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The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 7:00 pm. Present were Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Diglio, Mr. Levante, Deputy Mayor Flynn, Mayor Elvidge, Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager and Ursula H. Leo, Esq.

Mayor Elvidge made the following declaration that "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this public meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 31, 2014."

Mayor Elvidge led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Clerk called the roll and, upon motion of Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Deputy Mayor Flynn and carried, the minutes of March 23, 2015 Special Meeting and March 23, 2015 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Elvidge read the following statement:

"At this point in the meeting, the Town Council welcomes comments from any member of the public on any topic. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to 5 minutes. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a copy and email a copy to the Clerk's Office after making your comments so it may be properly reflected in the minutes."

Jonathan Andrews, Springboard Shoppe, 145 Spring Street, read from a prepared statement:

"The Downtown Newton Association held its first Committee Chair meeting last Friday. With 5 committees, each co-chaired, and myself we have a starting group of 11 in full agreement with the February 2013 Vision Plan goal to "provide a safe, vibrant and attractive downtown that will breathe life and vitality into the Town as a whole."

Each committee has defined some initial specific goals and will work on these as well as reach out to others in the community that have expressed an interest to join one of our committees. We urge Council members and town employees to join in areas which interest them.

Our group of chair persons includes 6 local commercial building owners, 5 downtown merchants, 4 other business owners and a senior level banker. 3 members of the GNCC Board are part of our group.

The Design Committee, headed by Mark Maruska and Wayne McCabe is initially working on: 1) filling empty windows with display graphics that emphasize what's happening in the area and our historic heritage; 2) developing parking lot directory signage to make downtown more inviting; and 3) considering facade improvements that are consistent with our local architecture.

The Promotion Committee, headed by Bonnie Bitondo and Kevin Prendergast, is working on: 1) outreach to major employers in the area (Hospital, County, ThorLabs, Town) to encourage their employees to shop Newton; 2) working to source and sponsor signs at the entrances to Newton that will highlight upcoming events in the community.

The Organization Committee, headed by Ernest Hemschott and Rich Krasnomowitz, is developing our by-laws, and operational and financial structures. We have incorporated as a New Jersey non-profit. The NJ Department of Community Affairs has been useful in providing organizational material as a framework.

The Economic Restructuring Committee, headed by Jim Ciaravolo and Sara Megletti is initially focused on: 1) working with realtors and bankers and developing a local property inventory and central repository for potential investors and tenants; 2) working with Newton to extend the abatement program for building improvements which has led to 2 major renovations on Spring Street; 3) developing a resource center for businesses considering locating in town - both in the central Spring Street district and in the expanded downtown area.

The Technology Committee, headed by Tom Dust and Xavier Izquierdo will provide advisory technology support and guidance to the membership at large and with a focus to become the

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most technologically advanced district within our region through educational mediums and information based events.

I will be meeting tomorrow with the Area Director of the USDA Rural Development office. There are a number of loan and grant programs specifically targeted at areas such as Newton and Sussex County to retain and build employment and strengthen the local economy. There are also residential loan programs for such areas. These programs may be very useful for our revitalization effort.

I will also be renewing my conversation with the Rutgers New Jersey Cooperative Extension Service's Master Gardeners group about designing plantings to beautify our parking lots and downtown. Our Board (DNA) is concerned about the plan to use volunteers to implement these designs because of insurance concerns. We would like Newton to consider ways that such volunteers could be covered by the Town policy.

Finally, you will be pleased to hear that the Board strongly advised me to avoid any adversarial perception as I fill you in on our activities. One note - when I give my 5 minutes and then leave, it is to go to the regular rehearsal of the Sussex County Oratorio Society as we get ready for our great May 3 Beethoven Concert. It is not 'walking out' in disrespect.

I do think there are still substantial appearance issues which need attention, and have sent you each an e-mail listing them, hoping for further progress in this area.

Thank you for your time and for the interest and attention you have given to our effort."

Mark Maruska, owner of Gravity DesignWorks, 262 Spring Street, addressed Council and expressed his enthusiasm with the Downtown Newton Association (DNA) and is assisting with the design element of the committee. His wish is for Newton to thrive again and hopes the Town is on-board with their (DNA) commitment.

Mayor Elvidge is glad of the progress of the DNA and looks forward to their continued support with the Town of Newton.

Councilwoman Diglio inquired when the next DNA meeting will be held and was advised by Mr. Andrews that notification will be sent when the date is determined.

Councilman Levante requested Mr. Andrews send the DNA meeting minutes to the Governing Body on a regular basis.

There being no one else from the public to be heard, Mayor Elvidge closed the meeting to the public.

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

A. Introduce Jennifer A. Dodd, Human Resources Director

Jennifer Dodd introduced herself to the Governing Body and provided a brief background of her years of experience in Human Resources. Mrs. Dodd shared that she resides in the Town of Newton and is married with three children. She is excited to work for the Town of Newton and looks forward to a "bright future" in Newton.

Mayor Elvidge congratulated Mrs. Dodd and wished her the best of luck in her new position with the Town.

HEARING ON THE 2015 BUDGET

A. 2015 Municipal and Water & Sewer Utility Budget

At this time, Mr. Russo made a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015 Municipal and Water & Sewer Utility Budget.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

As we look forward to the adoption of the 2015 Newton municipal budget, we are guided by focusing on three (3) core areas.

The first is a focus on improving **cost effectiveness** through increased staff productivity with a targeted use of part-time personnel, volunteers, and technology. By assessing and reducing the cost of our services, identifying and correcting inefficiencies and replacing them with higher impact alternatives, we can become an even more successful organization.

The second is a focus on **protecting core services**. We must always be cognizant of maintaining our exceptional reputation for delivering quality municipal services with an emphasis on doing things the right way, at the right time, and for the right reasons. It is our goal to sustain service levels at the 2014 levels, if possible, and demonstrate positive results to our customers.

Finally, we are guided by a focus on **revenue enhancement**. This allows us to minimize tax increases on the overall community while forcing us to be more deliberate with user fees and various shared services strategies. Newton has a proven track record of working with other entities to provide cost effective solutions for problems and those relationships must and will continue.

Ultimately, all three (3) core principles are tied to the prevailing ideology of enhancing mission achievement - making the Newton municipal organization the best it can be.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS

The property tax is divided among the County of Sussex, County Library, County Health Department, County Open Space, Newton Board of Education and the Town of Newton. The chart below illustrates the percentage that each of the jurisdictions received in 2014 from the average taxpayer in the Town.

Newton Board of Education	52.30%	\$2.079	
Town of Newton	34.10%	\$1.356	
County of Sussex	12.22%	\$0.486	
County Library	.93%	\$0.037	
County Open Space	.05%	\$0.002	
County Health Department	.40%	\$0.016	
Total	100.00%	\$3.976 per \$100 of assessed value	

Newton’s 2015 Municipal Budget and Capital Improvement Program totals **\$12,045,000**. The Municipal Government is a service-based organization. Approximately **64%** of the municipal budget provides funding for the salaries and benefits of **54 full-time and 52 part-time employees (106)**. The chart below presents a summary of how appropriations are divided within the budget and, in turn, impact local taxes.

COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATION BUDGETED AMOUNTS FOR 2014 AND 2015				
	2014		2015	
	FINAL ADOPTED		PROPOSED	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Salaries	5,047,947	41.80	4,878,233	40.50
Health/Dental/Vision/Work Comp.	1,686,264	13.96	1,688,389	14.01
Pensions	856,381	7.09	875,958	7.27
FICA/SUI	235,227	1.95	234,507	1.95
Retirement/LOSAP/Accum. Absence	62,500	.52	50,000	.42
Subtotal	\$7,888,319	65.32	\$7,727,087	64.15
General Operating Expenses	1,618,647	13.40	1,567,020	13.01
Debt/Capital/Deferred Charges	2,030,172	16.82	2,159,485	17.93
Reserve for Tax Appeals	50,000	.41	50,000	.42

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	430,780	3.57	489,446	4.06
Grants	57,982	.48	51,962	.43
Total	\$12,075,900	100%	\$12,045,000	100%

TOP 10 BUDGET APPROPRIATION INCREASES BY DOLLAR AMOUNT

TOP 10 BUDGET APPROPRIATION INCREASES				
APPROPRIATION	2014 BUDGET	2015 BUDGET	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
DEBT SERVICE - OTHER EXPENSES	1,847,572	1,950,885	103,313	6%
CIF	100,000	171,000	71,000	71%
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	430,780	489,446	58,666	14%
INTERLOCAL-GREEN TWP COURT	0	40,000	40,000	
UTILITIES	379,480	405,520	26,040	7%
CODE ENFORCEMENT SW	12,332	36,929	24,597	199%
SNOW OE	75,000	97,400	22,400	30%
CLERK OE (1)	6,570	26,745	20,175	307%
WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE	118,774	137,865	19,091	16%
OTHER INSURANCE	75,680	94,375	18,695	25%
(1) Postage totaling \$19,275 from 7 departments was consolidated and budgeted under Clerk OE.				

REVENUE HISTORY

The chart below tracks revenues over the course of the last five (5) years. As you can see, State Aid has continued to stay flat while the taxpayers of Newton have had to pick up where the State has left off. Local fees continue to fluctuate along with the ability of the Town to create a consistent level of fund balance. Here is a comparison of revenues from the period of 2011 - 2015:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Aid	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916
Local Fees, Fines, Interest	647,715	628,472	649,545	598,368	564,230
Fund Balance (Surplus)	550,000	641,000	776,000	841,461	776,048
Delinquent Taxes	390,000	440,000	330,000	360,000	519,000
Municipal Taxes	7,758,496	7,860,280	7,911,487	8,189,331	8,434,016
Interlocal Agreements	307,429	404,488	400,766	402,780	85,000
Grants	34,904	45,346	38,317	47,083	51,962
Spec. Items of Revenue	87,115	376,988	467,969	610,961	588,828
Total	\$10,801,575	\$11,422,490	\$11,600,000	\$12,075,900	\$12,045,000

RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES

The Reserve for Uncollected Taxes has two components. One portion of the Reserve supports municipal budget taxes. The second component covers taxes collected and remitted to the Board of Education and the County of Sussex. The Reserve for Uncollected Taxes exists as a buffer to address the shortfall between property taxes required to support local governments and the actual rate of tax collection.

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$495,113	\$423,293	\$497,646	\$478,390	\$394,526	\$430,780	\$489,446

HEALTH CARE

Though the cost of providing health insurance continues to increase, the Town has, over a period of several years, implemented proactive policies requiring employees to share in health insurance premium costs for dependent coverage. The Town, as of January 1, 2010, became a member in the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (NJMEBF). This has allowed us to better manage our health insurance premium costs in the long run while maintaining quality healthcare coverage for our employees and retirees. The Town implemented the 1.5% of salary payment towards health coverage for those employees not covered under an existing bargaining agreement as per State law. Additionally, the Town implemented the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, which replaced the 1.5% of salary payment, creating a sliding scale of contributions for health insurance for government employees throughout the State of New Jersey.

TOTAL	LESS:		
HEALTHCARE COSTS	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	TOWN SHARE	
\$2,132,281	\$282,996	\$1,849,285	MED/DENTAL/VISION/EAP
\$12,695		\$12,695	INSURANCE WAIVERS
\$2,144,976	\$282,996	\$1,861,980	Subtotal
\$30,500		\$30,500	MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT
\$2,175,476	\$282,996	\$1,892,480	TOTAL INSURANCE

PERS

PERS Costs 2010 - 2015

V#695 Public Employee Retirement System
 Budget account charged #1098296

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Normal	85,020	100,203	93,993	79,139	80,524	51,585
Accrued Liability	109,240	159,668	187,987	189,223	218,138	238,619
Pension bill not itemized						
Total regular pension contributions	194,260	259,871	281,980	268,362	298,662	290,204
Non-contributory Group Insurance	26,939	19,737	17,966	15,972	4,554	19,655
Total Pension and NCGI	221,199	279,608	299,946	284,334	303,216	309,859
Employer Share Retroactive						3,047
TOTAL:						312,906

PFRS

PFRS Costs 2010 - 2015

V#520 Police & Fire Retirement System

Budget account charged #1098297

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Normal	275,992	307,786	251,892	227,872	228,345	196,192
Accrued Liability	196,626	246,795	283,485	301,557	315,905	350,102
Pension bill not itemized						
Total regular pension contributions	472,618	554,581	535,377	529,429	544,250	546,294
Non-contributory Group Insurance	24,028	24,123	19,610	21,865	19,380	25,655
Total Pension and NCGI	496,646	578,704	554,987	551,294	563,630	571,949

TAX RATE FOR 2015

With the uncertainty of State Aid payments and the fluctuating prospects of grant funding, coupled with the reality of a tax base that has 1/3 exempt properties, it is an ever increasing challenge to maintain appropriate service levels and sound fiscal policies while mitigating any significant municipal tax increases. Furthermore, the Net Taxable Valuation (NVT) for the Town increased only by \$798,311, a far cry from the level of economic activity needed in our community and region. Additionally, the new average residential property assessment has gone down from the 2014 level of \$188,765 to the new 2015 level of \$188,205. Finally, the Town of Newton lost all 9 of its dispatch partners to the County of Sussex, totaling a net general revenue loss of \$357,780.

Therefore, factoring in these new calculations and the budget and tax levy as proposed, **the municipal taxes on an average residential property will go from \$2,560 in 2014 to \$2,625 in 2015 - an increase of \$5 a month or about 18 cents a day. Considering the reality that staffing has decreased and operating expenses are being tightly monitored, the only way for Newton to succeed going forward is to see increased economic activity, driving up construction revenues and increasing the overall commercial ratable base.**

TAX RATE HISTORY - 2007 thru 2015

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Subtotal General Revenues	3,517,405	3,452,446	3,484,904	3,379,864	3,058,706	3,606,835	3,688,513	3,886,569	3,610,984
Amt to be Raised Taxes - Local	5,412,595	6,343,564	6,857,564	7,384,386	7,860,281	7,860,280	7,911,487	8,189,331	8,434,016
Budget as Introduced	8,930,000	9,796,010	10,342,468	10,764,250	10,918,987	11,467,115	11,600,000	12,075,900	12,045,000
Local TAX Increase over prior yr	508,911	930,969	514,000	526,822	475,895	-1	51,207	277,844	244,685
Local TAX POINT increase over P/Yr	12	Reval	7.49	6.79	Reassess	0.96	1.341	Reassess	3.868
Local tax rate	1.395	0.7602	0.8352	0.9031	1.1285	1.1380	1.1514	1.3561	1.3948
Assessed valuation / 10,000	38,802	83,444	82,110	81,768	69,654	69,069	68,709	60,387	60,467
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Net Valuation	388,020,571	834,437,330	821,099,954	817,684,380	696,539,041	690,686,490	687,090,414	603,870,714	604,669,025

Taxable							0		
Tax Point	38,802	83,444	82,110	81,768	69,654	69,069	68,709	60,387	60,467
Municipal Tax Rate	1.3949	0.7602	0.8352	0.9031	1.1285	1.1380	1.1514	1.3561	1.3948
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	5,412,595	6,343,564	6,857,564	7,384,386	7,860,281	7,860,280	7,911,487	8,189,331	8,434,016
Class 2 Residentia I Total Taxable	249,313,60	533,542,80	529,966,30	529,836,20	436,837,60	435,739,90	433,661,60	370,357,70	370,575,80
Number of Residentia I Parcels	1,975	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,965	1,962	1,960	1,962	1,969
Average Assessed Home	126,235	270,834	269,018	268,952	222,309	222,090	221,256	188,765	188,205
Munic Taxes on Avg Assess Home	1,761	2,059	2,247	2,429	2,509	2,527	2,548	2,560	2,625
Increase in taxes over p/yr	125	298	188	182	80	19	20	12	65
Weekly increase	2.41	5.73	3.61	3.50	1.54	0.36	0.39	0.24	1.25
Daily increase	0.34	0.82	0.515	0.499	0.219	0.051	0.055	0.034	0.179

Municipal Tax Increase on Average Assessed Residential Property

- 2003 - \$67
- 2004 - \$250
- 2005 - \$247
- 2006 - \$187
- 2007 - \$125
- 2008 - \$298
- 2009 - \$188
- 2010 - \$182
- 2011 - \$80
- 2012 - \$19
- 2013 - \$20
- 2014 - \$12
- 2015 - \$65

FUND BALANCE HISTORY

Year	Total Surplus Available	Amt. Used to Support Budget	Balance
1983	414,784	275,000	139,784
1984	257,385	175,000	82,385
1985	300,547	230,000	125,547
1986	337,382	230,000	107,382
1987	487,335	364,000	123,335
1988	1,028,052	828,775	199,277
1989	610,531	516,407	94,124
1990	315,660	180,000	135,660
1991	406,772	280,000	126,772
1992	366,583	323,000	43,583
1993	616,181	430,000	186,181

1994	500,000	400,000	100,000
1995	910,886	650,000	260,886
1996	666,558	500,000	166,558
1997	458,525	350,000	108,525
1998	583,487	495,000	88,487
1999	584,140	450,000	134,140
2000	595,320	475,000	120,320
2001	758,919	670,000	195,124
2002	750,000	670,000	78,182
2003	774,407	670,000	104,407
2004	755,416	626,000	129,416
2005	726,654	580,000	146,654
2006	909,066	700,000	209,066
2007	1,071,959	721,000	350,959
2008	1,256,151	863,571	392,580
2009	920,307	607,000	313,307
2010	1,112,645	803,000	309,645
2011	859,757	550,000	309,757
2012	979,774	641,000	338,774
2013	1,542,318	776,000	766,318
2014	1,563,752	841,461	722,291

REVENUE COMPARISON - TOWN

Fund Balance	803,000	550,000	641,000	776,000	841,461	776,048
Energy Receipts						
Tax	918,311	938,154	973,105	993,278	998,389	1,013,467
Supp ERT						
CMPTRA	99,066	79,223	44,272	24,099	18,988	3,910
MPTA						
Legis Init Mun Block Grant						
GSTrust	12,809	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539	8,539
Homeland Security						
Subtotal State Aid	1,030,186	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916
Public & Private	67,286	34,904	45,346	38,317	47,083	51,961
All Other Misc	1,139,392	1,042,259	1,409,948	1,518,280	1,612,109	1,238,059
Delinquent Taxes	340,000	390,000	440,000	330,000	360,000	519,000
Subtotal General Revenues	3,379,864	3,058,706	3,562,210	3,616,581	3,886,569	3,610,984
Local Taxes	7,384,386	7,860,281	7,860,280	7,911,487	8,189,331	8,434,016
Total Budget Revenues	10,764,25			11,600,00	12,075,90	12,045,00
		010,903,360	11,422,490	0	0	0
State Aid				1,025,916	1,025,916	1,025,916
				11,600,00	12,075,90	12,045,00
Total budget				0	0	0
% State Aid to Total Budget				8.84%	8.50%	8.52%
Fund Balance 1/1	1,112,645	859,757	979,774	1,542,318	1,563,752	1,498,339
Fund balance Anticipated						
F/Balance after Budget Intro	803,000	550,000	641,000	776,000	841,461	776,048
Statutory excess to F/Bal	309,645	309,757	338,774	766,318	722,291	722,291
Fund Balance 12/31	550,112	670,017	1,203,544	797,434	776,048	
	859,757	979,774	1,542,318	1,563,752	1,498,339	

CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2015 W/S

Dept.	Project	Cost	Town CIF	Town Surplus	Other Funds	Debt Authorized
CIF	Capital Improvement Fund	\$39,250	\$39,250			
DPW/Eng.	Sidewalks/Curbing	\$50,000	\$2,500			\$47,500

DPW/Eng.	Lighting	\$70,000	\$3,500			\$66,500
DPW/Eng.	Trinity Street	\$385,000	\$19,250		\$125,000	\$240,750
DPW/Eng.	Improvements to Fire Museum	\$37,000	\$1,850			\$35,150
DPW	Replace Truck 8 Mason Dump	\$82,000	\$4,100			\$77,900
DPW	Replace Truck 17	\$35,000	\$1,750			\$33,250
Fire	Air Pack (SCBA) Replacements	\$50,000	\$2,500			\$47,500
Fire	Replace Incident Command Vehicle	\$41,000	\$2,050			\$38,950
Fire	Replace Turnout Gear - 20 sets	\$100,000	\$5,000			\$95,000
Fire	Acquisition of Fire Engine and Equipment	\$25,000		\$25,000		
Manager	Municipal Buildings Impr./Upgr./Renov./Furn./Equip.	\$17,000	\$850			\$16,150
Police	Marked 4WD Vehicle	\$40,000	\$2,000			\$38,000
Police	Body Cameras	\$20,000	\$1,000			\$19,000
	Totals	\$991,250	\$85,600	\$25,000	\$125,000	\$755,650

W/S BUDGET

The Town maintains independent financial records for the Water and Sewer fund. Both functions are supported by customer billings and do not require property tax revenues to meet financial obligations.

The Water and Sewer budget is proposed at \$4,028,000 for the 2015 year. The Water and Sewer budget provides service to 2,638 accounts. The current rate structure continues to allow the Town to reserve funds for future capital upgrades and the retirement of existing debt. Most importantly, it allows the Town to intelligently use a fiscally conservative approach to budgeting as it relates to necessary infrastructure improvements.

REVENUE COMPARISON - W/S

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Fund Balance	144,000	173,945	371,588	438,274	353,424	357,767
Water & Sewer Rents	3,802,600	3,690,270	3,596,680	3,709,920	3,566,198	3,553,500
Additional Rents						
Miscellaneous	68,400	60,785	48,660	44,470	47,200	51,075
W/S Capital Fund Balance					50,000	50,000
W/S Reserve for Debt Svc			6,267	13,668		
W/S Interest & Costs on Assessments				16,918	16,278	15,658
W/S Insurance Emerg. Funding			37,805			
W/S Reserves for Cap Impr.						
Total W/S Utility Revenues	4,015,000	3,925,000	4,061,000	4,223,250	4,033,100	4,028,000
Fund Balance 1/1	436,088	460,010	790,635	931,674	779,506	897,441
Fund balance Anticipated	144,000	173,945	371,588	438,274	353,424	357,767
F/Balance after Budget Intro	292,088	286,065	419,047	493,400	426,082	539,674
Statutory excess to F/Bal	167,922	504,570	512,627	286,105	471,359	
Fund Balance 12/31	460,010	790,635	931,674	779,506	897,441	

CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2015 W/S

Dept.	Project	Cost	Reserved to Date	W/S CIF	Other Funds
W/S	Capital Improvement Fund	\$85,000		\$85,000	
W/S	Capital Outlay	\$15,000		\$15,000	
W/S	Acquisition of Meters/Hydrants	\$30,000		\$30,000	
W/S	Sewer Rehab Work	\$10,000		\$10,000	
W/S	Valve Replacement	\$10,000		\$10,000	
W/S	Morris Lake Dam Improvements	\$3,000		\$3,000	
W/S	RBC Mechanism	\$500,000	\$160,000	\$340,000	
W/S	Water Plant Upgrade - Membrane	\$346,000			\$346,000
W/S	Pump Station Improvements	\$20,000		\$20,000	
	Totals	\$1,019,000	\$160,000	\$513,000	\$346,000

LONG-TERM STRATEGIES

GENERAL GOALS

- Core Competencies/Services
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Shared Services

SPECIFIC GOALS

- Economic Development/Redevelopment
- Capital Projects for Town and W/S
- Quality of Life Issues - Prop. Maintenance

CONCLUSION

RENEWED COMMITMENT TO EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Now that we have concluded the 2015 budget process, I want to thank all department heads and staff for their invaluable assistance in putting together these important documents. In closing, it is my belief that the budget appropriations and revenue projections, as contained in the 2015 budget for Newton, will enable the Town to meet the public's demand and need for critical services. Furthermore, the budget is structured as a fiscally responsible document to ensure the financial well-being of our municipal government is preserved.

This 2015 budget as presented will enable the municipal organization to continue mission achievement - achieving the excellence in governance expected by our customers: the taxpayers, businesses, and residents of Newton.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve the good people of Newton.

Yours for a Better Newton,
Thomas S. Russo, Jr.
Town Manager

Mayor Elvidge opened the hearing to the public on the 2015 Municipal Budget and Water & Sewer Budget.

Neil Flaherty, 154 Sparta Avenue, commended the Town Manager and the Town Council for the thorough job on the Municipal budget.

There being no one else from the public to be heard, upon motion of Deputy Mayor Flynn, seconded by Mrs. Diglio and carried, the hearing was closed.

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A motion was made by Mr. Levante to **ADOPT THE 2015 AMENDED TOWN OF NEWTON MUNICIPAL AND WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BUDGET**, seconded by Mrs. Becker and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Flynn	Yes	Mr. Levante	Yes
Mayor Elvidge	Yes		

ORDINANCES

Mayor Elvidge directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to final adoption.

ORDINANCE 2015-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 240-7, ADDING CHAPTER 241 TREE BANK AND AMENDING CHAPTER 100 FEES AND COSTS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton find the indiscriminate and uncontrolled removal and cutting of trees upon large lots and tracts of land particularly on steep slopes and along stream corridors within the Town has resulted in increased municipal costs to control drainage and repair roads and has caused soil erosion and decreased fertility of the soils as well as dust; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton’s Shade Tree Advisory Commission (NSTAC) recommended a tree protection ordinance to help alleviate and mitigate any potential negative impacts resulting from the indiscriminate removal of trees as a result of site plan applications; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton implemented Tree Protection for new Major Site Plan applications in the Town of Newton by adding tree protection and replacement requirements in Chapter 240 Site Plan And Subdivision of the Town Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 240, Section 7, subsection B.(6) provides for a developer to pay into a Tree Bank, if they choose not to or do not have adequate space to replace the required amount of trees on their property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton would like to establish such a Tree Bank for developers to contribute to, in lieu of planting the required trees, such that trees may be replaced somewhere in the Town, but preferably in the same general area of Town where the trees were removed; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Bank may also be an account where the Town of Newton may accept donations for those interested in providing for trees to be planted within the Town of Newton;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I: Chapter 240-7.B(6)(d) Landscaping, Tree Protection and Replacement shall be amended to read:

(d) Tree protection and replacement must be undertaken as part of the site plan. All existing trees over eight (8) inches in dbh, which are not considered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to be invasive species, shall be surveyed and shown on the site plan with removal status. Trees that are surveyed shall be marked in the field for verification by the Board Engineer. Trees shown to be removed shall be counted and at least 50 percent of the total number of trees proposed to be removed shall be replaced. For example, if ten (10) trees

over eight (8) inches in dbh are shown to be removed; five (5) trees must be replaced on the property. Replacement trees must have a minimum three and a half inch (3 ½") dbh at time of planting. Where a developer cannot or does not wish to replace all trees on the site, that developer shall pay a fee per tree into the Town of Newton Tree Bank at a fee as established in Chapter 100 Fees and Costs.

SECTION II: Chapter 241, Tree Bank, is hereby created and made a part of the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Newton.

241-1 The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a fund for the planting of trees within the Town of Newton. More specifically, when an applicant for a Major Site Plan cannot or does not wish to fulfill the tree replacement requirements of Chapter 240-7.B(6), then the applicant must contribute to the Tree Bank. Additionally, public or private entities that wish to donate to the Town of Newton to provide for trees to be planted may donate to the Tree Bank for said purpose.

241-2. Applicability .

The Tree Bank applies to all properties seeking Major Site Plan approval in the Town of Newton pursuant to Chapter 240.

241-3. Town Tree Bank.

A. The Town shall establish and maintain a Tree Bank where fees collected from developer contributions pursuant to Section 240-7.B(6)(d) shall be kept. The fund shall be utilized by the Town Manager, or his designee, for tree planting in the Town of Newton. The Town's Shade Tree Commission (NSTAC) shall provide recommendations at least once annually for consideration by the Town Manager, or his designee, for use of the fund. Trees planted by the Town utilizing Tree Bank funds may be any size at the time of planting, as determined to be suitable by the Town Manager, or his designee.

B. Funds within the Tree Bank shall be allocated to at least one (1) tree planting event per year subject to fund availability. Members of the NSTAC shall provide recommendations to the Town Manager, or his designee, in the selection of species and location of planting.

C. Trees planted by Tree Bank funds should be located as closely as possible to the areas where Tree removal occurred that generate payments to the Tree Bank.

D. The Town Tree Bank Fund may also accept donations and/or funds from other sources for the express purpose of planting trees at locations selected by the Town Manager or his designee.

SECTION III: Chapter 100 Fees and Costs is amended as follows:
Section 100-24 Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

100-24-L. Tree Protection and Replacement (Chapter 240 and 241)

(1) Tree Bank Fee for trees proposed for removal that are not replaced on the site pursuant to Section 240-7.B(6)(d): \$200.00 per tree.

SECTION IV : SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER

Should any part or provision of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part held invalid.

SECTION V: EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Elvidge opened the hearing to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Deputy Mayor Flynn, seconded by Mr. Levante and unanimously carried, the hearing was closed.

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Deputy Mayor Flynn, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Diglio and roll call resulted as follows:

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Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Flynn	Yes	Mr. Levante	Yes
Mayor Elvidge	Yes		

This Ordinance will take effect after publication and adoption according to law. The Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

Mayor Elvidge directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to final adoption.

ORDINANCE 2015-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100 ENTITLED "FEES AND COSTS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 100-5B TO REVISE THE APPLICATION FEE FOR GARAGE SALE LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton finds that Section 100-5.B of the Newton Town Code entitled "Garage Sale" should be revised to indicate a garage sale license fee of \$15; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to revise Section 100-5.B to reflect the \$15 license fee, as indicated on the "Application for a License to Conduct a Garage Sale";

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Existing §100-5.B of the Code of the Town of Newton shall be and is hereby revised to read as follows:

100-5.B. Garage sale (§222-13B): \$15.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance will take effect after publication and passage according to law.

Mayor Elvidge opened the hearing to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Diglio and unanimously carried, the hearing was closed.

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mr. Levante, who moved its adoption, seconded by Deputy Mayor Flynn and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Flynn	Yes	Mr. Levante	Yes
Mayor Elvidge	Yes		

This Ordinance will take effect after publication and adoption according to law. The Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

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Mayor Elvidge directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

ORDINANCE 2015-1 3

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING BINDING REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

The following **ORDINANCE** was offered by Deputy Mayor Flynn, who moved its introduction, seconded by Mrs. Diglio and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Flynn	Yes	Mr. Levante	Yes
Mayor Elvidge	Yes		

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on same to be held on April 27, 2015.

Mayor Elvidge directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

ORDINANCE 2015-1 4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM LIGHTING STANDARDS FOR PARKING AREAS AND SIDEWALKS

The following **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mr. Levante, who moved its introduction, seconded by Mrs. Becker and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Flynn	Yes	Mr. Levante	Yes
Mayor Elvidge	Yes		

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on same to be held on May 27, 2015.

Mayor Elvidge directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

ORDINANCE 2015-1 5

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON TO PERMIT VAPOR STORES AND TOBACCONISTS AS PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES IN THE T-4, T-5 AND SD-3 ZONES

The following **ORDINANCE** was offered by Deputy Mayor Flynn, who moved its introduction, seconded by Mrs. Becker and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Flynn	Yes	Mr. Levante	Yes
Mayor Elvidge	Yes		

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on same to be held on May 27, 2015

Mayor Elvidge directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

ORDINANCE 2015-1 6

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$970,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$779,400 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

The following **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mrs. Becker, who moved its introduction, seconded by Deputy Mayor Flynn and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Flynn	Yes	Mr. Levante	Yes
	Mayor Elvidge	Yes	

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on same to be held on April 27, 2015

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Elvidge read the following statement:

“All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Town Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.”

Mr. Russo outlined the various Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION # 51-2015*

CERTIFY SELF-EXAMINATION OF 2015 BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Town of Newton has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2015 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Town of Newton, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the Governing Body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. With reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. The provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. The budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. Pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments (if any) have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. All other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Approved:

Vote recorded as follows: Mrs. Diglio
Mrs. Becker
Mr. Flynn
Mr. Levante
Mayor Elvidge

RESOLUTION # 52-2015*

APPOINTMENT OF JAMES CUTLER AS TEMPORARY ZONING OFFICER AND SETTING FORTH HIS RATE OF PAY

WHEREAS, there is currently a need for a Temporary Zoning Officer to act in the Town Zoning Officer’s absence, including during such times as vacation; and

WHEREAS, James Cutler is a current employee of the Town of Newton, as a Plumbing Official, and is available to also serve in the capacity as Temporary Zoning Officer for Newton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cutler presently serves as Zoning Officer for the Township of Lafayette, and is fully familiar with the responsibilities of this position; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager of the Town of Newton, has appointed Mr. Cutler to this temporary position at the same rate of pay as Plumbing Official, \$25.07 per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Town Council confirms the Town Manager’s appointment of James Cutler as Temporary Zoning Officer, during the absence of Newton’s permanent Zoning Officer, at the hourly rate of \$25.07.
- 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION # 53-2015*

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS TO THE TOWN OF NEWTON TREE BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey sets forth that any local unit is authorized and empowered to accept bequests, legacies and gifts made to it per N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 and the Division of Local Government Services sets forth that this is an allowable dedication by rider; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton adopted Ordinance #2015-10 on April 13, 2015 establishing a Tree Bank as it applies to all properties seeking Major Site Plan approval and also sets forth the acceptance of donation and/or funds from other sources for the express purpose of planting trees at locations selected by the Town Manager or his designee;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Town Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to accept donations, bequests, legacies and gifts for the Town of Newton Tree Bank to be utilized for the express purpose of planting trees in the Town of Newton as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION # 54-2015*

TO CANCEL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager and other Town Officials have reviewed and determined that there are no additional costs for these projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Fund Balance, and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the full membership of the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of the General Capital appropriations totaling \$17,362.21 be cancelled:

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Date Auth.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount Cancelled</u> <u>Funded</u>
2010-7	6/14/10	Stormwater Pipes/Basins	\$2,500.00
2010-7	6/14/10	Calcium/Brine Truck Units	\$4,142.00
2011-5	4/25/11	Various - Recycling Truck	\$10,046.45
2011-5	4/25/11	Various-DPW Narrow Band Radios	\$637.16
2012-14	4/23/14	Fire Hydraulic Line & Appurt.	\$6.60
2012-14	4/23/12	Fire Turnout Gear Dryers	\$30.00

RESOLUTION #5 5-2015*

TO CANCEL \$12,000 FROM WATER SEWER UTILITY - RESERVE FOR HOOK-UP FEES TO OPERATIONS

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WHEREAS, there exists a balance in the Water Sewer Utility Fund - Reserve for Hook-Up Fees which was derived from connection, hook-up, and tap fees collected in 2014; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution #41-2015 adopted March 9, 2015 the Town Council authorized the reduction of utility fees for Martorana Enterprises since the developer was installing the water sewer service and the tap fees collected 2014 in the amount of \$12,000 were due back to the developer; and

WHEREAS, since the revenue was collected in a prior year the \$12,000 needs to be refunded from Budget Operations - Refund of Prior Year Receipt;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the full membership of the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that \$12,000 from the Water Sewer Utility Fund - Reserve for Hook-Up fees be cancelled to Operations, and that a check be issued to Martorana Enterprises from Operations to refund tap fees collected in 2014.

RESOLUTION #56-2015*

LIFTING OF THE WATER RESTRICTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF NEWTON

WHEREAS, in October 2014 the Town of Newton's reservoir at Morris Lake, Sparta, New Jersey, was 25 inches below the top of the spillway; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued drop in water at Morris Lake, the Town of Newton imposed Water Restrictions effective October 20, 2014 by the adoption of Resolution #186-2014; and

WHEREAS, Morris Lake is currently 8 inches below the top of the spillway; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body feels there is no longer a need to impose water restrictions for the Town Newton;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that we hereby rescind Resolution #186-2014 and lift the water restrictions for the Town of Newton.

RESOLUTION #57-2015*

APPROVE PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) SCBA PACKS FOR THE NEWTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, FF1 Professional Safety Services has supplied a quote dated March 13, 2015 under NJ State Contract #A80953 to the Newton Fire Department for the purchase of seven (7) SCBA Packs in the amount of \$51,188.00; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent and the Chief of the Fire Department recommend the purchase of seven (7) SCBA Packs in the amount of \$51,188.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available to support this project as per attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the seven (7) SCBA packs be purchased from FF1 Professional Safety Services, Sparta, NJ through NJ State Contract #A80953, in the amount of \$51,188.00.

RESOLUTION #58-2015*

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS TO THE TOWN OF NEWTON - RECREATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey sets forth that any local unit is authorized and empowered to accept bequests, legacies and gifts made to it per N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 and the

Division of Local Government Services sets forth that this is an allowable dedication by rider; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton recognizes the importance of providing recreational facilities to area residents, and with budgetary constraints, finds it difficult to fund all the worthwhile improvements, and there are residents and businesses willing to donate funds to acquire or improve the recreational facilities and want to do so under the financial mechanisms set forth by the State and supervision of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Town Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to accept donations, bequests, legacies and gifts for the Town of Newton Recreation to be utilized for acquisition, capital improvements, or purchase of equipment for the Recreation Department in the Town of Newton as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #59-2015*

TOWN OF NEWTON CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

TOWN OF NEWTON CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT				RESOLUTION #59-2015			
Whereas, the local capital budget for the year 2015 was adopted on April 13, 2015; and							
Whereas, it is desired to amend the capital budget section;							
Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by a majority of the full membership of the Governing Body of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex that the following capital budget amendment of 2015 be made:							
RECORDED VOTE:	AYES	(NAYS	(
		(Diglio			(
		(Becker			(
		(Flynn			(
		(Levante			(
		(Elvidge			(
ABSTAIN		((
ABSENT		((
				Funding as Amended			
Project Title	Project Number	Cost Estimate as Adopted	Cost Estimate as Amended	Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Surplus	Grants in Aid	Debt Authorized
General Capital							
Various Capital Improvements	#2015-16	\$ 970,000.00		\$ 47,600.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 779,400.00
		\$ -					
Total - All Projects		\$ 970,000.00	\$ -	\$47,600.00	\$18,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$ 779,400.00
Be It Further Resolved, that one certified copy of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services, and one copy be forwarded to the Town Auditor and filed with the Chief Financial Officer.							
It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Body on the 13th day of April 2015.							
Date		Lorraine A. Read, RMC Municipal Clerk					

RESOLUTION #60-2015*

APPROVE BILLS AND VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that payment is hereby approved for all vouchers that have been properly authenticated and presented for payment, representing expenditures for which appropriations were duly made in the 2014 and 2015 Budgets adopted by this local Governing Body, including any emergency appropriations, and where unexpended balances exist in said appropriation accounts for the payment of such vouchers.

TOWN BILLS

<u>CHECK#</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
34938	Quill Corporation	\$ 403.13
34939	Montague Tool & Supply, Inc,	\$ 1,799.95

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34940	Harold Pellow & Assoc. Inc.	\$	4,793.75
34941	Abcode Security Inc.	\$	120.00
34942	JCP&L	\$	12,929.56
34943	Centurylink Communication, Inc.	\$	35.00
34944	Lorraine Read	\$	19.55
34945	Beaver Run Farms LP	\$	1,689.16
34946	Campbell's Small Engine Inc.	\$	99.15
34947	Timmerman Company, Inc.	\$	3,510.38
34948	Lawyers Diary & Manual	\$	106.00
34949	Lafayette Auto Parts	\$	48.44
34950	Holzhauer, Scott	\$	20.00
34951	State Treasurer	\$	50.00
34952	Sisco, James	\$	9.00
34953	Straway, Richard A. Jr.	\$	9.00
34954	Richards, Michael	\$	30.00
34955	Kithcart, Brock	\$	25.00
34956	T.A. Mountford Company, Inc.	\$	75.00
34957	Registrar's Assoc. of New Jersey	\$	70.00
34958	Minisink Press Inc.	\$	207.50
34959	Trust Account, Town of Newton	\$	40,000.00
34960	Sebring Auto Parts. Inc.	\$	7.00
34961	Weis Market, Inc.	\$	51.62
34962	Public Employee Retire System	\$	774.68
34963	Airgas East	\$	151.73
34964	Boonton Tire Supply Inc.	\$	508.83
34965	McGuire, Inc.	\$	205.94
34966	Vision Service Plan	\$	701.41
34967	NJMMA	\$	210.00
34968	Verizon Wireless, Inc.	\$	192.76
34969	Petro-Mechanics, Inc.	\$	381.92
34970	Walmart	\$	178.11
34971	Alternate Power Inc.	\$	812.50
34972	Cooper Electric Supply Co.	\$	46.34
34973	AMANJ	\$	235.00
34974	Holzhauer & Holenstein, LLC	\$	6,387.50
34975	Linda Roth	\$	61.45
34976	Home Depot, Inc.	\$	282.88
34977	Fire & Safety Services, LTD., Inc.	\$	14,552.47
34978	Rogo Fastener Co., Inc.	\$	205.55
34979	Staples Business Advantage, Inc.	\$	455.39
34980	Krave Café	\$	46.00
34981	Nestle Waters, Inc.	\$	68.07
34982	Hampton Body Works, Inc.	\$	285.59
34983	Municipal Graphics Inc	\$	209.92
34984	Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc.	\$	2,930.98
34985	Taylor Oil Co., Inc.	\$	3,204.91
34986	Eric Tompkins	\$	9.00
34987	FireFighter One, LLC.	\$	810.00
34988	Adam Vough	\$	216.57
34989	Sussex County Chamber of Commerce	\$	255.00
34990	R & R radar, Inc.	\$	121.95
34991	Northern Rain	\$	171.00

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34992	NJAPA	\$	75.00
34993	Code 96 LLC	\$	241.00
34994	Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC	\$	3,382.53
34995	Roy Leyman	\$	9.00
34996	Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp.	\$	410.22
34997	Municipal Clerks Association	\$	120.00
34998	Iamresponding. Com	\$	800.00
34999	Cintas Fire Protection	\$	1,398.51
35000	Tropicana Atlantic City Corp	\$	150.00
35001	Spring Street Pub & Grill	\$	71.00
35002	Morton Salt, Inc.	\$	15,437.66
35003	Nationwide Employee Benefits	\$	3,200.72
35004	Schenck, Price, Smith, & King, LLP	\$	2,752.59
35005	UCPO Police Academy Training	\$	270.00
35006	Johnson Controls	\$	730.00
35007	NJ Criminal Interdiction LLC	\$	150.00
35008	Total Fire Safety, LLC.	\$	4,227.16
		\$	134,207.03

CAPITAL

8410	Pellow, Harold & Assoc, Inc	\$	8,590.25
8411	McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC	\$	<u>4,659.82</u>
		\$	13,250.07

FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS

1261	FireFighter One, LLC.	\$	44,534.00
1262	Clarke Caton Hintz	\$	<u>855.10</u>
		\$	<u>45,389.10</u>

WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT

14839	Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc.	\$	3,132.02
14840	MGL Forms-Systems, LLC.	\$	1,478.50
14841	Pellow, Harold & Assoc , Inc	\$	3,761.00
14842	Andres & Mooney Electric Inc	\$	1,689.00
14843	Aurora Electrical Supply, LLC	\$	7.05
14844	JCP&L	\$	15,975.13
14845	Pumping Services, Inc.	\$	14,312.23
14846	Sussex County P & H, Inc.	\$	296.99
14847	CenturyLink Communication, Inc	\$	36.45
14848	Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co. Inc	\$	52.47
14849	Minisink Press Inc.	\$	207.50
14850	Carr, Joseph	\$	150.50
14851	Trust Account, Town of Newton	\$	18,000.00
14852	Frank Semeraro Construction, Inc.	\$	750.00
14853	Instrumentation Tech Systems, Inc.	\$	1,200.00
14854	Vision Service Plan	\$	169.50
14855	Univar USA Inc.	\$	664.00
14856	Passaic Valley Sewerage Comm.	\$	4,800.00
14857	Home Depot, Inc.	\$	331.07
14858	Suburban Propane, LP	\$	3,394.39
14859	Process Tech Sales and Service	\$	1,062.95
14860	Pall Corporation	\$	4,351.28
14861	Staples Business Advantage, Inc.	\$	29.99
14862	Dominick's Pizza LLC	\$	110.06
14863	Eric Tompkins	\$	9.00
14864	Laddey Clark & Ryan, LLP	\$	50.00

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14865	Sussex County Chamber of Commerce	\$	140.00
14866	William Grennille, LLC	\$	4,000.00
14867	Dustin McGarry	\$	33.00
14868	Hatch Mott MacDonald	\$	4,507.21
14869	Fastenal Company, Inc.	\$	19.28
14870	Facility Dude	\$	1,630.00
14871	Cintas Fire Protection	\$	359.46
14872	American Aquqtic Testing, Inc.	\$	1,650.00
14873	Miracle Chemical Co	\$	594.00
14874	Spring Street Pub & Grill	\$	71.00
14875	Rossi & Company	\$	219.95
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			\$ 89,244.98

WATER/SEWER CAPITAL

2381	Pellow, Harold & Assoc, Inc.		
2382	Hatch Mott MacDonald	\$	1,269.90
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			\$ 3,809.79

TRUST ACCOUNT

3344	Pellow, Harold & Assoc., Inc.	\$	234.25
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			\$ 234.25

DOG RESERVE

8549	Town of Wantage	\$	4,090.00
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			\$ 4,090.00

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1225	Pellow, Harold & Assoc., Inc.	\$	218.75
1226	Dolan & Dolan, Inc	\$	100.80
1227	Edward J. Buzak	\$	150.00
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			\$ 469.55
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GRAND TOTAL			\$ 290,694.77

RESOLUTION #61-2015 *

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE 2015 TOWN OF NEWTON BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (C.159, PL 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue and also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of equal amount in the Budget of any Municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has been advised that there are additional funds available to the Action Municipal Alliance for the provision of the WISE program at Sussex County Community College in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the State of New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Sussex for Municipal Alliance Grant; and

WHEREAS, this grant period will run from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton authorized the submission of the 2014 Action Alliance Grant per Resolution #17-2014 adopted January 27, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of the following items in the 2015 Budget of the Town of Newton:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Section F: Special Items of Revenue

Public and Private Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:

NJ Municipal Alliance Grant\$2,000.00

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations - Excluded from CAPS

Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:

NJ Municipal Alliance Grant\$2,000.00

Local Match - Source:

None required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an electronic version of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

The Clerk presented an application for an on-premise raffle (50/50) from the Sussex County Community College Foundation, 1 College Hill Road, Newton, to be held on June 25, 2015, July 2, 2015, July 9, 2015, July 16, 2015, and July 30, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 1 College Hill Road, Newton. It was noted the application was In order and accompanied by the prescribed fee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Diglio to approve the **COMBINED ACTION RESOLUTIONS** , seconded by Mr. Levante and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Flynn	Yes	Mr. Levante	Yes
Mayor Elvidge		Yes	

INTERMISSION - None

DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Diglio requested a Resolution in support of the Transparent Tax Act of 2015 which is intended to provide clarity to local property taxpayers and to share proportionally the burden of assessment appeal refunds between all taxing authorities. The Council unanimously agreed to support this Resolution. Mr. Russo will prepare a Resolution for the next Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Flynn questioned the deadline for the Financial Disclosure Form and was advised that April 30th is the deadline. It was noted all affiliations should be listed on one form.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one from the public to be heard.

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Russo noted Mayor Elvidge will be absent at the next Council meeting. Mr. Russo outlined the agenda items for April 27th Council meeting, which will include an Executive Session meeting. After a brief discussion, Mr. Russo was directed to move the sign ordinance

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discussion to May 11th Council meeting. Mr. Russo will notify Ms. Caldwell accordingly.

Deputy Mayor Flynn requested an update on the legislation surrounding the boarding homes/rooming houses and was addressed by Mrs. Leo.

Mayor Elvidge requested an update on the exempt properties issues in County Seat municipalities which was addressed by Mr. Russo. Councilman Levante requested the Town keep "pressure" on the State surrounding this issue.

Councilwoman Diglio had a few questions which were addressed by Mr. Russo.

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Deputy Mayor Flynn, seconded by Mr. Levante and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lorraine A. Read". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'd'.

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk