

May 12, 2008

The regular work session meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Elvidge, Mr. Ricciardo, Mr. Storm, Mayor Unhoch and Town Manager, Eileen Kithcart. Mr. Diglio was excused.

Mayor Unhoch the following declaration that “in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this work session meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 29, 2006”.

MAIN STREET MINUTE / SPRING STREET MERCHANTS:

Mrs. Carola L. Hartley, Executive Director, outlined all of the “happenings” of the Main Street Newton during the month of March and April 2008. Their new home is 17 Main Street, Newton; and they were recently honored with the “Business Partnership Award”, which was presented by the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hartley requested approval from the Town Council on new cigarette urns, and flower boxes for Spring Street. Mrs. Hartley advised that she is working on funding for these items but needed approval by Council to complete the task. Council approved their request.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE UPDATE

Mr. Larry Pryduluk appeared before Council and updated on the current status of the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 26, 2008. The Council again thanked Mr. Pryduluk for his dedication in organizing this event.

SHARED SERVICES WITH ANDOVER

Mr. Ken Jackel and Mr. Rick Straway advised Council of the Agreement submitted by Andover Township for the use of our sewer flusher equipment. The Town Council approved the draft agreement, which was

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already checked by legal counsel and insurance agent and approved.

Council agreed to keep the lines of communication open for additional shared services with Andover or other municipalities.

NFAS MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Ms. Kithcart updated Council on the recent meetings held with members of the Newton First Aid Squad. The squad membership is lacking and several ideas were discussed to assist the Squad. Ms. Kithcart will continue to address avenues to assist the NFAS.

HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

A brief discussion ensued with suggested names submitted by the Town Council. Executive Director, Kimberly Woodhull, submitted resumes from two residents of Newton. No decision was made by the Town Council.

PUBLIC NEWSLETTER

The Town Council reviewed the draft newsletter and approved as Presented, with one typographical correction by Mayor Unhoch.

WATERLINE UPDATE

Mrs. Millikin updated Council on the waterline project on Water and Mill Street. The paving schedule

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Millikin addressed the well received "Vision Plan" update held at the Newton Theater on Saturday.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Ricciardo requested Mrs. Millikin to address the current POD Ordinance. The POD, which is suppose to be just temporary storage facility, has been on Carriage Lane for quite a long time. Mrs. Millikin indicated she would follow up on their approval of the POD.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mr. Elvidge and carried, the Town Council went into executive session at 9:39 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton (hereinafter referred to as the "Town Council"), convened a meeting in full compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows a public body to enter executive session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters, and

WHEREAS, it has become clear to the Town Council that there is a need to enter executive session to discuss one or more of the exceptions to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

WHEREAS, this work session meeting of the Town Council will not reconvene;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it will enter executive session to discuss issues related to litigation and personnel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion conducted in executive session by the Newton Town Council shall be disclosed to the public as follows:

LITIGATION

Ms. Kithcart updated Council on pending litigation issues.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Kithcart updated Council on pending personnel issues.

Upon motion of Mayor Unhoch, seconded by Mr. Storm and carried, the Town Council left executive session at 9:54 p.m.

Mayor Unhoch declared the meeting opened to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mayor Unhoch and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk