

December 11, 2012

A Special Joint meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton and the Newton Board of Education was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mrs. Becker (arrived @ 6:58 pm), Mr. Elvidge (arrived @ 6:14 pm), Deputy Mayor Ricciardo, Mayor Diglio, Mr. Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager and Mrs. Lorraine A. Read, Municipal Clerk. Also present were Ms. Dawn Babcock, CFO and Lt. Mark Zappa of the Newton Police.

Present for the Newton Board of Education were Mr. Caffrey, President, Ms. Egner, Vice President, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Goldschmidt, Mr. Heckman, Ms. Larsen, Ms. Thomas, Ms. VanAuken, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Gianni, Ms. Snyder, Business Administrator and Dr. Greene, Superintendent.

Mayor Diglio made the following declaration that "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this special meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 5, 2012."

Dr. Greene recognized Coach Brennan and congratulated the Newton High School Boys Soccer Club on clinching the NJSIAA Group 2 State Championship. Mayor Diglio then read a Proclamation for the Newton High School Boys Soccer Team.

Joint Proclamation

By the Town Council and the Board of Education of the Town of Newton

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WHEREAS, on December 1, 2012, the Newton High School Boys Soccer Team won the New Jersey Group 2 State Championship by a score of 3-1 over Holmdel High School; and

WHEREAS, the Newton High School Boys Soccer Team won its fourth consecutive Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference Freedom Division championship, its second consecutive North 1 Group 2 Sectional Championship, and the first State Soccer Championship in the history of Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of Head Coach Pat Brennan and Assistant Coaches Brian Martin, Susan Desautels, Tyler Conrads, and Dan Carbone, the team completed the season with a Newton High School record for victories with 23 wins and 4 losses; and

WHEREAS, captains Brady Castle, T.J. Chrusic, Brett Conrads, Kyle Morel, and Andy Weber; teammates Ryan Brewster, Luke Butler, Matt Cespedes, Nick Cowie, Ryan Cronin, Tanner Euston; Chris Guth, Jake Gutowski, Jeremy Henegan, Frank Heter, Paul Kelusak, Chris Marin, Ethan Muller, Jamie Powers, Leo Recalde, Kevin Sosa, and statistician Melanie Rudio displayed incredible skill, magnificent poise, and tremendous consistency throughout the season, which ended in triumph while being down one player for the final twenty-one minutes of the Championship Match; and

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WHEREAS, the Newton Boys Soccer Team's victory on December 1, 2012, generated a spontaneous celebration by our students, parents, Town and area residents, and several local police and fire departments that demonstrated the boundless pride and genuine appreciation of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that on behalf of our citizens, the Town Council and the Board of Education of the Town of Newton do hereby congratulate the Newton High School Boys Soccer Team on their outstanding 2012 season and first ever State Soccer Championship on this eleventh day of December, 2012.

Sandra Lee Diglio, Mayor
Town of Newton



Edward Caffrey, President
Newton Board of Education



DISCUSSION

WAN (Wide Area Network)

Mr. Russo introduced the Millennium Communications Group Inc. in order for them to provide information on the fiber optic WAN (Wide Area Network). It was noted that this potential project would be a shared service project with the Board of Education and the Town of Newton and has potential for future savings.

Ms. Laura Stalter, Account Manager and Mr. Dan Aloia, Executive Director Business Development, of Millennium Communications Group, made a presentation on the private fiber optic network between the Town of Newton and the Newton Board of Education. Ms. Stalter also provided the current costs as well as the return on investment summary.

After a question and answer period, both Boards thanked Millennium Communications Group for their time and presentation.

SHARED SERVICES - PROJECTS

Mr. Russo recognized the great relationship the Town holds with the Newton Board of Education and is always looking to build on the relationship with additional opportunities for shared services. Mr. Russo is hoping to address the fiber optic project in his budget this year and noted that it would be a significant joint shared service project.

Dr. Ken Greene, Superintendent, recognized that the Town and the Board have a great partnership and is pleased with their continued support.

COUNCIL – BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Russo recognized his staff members in attendance and thanked the Newton Board of Education for meeting with the Town Council this evening.

Mr. Russo outlined several projects that the Town is working on for 2013. Mr. Russo noted that marketing is “key” with all of the projects and hopes to accomplish this important component in the 2013 Municipal budget.

Dr. Ken Greene, Superintendent, also provided opening comments and updated Council on some of the projects completed by the Newton Board of Education.

Dr. Greene and Ms. Snyder thanked the Town for including them in on the possibilities of the fiber optic project and for being ahead of the curve on shared services. Mr. Greene also outlined some of the shared services provided.

Both boards agreed that an annual joint meeting of the Town Council and the Newton Board of Education is a helpful tool with the continued dialogue among both boards.

Mayor Diglio opened the meeting to the public.

There being no one else from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mrs. Becker and carried, the Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk