

February 24, 2015

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 pm. Present were Mrs. Diglio (arrived @ 6:12 pm), Deputy Mayor Flynn, Mr. Levante, Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager, Dawn Babcock, CFO and Lorraine A. Read, Municipal Clerk.

Present for the Newton Board of Education were Stella Dunn, President, Jessica Egner, Rich Heckman, Ed Caffrey, Ray Morris, Joan Faye (arrived @ 6:07 pm), Nanette Thomas, Guilene Ham, John O'Gorman, Donna Snyder, Business Administrator and Dr. Ken Greene, Superintendent.

Deputy Mayor Flynn 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 February 10, 2015."

Mr. Russo gave opening comments and thanked the Newton Board of Education for meeting with the Town Council.

Mr. Russo outlined some of the key projects going on in Newton and provided a brief synopsis of each one.

Administration

- Budget
- Property Maintenance
- Special Improvement District (SID)
- Replacement for HR Director
- Tax Collector Shared Service with Byram Township

Emergency Services and Court

- Fire Department Replacement of E-803
- NFAS Ambulance Acquisition
- PBA/SOA Contracts (2015-2017)
- Rerouting of County PSAP calls
- Safe Streets Newton Campaign through TransOptions
- Green Township Shared Court
- Body Cameras for NPD

Public Works and Engineering

- Fire Museum Renovation
- Fire Patrol Cleanup and Sale
- Lighting Study Implementation
- Sidewalks on Route 206
- Spring Street One-way Paving (Summer 2015)
- Trinity Street Paving (Fall 2015)

Planning and Zoning

- Armory Redevelopment
- Dunkin' Donuts (Sparta Avenue)
- G&H
- Hicks Redevelopment
- Krogh's Newton Location
- McGuire's Redevelopment Plan
- New Jersey Housing Code – Sussex County Health Department
- RPM Project
- Sign Ordinance/Home Generators/Footcandles Ordinance Revisions
- Taco Bell
- Thorlabs/EJ Brooks

Mr. Russo addressed several questions from the Board of Education members.

Dr. Greene, Superintendent, briefly outlined some of the goals being addressed by the Newton School District.

Dr. Greene thanked the Town for their continued support of the Newton School District and noted that an annual joint meeting of the Newton Town Council and the Newton Board of Education is a helpful tool with the continued dialogue among both boards.

Deputy Mayor Flynn opened the meeting to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Levante, seconded by Mrs. Diglio and carried, the Council adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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