# BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday**, **October 11, 2016** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Senior Burgess Crick called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

<u>Present</u>: Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch, Clerk Ann LoBosco

Absent: Warden James Gaston

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to accept the September 13, 2016 annual meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the September 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

#### Public Participation: None.

Warden's Report: Second Senior Burgess Crick read an email provided by Warden Gaston with respect to a potential ordinance to be passed by Borough Zoning. The ordinance excludes properties in the Historic District from also being included in the Main Street Borough Village District. They were supposed to exclude existing Historic District properties. This would put an unreasonable onus on people already in the Historic District as well as create a potential conflict where zoning requires one thing which the Historic District won't permit, or vice versa. In addition, the Historic District's board members have expertise, have regulations and guidelines developed by the State, and uses free expert consultants like Town Historian Dan Cruson. Warden Gaston is drafting an exclusionary ordinance and will have it ready for the next meeting. Discussion followed and the burgesses agreed with Warden Gaston.

<u>Tree Warden's Report</u>: Mr. McCulloch reported that all 15 trees have been planted and 15 stumps will be removed. The State looked at the trees at 18 Main Street and 23 Main Street and has marked them for removal.

<u>Tax Collector's Report</u>: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for September 2016: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2015: \$188,472.40; Current Taxes: \$180,747.63; Back Taxes: \$1,402.29; Interest: \$574.81; Lien Fees: \$116.00; Refunds: \$157.77. Total Submitted to

Treasurer to Date: \$172,500.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$180,747.63 reflecting a 95.8%

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for September 2016, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Treasurer Brinkman presented the September 2016 report: A deposit was made by Tax Collector Enriquez in the amount of \$8,800.00 making YTD total of \$181,300. A transfer of \$12,000.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. Interest on the 1 Yr. CD was \$30.32 making a total of \$73,995.66. The 1 Yr. CD will be maturing at the end of the month and Treasurer Brinkman looked into options and found that Newtown Savings Bank is offering a 15-month CD at 1.15% and suggested we take advantage of the special.

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to renew the CD with the 15-month/1.15% offer from Newtown Savings Bank, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2016, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that it is estimated that there will be 140 new employees among the tenants at the Lexington Gardens development. The tenants include a spa, medical group, dental office, doctor's office, restaurant, marketing company, financial company, commercial bank, mortgage company and Newtown Savings Bank. The traffic light has been installed but is not operating as of yet.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

<u>Sidewalks</u>: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that the Borough did a minor sidewalk repair at the library. Mr. Maher has put together a Request for Bid for sidewalk work at 64 Main Street. The Invitation to Bid will be posted in The Bee next week.

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

Old Business: Burgess Baiad reported that Eversource took down the broken light on The Boulevard but did not replace it with a new one. Mr. McCulloch offered to provide his Eversource contact information to Mr. Maher in an attempt to finally get this matter solved.

New Business: None.

### Public Participation: None.

The regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT

There being no further business, Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m., seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco Borough Clerk

## **NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX**

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: SEPTEMBER 2016

**TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2015:** \$188,472.40

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

**CURRENT TAX:** \$180,747.63 BACK TAXES: \$1,402.29 INTEREST: LIENS & FEES: \$574.81 \$116.00

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: \$182,840.73

> **TOTAL CARRY OVER** CARRY OVER FOR CREDIT APPLIED 7/1 -\$1,381.94 REFUND DUE FROM PRIOR YEAR \$109.21 \$1,272.73 -\$109.21

> **CURRENT REFUNDS** \$157.77

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE: \$172,500.00

TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

**CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:** \$180,747.63 **OVERPAYMENTS** 95.8%

-\$218.68

**CURRENT TAXES PENDING:** \$7,943.45 4.2%

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2014 AND PRIOR: \$499.65

DATE:

11-Oct-16

SIGN: BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

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#### **Borough of Newtown**

Newtown, CT

### Monthly Treasurer's Report

For month ending September 30, 2016

Beginning Balance (September 1, 2016)					\$491,550.34
OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)					
Income (Deposits)	<b>.</b>				
Date Sept.14,2016	Description Tax Collector (YTD: \$		(YTD: \$181	,300)	Amount \$8,800.00
Interest income (September 30, 2016)					\$21.43
Total Income					\$8,821.43
Expenses (checks written)  Date		Payable To		Description	Amount
Sept. 9,2016	check#235	Treasurer's A	Acct (331)		\$12,000.00
Total Expenses					\$12,000.00
Ending Cash Balance (September 30, 2016)					\$488,371.77
Outstanding Checks		Payable To		Description	Amount
	Total Outstanding Checks				\$0.00
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (September 30, 2016)					\$488,371.77
1 Yr. CD ACCT. (#814)				matures 10/24/16	\$73,965.34
Interest income (September 30, 2016) TOTAL		interest .50%	%		\$30.32 <b>\$73,995.66</b>

Respectfully submitted on October 11, 2016

Paula Brinkman, Treasurer Panla Brilleman.