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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, Deputy Mayor Diglio, Mr. Elvidge, 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 Mr. Levante and carried, the minutes of June 13, 2016 Regular meeting were 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

Mr. Russo reminded Council of the annual Reorganization meeting to be held on Friday, July 1, 2016 at 3:30 pm.

Mr. Russo advised Town Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016 in observation of Independence Day. Mr. Russo wished everyone a happy and safe holiday weekend.

ORDINANCES

There were no Ordinances.

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.”

Mr. Russo outlined the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Deputy Mayor Diglio requested Resolution #106-2016 be removed for discussion.

RESOLUTION # 95-2016*

RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the following Plenary Retail Consumption License is renewed for licensing year 2016-2017, effective July 1, 2016:

No. 1915-33-009-005 be issued to The Spring Street Pub & Grill LLC., t/a The Spring Street Pub & Grill, 144 Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION # 96-2016*

AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING ON THE TOWN SHUTTLE BUS

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton operates a bus owned by the municipality, and desires to advertise on the municipal bus in exchange for fees; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4 permits “concessions” to be approved via Town resolution authorizing the procurement of a concession, and **§(b)3** specifically includes use of public facilities for advertising as concessions; and

WHEREAS, concessions may be awarded through informal quotations where the total estimated value of the concession is less than the bid threshold, which is currently \$40,000.00 under the Town’s qualified purchasing agent (“QPA”), per the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 11-1 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Newton authorizes the procurement of a concession in the form of advertising on the Town bus for fees, via informal quotation, up to the maximum bid threshold of \$40,000.00.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4(d), the Town authorizes the procurement of the concession and provides the following information:

1. The considerations of the Town included the benefits and risks of allowing for public advertisement on the Town bus, and the Governing Body determined there is a financial benefit to such advertising and negligible risk for providing advertising on a municipally owned bus;
2. The estimated total value and anticipated revenue of the concession is \$24,000 for a two year contract;
3. The award of the concession shall be based upon the most advantageous price from a registered business in good standing with the State of New Jersey, and the award shall be to such highest responsible bidder;
4. The costs to be incurred by the Town as part of the concession are estimated to be approximately \$320 for legal costs in preparing for and approving of the procurement of the concession and approximately \$4,000 for the actual printing of said advertising on the bus;
5. The procurement of the concession in the form of advertising on the Town bus shall be awarded through informal quotations received by the QPA, and the Town reserves the right to reject all quotations.

RESOLUTION # 97-2016*

APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB OWNER’S LICENSE FOR DORAGAIL SPICER T/A DADS TAXI & LIMO

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Newton requires under **§283.2, License Required**, “No person shall operate a taxicab within the Town unless both the owner and the driver of the taxicab are licensed under this chapter.” “All licenses issued under this chapter are deemed valid for one (1) year and requests for renewal must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration to the Chief of Police”; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has completed the necessary investigation and submitted a letter advising the renewal Taxicab Owner’s License application is complete and accurate; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with **§283.6, Inspection of Vehicles**, “Before a vehicle is used as a taxicab within the Town it shall be inspected...to ascertain that it is in a safe, clean and sanitary condition and contains all safety devices required by law”;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby approves the renewal Taxicab Owner’s License application submitted by Doragail Spicer, 51 Route 206, Suite 105, Augusta, NJ 07822, t/a D.A.D.S. Taxi & Limo, which shall

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expire June 12, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant must be in compliance with all aspects of **Chapter 283**, of the Code of the Town of Newton, as well as, the provisions of N.J.R.S. 46:16.

RESOLUTION # 98-2016*

APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB DRIVER 'S LICENSE FOR DORAGAIL SPICER

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Newton requires under **§283-2, License Required**, “No person shall operate a taxicab within the Town unless both the owner and the driver of the taxicab are licensed under this chapter.” “All licenses issued under this chapter are deemed valid for one (1) year and requests for renewal must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration to the Chief of Police”; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Police Department has completed the necessary investigation and submitted a letter advising the renewal Taxicab Driver’s license application is complete and accurate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby approves the application for the renewal Taxicab Driver’s License submitted by Doragail Spicer, 8 Smith Hill Road, Newton, New Jersey and represents D.A.D.S. Taxi & Limo, which expires on June 12, 2017.

RESOLUTION # 99-2016*

APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB DRIVER 'S LICENSE FOR GLENN T. SPICER

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Newton requires under **§283.2, License Required**. “No person shall operate a taxicab within the Town unless both the owner and the driver of the taxicab are licensed under this chapter.” “All licenses issued under this chapter are deemed valid for one (1) year and requests for renewal must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration to the Chief of Police”; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Police Department has completed the necessary investigation and submitted a letter advising the renewal Taxicab Driver’s license application is complete and accurate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby approves the application for the renewal Taxicab Driver’s License submitted by Glenn T. Spicer, 8 Smith Hill Road, Newton, New Jersey and represents D.A.D.S. Taxi & Limo, which expires on June 12, 2017.

RESOLUTION # 100-2016*

APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB DRIVER 'S LICENSE FOR RALPH E. DRAKE

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Newton requires under **§283.2, License Required**, “No person shall operate a taxicab within the Town unless both the owner and the driver of the taxicab are licensed under this chapter.” “All licenses issued under this chapter are deemed valid for one (1) year and requests for renewal must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration to the Chief of Police”; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Police Department has completed the necessary investigation and submitted a letter advising that the renewal Taxicab Driver’s license application is complete and accurate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby approves the application for the renewal Taxicab Driver’s License submitted by Ralph E. Drake, 2205B Rt. 57W, Washington, New Jersey 07882 and represents D.A.D.S. Taxi & Limo, which expires on June 12, 2017.

RESOLUTION # 101-2016*

APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB OWNER 'S LICENSE FOR SUSSEX TAXI & LIMO SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Newton requires under §283.2, **License Required**, “No person shall operate a taxicab within the Town unless both the owner and the driver of the taxicab are licensed under this chapter.” “All licenses issued under this chapter are deemed valid for one (1) year and requests for renewal must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration to the Chief of Police”; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has completed the necessary investigation and submitted a letter advising the initial Taxicab Owner’s License application is complete and accurate; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §283.6, **Inspection of Vehicles**, “Before a vehicle is used as a taxicab within the Town it shall be inspected to ascertain that it is in a safe, clean and sanitary condition and contains all safety devices required by law”;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby approves the initial Taxicab Owner’s License application submitted by Oscar E. Cespedes, 55 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, NJ 07871, t/a Sussex Taxi & Limo Service, LLC, which shall expire June 27, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant must be in compliance with all aspects of **Chapter 283**, of the Code of the Town of Newton, as well as, the provisions of N.J.R.S. 46:16.

RESOLUTION # 102-2016*

APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB DRIVER 'S LICENSE FOR ADDA V. DELGADO PACHECO

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Newton requires under §283-2, **License Required**, “No person shall operate a taxicab within the Town unless both the owner and the driver of the taxicab are licensed under this chapter.” “All licenses issued under this chapter are deemed valid for one (1) year and requests for renewal must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration to the Chief of Police”; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Police Department has completed the necessary investigation and submitted a letter advising that the initial Taxicab Driver’s license application is complete and accurate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby approves the application for the initial Taxicab Driver’s License submitted by Adda V. Delgado Pacheco, 17 New Hampshire Street, Newton, New Jersey and represents Sussex Taxi & Limo LLC, which expires on June 27, 2017.

RESOLUTION # 103-2016*

APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB DRIVER 'S LICENSE FOR OSCAR E. CESPEDES

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Newton requires under §283-2, **License Required**, “No person shall operate a taxicab within the Town unless both the owner and the driver of the taxicab are licensed under this chapter.” “All licenses issued under this chapter are deemed valid for one (1) year and requests for renewal must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration to the Chief of Police”; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Police Department has completed the necessary investigation and submitted a letter advising the initial Taxicab Driver’s license application is complete and accurate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby approves the application for the initial Taxicab Driver’s License submitted by Oscar E. Cespedes, 160 Route 23 S., Hamburg, New Jersey 07419 and represents Sussex Taxi & Limo LLC, which expires on June 27, 2017.

RESOLUTION # 104-2016*

TO CANCEL GRANT RECEIVABLE AND APPROPRIATED RESERVE FOR UNREALIZED

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,888.80

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton received an award in the amount of \$14,146.00 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety which was appropriated in the 2015 Municipal Budget for a FY 2016 Pedestrian State Highway Traffic Safety Grant; and

WHEREAS, the costs expended and approved total \$11,257.20; and

WHEREAS, there is a grant receivable balance of \$2,888.80 Due from the State of New Jersey for Pedestrian Safety Grant on the Federal and State Grant balance sheet and an appropriated reserve of the same amount; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable and appropriation balances;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the full membership of the Town Council of the Town of Newton that we hereby cancel the following receivable and appropriated reserve balances:

Federal & State Grant Fund

Grant Receivable - Pedestrian Safety A/C#110144	\$2,888.80
Appropriated Reserves - Pedestrian Safety Grant A/C#111244	\$2,888.80

RESOLUTION #105 -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

14.97	Advance Auto Parts	36863
185.71	Airgas East	36864
406.70	Airmark Pools, Inc.	36865
168.21	American Society of Composers	36866
629.40	Ann Rosellen	36867
140.99	Beaver Run Farms LP	36868
1,833.28	Buckman's Inc.	36869
213.28	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	36870
125.85	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	36871
3,444.45	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	36872
115.00	Danielson, Deborah	36873
1,141.48	Dempsey Uniform & Supply Inc.	36874
986.50	Diamond Sand & Gravel, Inc.	36875
629.40	Douglas Cummins	36876
299.00	Electronic Fees- Tax	36877
11,000.00	Federal & State Grant	36878
51.03	Federal Express	36879
1,258.80	Frisbie, Arthur & Rita	36880
629.40	Furgiuele, Camille	36881
303.88	Galls Incorporated	36882
629.40	Garris, Jean	36883
2,100.00	Gold Type Business Machines	36884
18.04	Hayek's Market Inc.	36885
115.00	Holzauer, Scott	36886
726.02	Home Depot	36887
1,258.80	Iliff, John and Terry	36888
629.40	James J Kilduff	36889
11,429.95	JCP&L	36890
3,791.67	John Mulhern	36891
1,258.80	Kays, Peter J.	36892
3,221.00	Kieffer Electric, Inc.	36893
37.50	Kithcart, Brock	36894

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2,458.33	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	36895
1,499.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	36896
4,114.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	36897
873.50	MGL Forms - Systems, LLC.	36898
629.40	Michael A. Pandiscia	36899
143.75	Millikin, Debra	36900
108.00	Minisink Press Inc.	36901
2,633.69	Morphotrak, Inc.	36902
1,258.80	Morris, Thomas & Bulah	36903
83.00	Mr. John, Inc.	36904
220.00	Mulch Concepts, LLC.	36905
470.00	New Jersey Herald, Inc.	36906
6,125.00	Newton First Aid Squad	36907
86.50	Northern Rain	36908
701.95	Elizabethtown Gas	36909
90.00	Pellow, Harold & Assoc., Inc.	36910
729.70	Penteledata	36911
615.30	Quill Corporation	36912
3,451.00	Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc.	36913
629.40	Ransnorth, Nancy	36914
55.71	Ready Refresh By Nestle	36915
629.40	Richards, Jean	36916
629.40	Romyns, Larry E.	36917
1,258.80	Ronald Clouse	36918
38.80	Service Electric Cable TV	36919
104.17	Sloan, James PPC.	36920
1,258.80	Smith, William F.	36921
159.50	Some's World Wide Uniforms, Inc.	36922
25.80	Staples Business Advantage, Inc.	36923
46,759.36	Statewide Insurance Fund	36924
629.40	Steve Mills	36925
154.00	Sussex Car Wash Inc.	36926
1,334.27	Taylor Oil Co., Inc.	36927
115.00	Teets, Michael D.	36928
37.50	Teresa Ann Oswin	36929
413.00	Tire King, Inc.	36930
472.08	Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	36931
215.00	USA Hoistco., Inc.	36932
1,482.10	Verizon Wireless, Inc.	36933
629.40	Zenes, Nancy	36934
210,074.74	Payroll Account	161036
1,031,649.85	Newton Board of Education	161035
471.73	Elavon	161034

Total TOWN BILLS \$ 1,374,311.04

WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT

162.00	Quill Corporation	15698
514.27	Elizabethtown Gas	15699
13,714.84	JCP&L	15700
5,158.28	Coyne Chemical Corp., Inc.	15701
38.50	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	15702
1,182.21	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	15703
27.99	Campbell's Small Engine Inc.	15704
895.00	Garden State Laboratories Inc.	15705
1,258.80	Wagner, William	15706
297.65	Dempsey Uniform & Supply Inc.	15707
9,492.00	R&D Trucking Inc.	15708
22.02	Airgas East	15709
52,743.64	Statewide Insurance Fund	15710
275.85	Verizon Wireless, Inc.	15711
2,533.52	Smalley, John H	15712
1,367.55	Main Pool & Chemical Company, Inc.	15713
25.43	Home Depot, Inc.	15714
897.78	Staples Business Advantage, Inc.	15715
264.00	Laddey, Lark & Ryan, LLP	15716
341.49	B & H Inc.	15717
219.90	Penteledata	15718

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166.25	One Call Concepts, Inc.	15719
168.21	American Society of Composers	15720
560.46	Braen Stone Sparta	15721
1,524.33	Miracle Chemical Co.	15722
10,500.00	Lyons Environmental Services, LLC.	15723
35,161.90	Payroll Account	166018

Total WATER & SEWER Bills \$ 139,513.87

TRUST ACCOUNT

1,125.00	Sloan, James PPC.	3490
64.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	3491
32.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	3492
80.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	3493
316.00	Payroll Account	167111

Total TRUST ACCOUNT Bills \$ 1,617.00

HOUSING TRUST FUND COAH ACCOUNT

1,800.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	150
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Total HOUSING TRUST FUND (COAH) ACCOUNT Bills \$ 1,800.00

FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS

27,132.20	Current Account	1319
340.00	Minisink Press Inc.	1320
250.00	Danielson, Deborah	1321
6,650.00	Center For Prevention & Counseling	1322
1,923.40	Atlantic Tactical Inc.	1323

Total FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS ACCOUNT Bills \$ 36,295.60

DEVELOPERS ESCROW (FUND 72)

65.00	Pellow, Harold & Assoc., Inc.	1261
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Total DEVELOPERS ESCROW ACCOUNT Bills \$ 65.00

RESOLUTION # 107-2016*

**AUTHORIZE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER FOR
BLOCK 22.04, LOT 1**

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 19, 2011, a lien was sold on Block 22.04, Lot 1, (formerly Block 1308, Lot 13), also known as 81 Sparta Avenue, for 2010 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #1371 was sold to Lawrence & Helen Earl Family LLC for an 18% redemption fee; and

WHEREAS, Kenworth Title LLC, the title company representing owner, Aromando, Cono R., has effected the redemption of Certificate #1371 in the amount of \$82,661.67 as well as the legal foreclosure fees in the amount of \$1,104.20;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges Lawrence & Helen Earl Family LLC is entitled to a redemption in the amount of \$82,661.67 along with the legal foreclosure fees in the amount of \$1,104.20; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to issue a check, in the amount of \$82,661.67, for the redemption of Certificate #3171 and a check in the amount of \$1,104.20 for the legal foreclosure fees to Lawrence & Helen Earl Family LLC., PO Box 42, 933 Millbrook Road, Stillwater, NJ 07875.

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A motion was made by Mr. Elvidge 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	

Deputy Mayor Diglio questioned the lease/purchase Police SUV agreement which was addressed by Mr. Russo and Ms. Babcock.

RESOLUTION # 106-2016

AUTHORIZING A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST HOPE BANK FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO 2016 POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV VEHICLES WITH OPTIONS

WHEREAS, a need exists for the acquisition of two 2016 police interceptor SUV vehicles with options as described in the Municipal Lease/Purchase and Option Agreement to be on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton (“Lessee”) may, without advertising for bids, purchase such vehicles under contract through the Morris County Coop, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, the two 2016 police pursuit vehicles are being purchased through the Morris County Coop Contract #15-A, Item#5 in the amount of \$38,681.43 each for a total of \$77,362.86; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton intends to finance the Lease/Purchase with First Hope Bank at an annual rate of 2.57%, for a term of four years, with the first principal payment of \$20,082.99 being paid at time of closing; and

WHEREAS, this lease is subject to the Mayor and Council appropriating \$20,082.99 principal and interest in budget years 2017, 2018, and 2019 as per attached amortization schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Newton Town Council that it designates and authorizes the Town Manager and Chief Financial Officer to execute, attest, and deliver the Municipal Lease/Purchase and Option Agreement and place on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of transactions contemplated by the Lease/Purchase and Option Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newton Town Council hereby represents that the reasonably anticipated amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations which have been and will be issued by the Lessee does not exceed \$10,000,000 for the calendar year within which this Municipal Lease/Purchase and Option Agreement is to be a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” pursuant to Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of said Municipal Lease/Purchase and Option Agreement will be on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Diglio to approve the Resolution #106-2016, seconded by Mrs. Becker and roll call resulted as follows:

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 108-2016

AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE SURETY POSTED BY GRANDE VILLAGGIO AT NEWTON, LLC

WHEREAS, Grande Villaggio at Newton, LLC posted a \$683,359.20 performance surety bond and \$75,928.80 cash deposit as a performance guarantee with the Town of Newton in connection with Phase I of its development at Block 22.05, Lot 13, in the Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated May 7, 2016, Grande Villaggio at Newton, LLC requested a reduction in its performance guarantee; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated June 22, 2016, the Town Engineer, Paul W. Ferriero, PE, PP, CME (“Town Engineer”) of the engineering firm, Ferriero Engineering, Inc., confirmed that he conducted an inspection of the project and recommended the performance surety bond be reduced to \$235,051.20 and the cash bond be reduced to \$26,116.80;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby authorizes the reduction of the performance guarantee, as recommended by the Town Engineer, to \$26,116.80 for the cash bond, and \$235,051.20 for the letter of credit/performance surety bond for Grande Villaggio at Newton, LLC.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Diglio to approve the Resolution #108-2016, 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	Recused	

INTERMISSION - None

DISCUSSION - None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Joe Ricciardo, 51 Plainfield Avenue, addressed Council and stated he has served on two Governing Bodies and knows the feeling of attending the last Council meeting after deciding not to re-run for office as a Councilmember. Focusing on Kristi Becker’s last Council meeting, he commended Kristi for her time and dedication on the Town Council for the past eight (8) years.

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

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Russo wished Councilwoman Becker the best of luck in her future endeavors. On behalf of the Town employees and volunteers, we thank you and wish you and your family the best, Mr. Russo concluded.

