

January 25, 2016

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

Mayor Flynn made the following declaration "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, 2015."

Mayor Flynn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Clerk called the roll. Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Diglio, seconded by Mrs. Becker and carried, the minutes of January 11, 2016 Regular and Special Meetings were unanimously approved.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Flynn 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."

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

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

a. Tree of Health - Universal Health Fair 2016

Linda Mitchell, Founder of the Tree of Life Center and Debra Hollinrake, Director of Public Relations, addressed the Council to request a date change for their annual Fall Health Fair. Ms. Mitchell noted the original date was scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2016 and would like to reschedule to Saturday, September 24, 2016. It was noted the event would take place on Spring Street as well as on the "Green" County Park.

After a brief discussion, Council agreed to have Tree of Life Center reschedule their annual Fall Health Fair to Saturday, September 24, 2016. It was noted all costs associated with this event would be billed to the organization. Mr. Russo will send an updated letter of approval to Tree of Life Center.

Mr. Russo recognized the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Emergency Services personnel for their hard work during the recent snow storm. He noted DPW will be out tonight beginning at 10 pm removing more snow from Spring Street.

Mr. Russo noted he will be attending the New Jersey Planning Conference, in New Brunswick, on Thursday, January 28th to speak on Redevelopment.

Mr. Russo also reminded Council of the upcoming Budget Hearings to be held on Saturday, February 6th at 9 am and Thursday, February 11th at 6 pm.

Mayor Flynn also commended the DPW on their great job on clearing the roads in Newton.

Councilman Elvidge, Councilwoman Becker and Councilman Levante also thanked the DPW for a great job cleaning up from the recent snow storm.

ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE 201 6-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 100, FEES AND COSTS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON

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

Mr. Elvidge	Yes	Deputy Mayor Diglio	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes	Mr. Levante	Yes
	Mayor Flynn	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 February 8, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Flynn 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.”

RESOLUTION # 15-2016*

APPROVING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BOARD OF APPEALS PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Newton Town Code §213-8, the International Property Maintenance Code has been adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, Section 111.4.1 of the International Property Maintenance Code requires that the Board of Appeals adopt procedures under which a hearing will be conducted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Town of Newton’s Property Maintenance Board of Appeals procedures, attached hereto, are hereby approved.

TOWN OF NEWTON

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BOARD OF APPEAL PROCEDURES

Pursuant to Newton Town Code §213-8, the International Property Maintenance Code has been adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the Town of Newton.

Section 111 of the International Property Maintenance Code provides that persons directly affected by a decision of the Code Enforcement Director or of a notice or order issued under the Property Maintenance Code shall have the right to appeal to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals (“Board of Appeals” or “Board”), with certain rights. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of the Property Maintenance Code has been incorrectly interpreted, the Code provisions do not apply, or the requirements of the Code are adequately satisfied by other means.

Section 111.4.1 of the International Property Maintenance Code requires that the Board of Appeals adopt procedures under which a hearing will be conducted.

Membership. The Board of Appeals shall consist of three regular members and will provide for up to two alternate members, who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to property maintenance and who are not employees of the Town of Newton. The Code Enforcement Director shall be an ex-officio member, but shall have no vote on any matter before the Board. The Board shall be appointed by the Town Manager and shall serve staggered and overlapping terms; i.e. one member for a three year term; one member for a two year term and one member for a one year term, with the two alternate members being appointed for a one year term. The alternate members may participate in discussion of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. Board members shall not be compensated.

Chairperson. The Board shall annually select one of its members to serve as chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside over hearings and Board meetings and assist in the scheduling of appeal hearings.

Disqualification of Member. A member shall not hear an appeal in which that member has a personal, professional or financial interest.

Secretary. A qualified person shall be designated as secretary to the Board. The secretary shall process appeals, schedule hearings, serve notice of hearings, distribute written decisions, and take minutes of all proceedings before the Board, and notify parties as required.

Fee. A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 for an appeal to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals shall be deposited with the Municipal Clerk at the time of application of appeal.

Notice of Meeting. The Board shall meet upon notice from the Chairperson, within twenty (20) days of an appeal, or at stated periodic meetings, if any.

Open Hearing. All hearings before the Board shall be open to the public. The appellant, the appellant's representative, the code enforcement official(s), and any person whose interests are affected shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

Hearing Procedure. During appellant's case, the appellant shall explain to the Board why the appeal was taken, and that the appellant believes the conditions cited as a violation does not exist or exists but does not violate the Code, and provide evidence of such. After all evidence is considered, the Board will then discuss the case and make a decision.

Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of two-thirds of the Board membership.

Procedure. The Board mandates that only relevant information be received. Compliance with strict rules of evidence is not required. The admissibility of evidence is subject to the Board Chairperson's discretion

Postponed Hearing. When the full Board is not present to hear an appeal, either the appellant or the appellant's representative shall have the right to request a postponement of the hearing.

Board Decision. The Board shall modify or reverse the decision of the Code Enforcement Officer only by a concurring vote of a majority of the total number of appointed Board members.

1. The decision of the Board shall be recorded via a written decision, including reasons for the decision. Copies shall be furnished to the appellant and to the Code Enforcement Director.
2. The Code Enforcement Director shall take immediate action in accordance with the decision of the Board.
3. Any person has the right to apply to the appropriate court for review, as set forth below.

Court Review. Any person, whether or not a previous party of the appeal, shall have the right to apply to the appropriate court for a writ of certiorari to correct errors of law. Application for review shall be made in the manner and time required by law following the filing of the decision in the office of the Town Manager.

Stays of Enforcement. Appeals of notice and orders (other than Imminent Danger notices) shall stay the enforcement of the notice and order until the appeal is heard.

RESOLUTION # 16-2016*

APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER A. DODD TO THE ADVISORY RECREATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy for a Regular Member of the Advisory Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer A. Dodd has expressed interest in serving on the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that Jennifer A. Dodd is hereby appointed to an unexpired five-year term on the Advisory Recreation Commission, effective immediately with said term continuing to December 31, 2019.

RESOLUTION # 17-2016*

**AFFIRM THE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO AN OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER FOR
BLOCK 12.05, LOT 3, QUAL C0061 ALSO KNOWN AS 61 CARRIAGE LANE**

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 29, 2015, a lien was sold on Block 12.05, Lot 3, QUAL C0061, also known as 61 Carriage Lane, for 2014 delinquent water and sewer charges; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2015-006, was sold to US Bank cust. for PC 6 III LLC for 18%; and

WHEREAS, CoreLogic, the property owners mortgage company, has affected the redemption of Certificate #2015-006 in the amount of \$301.84 on December 30, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges US Bank cust. for PC 6 III LLC is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$301.84; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Governing Body hereby affirms the actions of the Tax Collector who issued check on December 30, 2015, in the amount of \$301.84 for the redemption of certificate #2015-006 US Bank cust for PC 6 III LLC, 50 S. 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

RESOLUTION # 18-2016*

**AFFIRM THE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO AN OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER FOR
BLOCK 14.05, LOT 7 ALSO KNOWN AS 4 CEDAR STREET**

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 29, 2015, a lien was sold on Block 14.05, Lot 7, also known as 4 Cedar Street, for 2014 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2015-009, was sold to US Bank cust for PC 6 III LLC for 0% redemption fee and a premium of \$13,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, the property owners mortgage company, has affected the redemption of Certificate #2015-009 in the amount of \$9,186.52 on December 30, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges US Bank cust for PC 6 III LLC is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$9,186.52 as well as \$13,000.00 for the return of the premium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Governing Body hereby affirms the actions of the Tax Collector who issued two (2) checks on December 30, 2015, the first in the amount of \$9,186.52 for the redemption of certificate #2015-009, and the second in the amount of \$13,000.00 for the return of the premium to US Bank cust for PC 6 III LLC, 50 S. 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

RESOLUTION # 19-2016*

**AFFIRM THE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO AN OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER FOR
BLOCK 21.08, LOT 3, ALSO KNOWN AS 37 KORY ROAD**

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 29, 2015, a lien was sold on Block 21.08, Lot 3, also known as 37 Kory Road, for 2014 delinquent water and sewer charges; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2015-014, was sold to US Bank cust for PC 6 III LLC for 18% redemption fee; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic, the property owners mortgage company, has affected the redemption of Certificate #2015-014 in the amount of \$744.99;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges US Bank cust for PC 6 III LLC is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$744.99; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Governing Body hereby affirms the actions of the Tax Collector who issued the redemption check on January 13, 2016, in the amount of

\$744.99 for the redemption of Certificate #2015-014 to US Bank cust for PC 6 III LLC, 50 S. 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

RESOLUTION # 20-2016*

AUTHORIZE CREDITS DUE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Collector has determined the following Water and Sewer Utility Accounts are due credits for the reasons stated:

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDS WAIVER OF PENALTY:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7574	4 Franklin Street	\$12.43

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Water and Sewer Collector is hereby authorized to credit the aforementioned accounts for amounts billed incorrectly due to the reason(s) stated.

RESOLUTION # 21-2016*

APPROVE PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE , DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton wishes to apply for funding in the amount of \$25,811 with a match of \$133,670.08 by the Town for an approximate project total cost of \$159,481.08 for a project under the New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program (Grant # P-6702-16); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton has reviewed the application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Town of Newton for the purpose described in said application;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that:

- 1) As a matter of public policy, the Town of Newton wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety; and
- 2) The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant; and
- 3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds; and
- 4) The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the funding for the Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant No. P-6702-16.

RESOLUTION # 22-2016*

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 2015 and 2016 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
PREPAID

0.16	2015 Interest - Electronic Fee-Other	151704
120.01	Close to Current - Electronic Fee-Other	151705

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131.66	Close to Current - Electronic Fee-Tax	1315125
4.51	2015 Interest - Electronic Fee-Tax	1315126
1,220.98	2015 Interest - Cashier	151436
29.33	2015 Interest - Tax Lien Trust	151501
498.27	2015 Interest - Tax Lien Premium	151601
37.41	2015 Interest - P/R/ Agency	158231
90.62	2015 Interest - Payroll	158185
23.20	2015 Interest - Housing Rehab Revolving Trust	157401
0.18	2015 Interest - Health FSA	158508
0.13	Close to Current - Health FSA	158510
101.82	Quill Corporation	36111
1,383.88	E.A. Morse & Company, Inc.	36112
246.00	MGL Forms - Systems, LLC.	36113
70.00	Sussex Car Wash Inc.	36114
1,687.83	Elizabethtown Gas	36115
14,169.65	JCP&L	36116
733.60	New Jersey Herald, Inc.	36117
169.36	SCMUA	36118
125.85	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	36119
105.00	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	36120
3,793.89	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	36121
25.00	Capital Account	36122
1,856.92	Timmerman Company, Inc.	36123
56.25	Tri-State Rental, Inc.	36124
59.03	Federal Express	36125
39.95	Hayek's Market Inc.	36126
19.00	R.S. Phillips Steel LLC	36127
109.00	Lawyers Diary & Manual	36128
180.00	Ambassador Medical Service	36129
800.00	Willco, Inc	36130
1,125.00	Sloan, James PPC.	36131
657.00	NJLM	36132
425.00	Treasurer, State of New Jersey	36133
1,393.00	T.A. Mountford Company, Inc.	36134
75.00	Galls Incorporated	36135
295.00	Lou's Glass	36136
40.00	Sussex County Clerk	36137
5.38	Sebring Auto Parts, Inc.	36138
600.16	Dempsey Uniform & Supply Inc	36139
180.13	Airgas East	36140
19.62	Service Electric Cable TV	36141
5,684.00	L-3 Comm. Mobile-Vision	36142
873.99	Boonton Tire Supply Inc.	36143
209.24	McGuire, Inc.	36144
775.74	Vision Service Plan	36145
220.00	NJMMA	36146
193.57	Verizon Wireless, Inc.	36147
1,499.81	Verizon Wireless, Inc.	36148
72.98	Mr. John, Inc.	36149
812.50	Alternate Power Inc.	36150
2,368.47	Cooper Electric Supply Co.	36151
85.00	Wildflowers With Tami	36152
35.85	Advance Auto Parts	36153
5,978.97	Fire & Safety Services, Ltd., Inc.	36154
403.00	Access Control Technology Inc.	36155
177.21	Staples Business Advantage, Inc.	36156
1,691.00	Spectrum Communications, Inc.	36157
385.00	Pinnacle Wireless FBO Unitek Global	36158
20.00	Treasurer, State of NJ -Burial	36159
2,059.53	Rachel/Michele's Oil Company, Inc.	36160
1,287.13	Taylor Oil Co., Inc.	36161
29.99	FireFighter One, LLC.	36162
2,250.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	36163
2,047.10	Kieffer Electric, Inc.	36164
105.00	JMC Environmental Consultants, Inc.	36165
2,767.88	Civic Plus Inc	36166
358.50	Atlantic Tactical Inc.	36167
2,835.00	Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC.	36168
138,808.00	NJMEEF	36169

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819.00	Rutgers, Center for Government Serv	36170
2,687.50	Motorola	36171
1,269.68	Extra Tech Data Services, LLC.	36172
75.85	Shop Rite, Inc.	36173
118.00	J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC.	36174
1,188.00	Emergency Reporting, Inc.	36175
2,486.00	Facility Dude	36176
120.00	Municipal Clerks Association	36177
472.08	Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	36178
440.21	Sunlight General	36179
85.00	Bruce R. Jones Gunsmithing	36180
50.00	Spring Street Pub & Grill	36181
267.75	Schenck, Price, Smith, & King, LLP	36182
1,000.00	IHeartmedia + Entertainment Inc.	36183
500.00	IHeartmedia _ Entertainment Inc.	36184
109.99	Azul Core	36185
2,916.67	John Mulhern	36186
177.25	Ready Refresh By Nestle	36187
200.00	Awareness Protective Consultants, L	36188
190.00	Society for Human Resource Management	36189
75.00	Barrel House	36190
100.00	Plates	36191
1,903.52	Compass Energy Gas Services, Inc.	36192
90.30	Elavon	161004
117,703.13	US Bank Oper. CTR/Trust Mgmt	161003
9,745.45	Wells Fargo Bank	161002
195,342.26	Payroll Account	161001
500.00	Federal & State Grant	151083
24.00	Cashier - Tax Collection	151082
-59.91	Payroll Account	151081
-589.14	Payroll Account	151081
181,089.78	Payroll Account	151080

CAPITAL

3,354.77	2015 Interest - Capital	153007
3,820.00	Pellow, Harold	8507
1,335.75	Centurylink	8508
38,741.00	Cliffside Body	8509
5,944.21	Fai-gon Electric	8510
2,627.88	General Foundries	8511

Total TOWN BILLS \$ 783,659.22

WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT

4.30	2015 Interest - W/S Utility Trust Assessment	156403
8.46	2015 Interest - W/S Electronic Fee	1563337
2,428.26	2015 Earnings - W/S Electronic Fee	1563338
356.23	Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc	15395
125.00	Pellow, Harold & Assoc., Inc	15396
356.59	Hach Company	15397
704.96	Elizabethtown Gas	15398
13,777.41	JCP&L	15399
1,098.60	New Jersey Herald, Inc.	15400
10,666.20	Pumping Services, Inc.	15401
281.75	SCMUA	15402
59.80	Sussex County P & H, Inc.	15403
1,160.17	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	15404
175.00	Lock & Key World	15405
15,193.36	Sparta Township Tax Collector	15406
5,766.93	Duke's Sales & Service, Inc.	15407
237.84	Dempsey Uniform & Supply Inc	15408
900.00	Frank Semeraro Construction, Inc.	15409
4,624.00	R&D Trucking Inc	15410
22.02	Airgas East	15411
200.00	Treasurer, State of New Jersey	15412
7,235.00	Treasurer, State of New Jersey	15413
176.00	Vision Service Plan	15414

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147.41	Verizon Wireless, Inc.	15415
1,250.00	Smalley, John	15416
643.50	Main Pool & Chemical Company, Inc.	15417
1,335.00	Alternate Power Inc.	15418
163.49	Suburban Propane, LP	15419
300.00	Hydro Technology, LLC.	15420
1,958.80	Airmatic Compressor Systems, Inc.	15421
70.00	Joseph White	15422
2,767.88	Civic Plus Inc	15423
8,685.68	William Grennille, LLC.	15424
28,861.00	NJMEBF	15425
251.47	Capitol Supply Const Products, Inc.	15426
14,370.32	Hatch Mott MacDonald	15427
2,486.00	Facility Dude	15428
868.51	Sunlight General	15429
441.06	Morris Asphalt Co.	15430
260.00	Azul Core	15431
646.31	Compass Energy Gas Services, Inc.	15432
34,240.26	Payroll Account	166001
35,224.96	Payroll Account	156039

CAPITAL

996.00	Hatch Mott MacDonald	2412
39,788.00	P. Cipollini, Inc.	2413
3,302.60	Water & Sewer Operating Acct	156101

Total WATER & SEWER Bills \$ 244,616.13

TRUST ACCOUNT

2,470.00	McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC	3443
2,960.69	Payroll Account	167101
11,445.45	Current Account	157126
2,774.89	Payroll Account	157125

Total TRUST ACCOUNT Bills \$ 19,651.03

DOG RESERVE ACCOUNT

25.98	Read, Lorraine	8553
325.00	Tranquility Veterinary	8554
168.00	Payroll Account	162101
43.95	Current Account	152101

Total DOG RESERVE ACCOUNT Bills \$ 562.93

DEVELOPERS ESCROW (Fund 72)

36.96	2015 Interest - Developer's Escrow	157201
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Total DEVELOPERS ESCROW (Fund 72) Bills \$ 36.96

HOUSING TRUST FUND(COAH) (FUND 75)

3,422.00	J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC.	140
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Total HOUSING TRUST FUND (COAH) ACCOUNT Bills \$ 3,422.00

FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS

340.00	Minisink Press Inc	1305
966.70	Payroll Account	161101
42.99	Current Account	151116
854.74	Payroll Account	151115

Total FEDERAL/STATE/GRANTS Bills \$ 2,204.43

The Clerk presented an application for membership into the Newton Fire Department from Ryan D. Razzano, 2 Harrison Street, Newton. It was noted the application was in order and signed by the Fire Chief.

The Clerk presented an application for an off-premise raffle (merchandise raffle) from the Catholic Academy of Sussex County, Inc. to be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6pm at 20 Jefferson Street, Newton. It was noted the application was in order and accompanied by the prescribed fees.

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

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

INTERMISSION - None

DISCUSSION - None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS

Mayor Flynn requested updates on various pending projects in Newton.

Mr. Russo updated Council on the progress of the various projects and will keep Council informed as details develop.

Mr. Russo advised Mayor Flynn will be speaking at the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce dinner on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

Mr. Russo noted Dawn Babcock, CFO, is working on the Municipal budget for the upcoming budget hearings.

Deputy Mayor Diglio advised Sheriff Strada is requesting signs, from the State, to be used at the intersection of Trinity/Water/Mill Street to warn of a blind person in the area. Mr. Russo will have the Town Engineer review the situation and inquire who would obtain such a sign.

Mayor Flynn inquired about the "Fido Houses" (boxes containing bags for dogs clean up) placed on Spring Street. It was mentioned the boxes were removed by the Town. Mr. Russo will check with the Director of Public Works.

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mr. Levante, seconded by Mrs. Becker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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