August to take necessary steps to address the problem. With respect to the Inn at Newtown, she has looked into prior uses of the property. Burgess Kenyon believes that the property can be a restaurant but needs to remain an inn with guest rooms as well; John Vouros and Dan Cruson may have knowledge of what can be there. Ms. St. Jean will speak to Attorney Don Mitchell and Doug Nelson about possible uses of the property as well.

**Historic District:** Nothing new to report.

**Sidewalks:** No report due to Second Senior Burgess Maher's absence.

**Streets & Parks:** No report due to Second Senior Burgess Maher's absence.

**Old Business:** A sub-committee of the Police Commission (Brian Budd and Dan Rosenthal) has been formed to consult with the state about the flagpole traffic study and to review options. They are hoping to take incremental steps working on the problem.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Participation:** None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 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 8:23 p.m.,** seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco  
Borough Clerk

**Borough of Newtown**  
Newtown, CT  
Monthly Treasurer's Report  
For month ending February 29, 2016

Beginning Balance ( February 1, 2016) \$410,452.29

**OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)**

Income (Deposits)	Date	Description	Amount
Interest income (February 29, 2016)			\$16.36
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$16.36</b>

Expenses (checks written)	Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
<b>Total Expenses</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>

Ending Cash Balance (February 29, 2016) \$410,468.65

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

**RECONCILED BANK BALANCE February 29, 2016** **\$410,468.65**

**CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT (#200)**

Ending Cash Balance Account closed 10/31/15 \$0.00

<b><u>1 Yr. CD ACCOUNT (#814)</u></b>		matures 10/24/16	<b>\$73,750.43</b>
Interest income (February 29, 2016))	interest .50%		\$29.22
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$73,779.65</b>

Respectfully submitted on March 8, 2016  
Paula Brinkman, Treasurer