Mayor Flynn noted his fond memories while working with Councilwoman Becker. He commended her for her fortitude and tenacity as a member of the Town Council.

Councilman Elvidge reminisced of the impact Kristi made as a business owner on Spring Street. He wished her well and thanked her for the impact she made while serving on the Newton Town Council.

Councilman Levante commended Councilwoman Becker for her years of service on the Town Council. He encouraged her to continue to be involved with the community.

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Deputy Mayor Diglio, noting her long friendship with Kristi, wished her well and will miss her.

Councilwoman Becker read from a prepared statement:

“Good Evening Everyone,

Thank you for these few moments and opportunity to share my thoughts and gratitude tonight, my last meeting on the Newton Town Council.

I reflect often about the last 8 years and have no regrets and have a genuine sense of service and humble pride. I have gotten to serve with some wonderfully dedicated individuals, from volunteers, employees, business owners, and citizens. I was truly honored to be part of the many amazing transformations that have taken place in our little, but resilient town. I have taken part in great redevelopment, improvements, and much new business. We have lost some along the way, including my own, but look back on my own experience with a sense of joy that I was lucky enough to be part of it and would gladly do it again.

I have many people to thank for making my tenure on Council, not only enjoyable, but for giving me many life lessons that I use in both my professional and personal life. I want to thank all my current co-council members for your continued service and dedication. I have enjoyed working on many projects with you. I would like to thank our Professionals who work so closely with us on Newton’s many endeavors and seeing us through to success. I want to congratulate Helen and Dan again on your election win and wish you many more years of good work with the town and its citizens.

Thank you to my parents and grandparents who’s unwavering love and support both personally and professionally. Their words of encouragement and year’s volunteerism have shown me there is no greater reward than helping another.

To my children who over the years were saddled with helping me both in my stores and or on many an event in town, have always been there with no complaints and were ready and willing to pitch in. You make me proud every day for the gentleman and soldier you have become.

To my love and significant other and better half John. Thank you for understanding my late nights at council, my chatty hours of non-stop Newton talk, understanding my love of this town and most of all become an official Newtonite yourself and to his beautiful daughter Emily who is also here and learning about our small town.

A special thanks to Joe Riccardo for not only convincing me to run for Council, but being an avid election supporter, confident and friend. Although we may not have always agreed on every issue, your intelligence, tenacity and “gentle way” making your point always made for an exciting meeting and in the end created a great discussion. Love you Joe.

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Thank you to Tom Russo for your always progressive thinking, your spot on organization and caring for the Town as if it was your home town. I often think of the many principles Tom has brought to the Council, Town Employees and Newton, but the one that I reflect on the most and try to live every day is the 80/20 principle. It is true that so much of the world falls under that theory. Whether it is in the company you work for, a church, a volunteer organization, or any part of your daily life. 80 percent of good work is done by 20 percent of the people. I implore all of you to be part of that 20 percent. The reward of your efforts will come back to you 80 fold. Get engaged and involved in your town. Thank you Tom for all you do.

Once again thank you to everyone in Newton for allowing me 8 memorable and wonderful years. I thank all the citizens, business owners past and present, employees, volunteers, police and firemen and countless others that make this Town the wonderful place it is to live work and play every day. I look forward to seeing you all and staying an active member of the community. God Bless.”

At this time, Mayor Flynn presented Mrs. Becker a plaque inscribed:

**In Grateful Appreciation of Your 8 Years of Dedicated and Devoted Service on the
Town Council of the Town of Newton
In Further Appreciation of Your Outstanding Leadership Qualities and Commitment to
Excellence in Public Service
Newton Town Council
2008-2016**

Deputy Mayor Diglio thanked Mayor Flynn for his dedication and service while serving as Mayor this past year.

Mayor Flynn thanked Deputy Mayor Diglio for her hard work and wished her the best while serving as Mayor beginning July 1, 2016.

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mrs. Becker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Diglio and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk