

Executive Session
February 23, 2009

An Executive Session meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 9:50 p.m. Present were Mr. Elvidge, Mrs. Unhoch, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Le Frois, Mayor Ricciardo and Town Manager, Tom Russo, Jr.

Mayor Ricciardo read the following statement which authorized the Town Council to enter into Executive Session.

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A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specific purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Newton to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

- (1) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship – Town Manager’s 6-Month Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, assembled in public session on Monday, February 23, 2009, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on February 23, 2009, at 9:50 p.m. in the Town of Newton Municipal Building, 39 Trinity Street, Newton, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific item(s) designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Town Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

The following RESOLUTION was offered by Mrs. Le Frois, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Becker and roll call resulted as follows:

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Mr. Elvidge	Yes	Mrs. Unhoch	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes	Mrs. Le Frois	Yes
	Mayor Ricciardo	Yes	

Mr. Russo outlined the new procedures for the executive session meetings.

Mr. Russo agreed to leave the room in order for Council to discuss the Town Manager's 6-Month Review.

Mayor Ricciardo and the Council discussed the overall performance of Mr. Russo.

Upon the return of Mr. Russo, Mayor Ricciardo advised that the consensus of the governing body was that the performance of the Town Manager has met and exceeded the expectations of the Town Council. Council congratulated Mr. Russo on his performance and authorized the salary increase of \$4,000.00, as per the Town Manager's contract.

Mr. Russo made comments to the governing body and thanked them for the opportunity to serve the Town of Newton.

Upon motion of Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and carried, the Town Council exited Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk