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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 p.m. Present were Mrs. Unhoch, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Le Frois, Mr. Ricciardo, Mayor Elvidge and Town Manager, Mr. Thomas Russo, Jr.

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, 2009.”

Mayor Elvidge led the invocation as well as the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Clerk called the roll and upon completion of same, upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mrs. Becker and unanimously carried, that the minutes of January 25, 2010 (Regular) and January 25, 2010 (Executive) meetings were approved as presented.

PUBLIC

Mayor Elvidge opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one from the public to be heard.

Council & Manager Reports

Mr. Russo read the following proclamation, proclaiming gratitude and appreciation to the Newton First Aid and Rescue Squad for their endless hours of support and service to the Newton Community.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

Newton First Aid & Rescue Squad

WHEREAS, the Newton First Aid and Rescue Squad was established in 1957 and over the years, these dedicated volunteers have sacrificed their time to help those in need, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Captain Irv Kinney, the Squad responded to approximately twelve hundred calls for help in 2009, proving that this organization is vital to the health, safety and welfare of our community, and

WHEREAS, the Squad works along side the Newton Police Department and Fire Department to provide emergency medical care in times of crisis. Their dedication and care throughout the years continues to serve as a sense of comfort and security to the residents, business owners and visitors to the Town of Newton;

NOW THEREFORE WE, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, hereby proclaim our gratitude and appreciation to the Newton First Aid and Rescue Squad for their endless hours of support and service to the Newton Community.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Attest: _____
Date: February 6, 2010

Mr. Russo read correspondence from Nancy Woods, Executive Director, Greater Newton

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Chamber Commerce, requesting permission to close Spring Street on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to host the annual Newton Day Festival. The Festival will then be moved to Memory Park till the fireworks display at dusk. It was noted that the rain date is the following Saturday, June 19, 2010. The Council granted this request.

Mr. Russo recently attended the Statewide Insurance Reorganization Meeting and reported that the Town was a recipient of an award entitled "For Ongoing Attention in Loss Control and Safety Practices During 2009."

Mr. Russo reported that the Town of Newton also received an honorable mention award for the 2009 Municipal Public Information contest. Mr. Russo explained that this award was presented for recognition of a municipality's overall public information program and the efforts made to keep the community informed of the activities undertaken by the municipality. These efforts are indicative of a jurisdiction that values the involvement of the members of the communities and the process of governance. This award was sponsored by the Centers for Municipal Government and Rutgers University, New Jersey Municipal Management Association and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Mr. Russo reported that information regarding the motor vehicle accident involving Tower 804 was given to the Governing Body. Mr. Russo stated that Tower 804 is out of service, however, other towns will be called upon for mutual aid.

ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE #2010-01

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2010 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens, and

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WHEREAS, the Newton Town Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$248,598.07 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary, and

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2010 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Newton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$248,598.07, and that the CY 2010 municipal budget for the Town of Newton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Elvidge declared the hearing on Ordinance #2010-01 open to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion by Mrs. Le Frois, seconded by Mrs. Unhoch and unanimously carried, the hearing was closed.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be adopted in its entirety according to law.

The Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

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.”

Mrs. Unhoch requested Resolution #16-2010 removed from the Consent Agenda for

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separate discussion. Mr. Ricciardo requested the application for an off-premise raffle (50/50) from the Policeman's Benevolent Association #378, Sussex County Civic Association to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

RESOLUTION #15-2010*

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED LIST OF QUALIFYING 2009 LOSAP PARTICIPANTS

WHEREAS, the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the Newton Volunteer Fire Department was approved by the Mayor and Council through the passage of Ordinance #2003-12 on August 11, 2003, confirmed by Resolution #104-2003, and approved by Newton voters as a public question at the General Election on November 4, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Volunteer Fire Department has certified a list of members who are eligible, in accordance with guidelines outlined in Ordinance #2003-12, to receive an amount between \$115.00 and \$1,150.00 based on points credited for volunteer services rendered in 2009 as per the 2009 LOSAP LIST attached; and

WHEREAS, the total number of qualifying volunteers for the Newton Fire Department is 33 for a total contribution of \$28,635.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Town of Newton Operating Budget for calendar year 2009 to cover the cost of this contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Council, do hereby accept the certified list from the Fire Department dated January 14, 2010.

RESOLUTION #17-2010*

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2, 2010 READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Newton stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, NEA's *Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2010, which would have been the 106th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Town Council, call on the citizens of the Town of Newton to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Governing Body enthusiastically endorses NEA's *Read Across America* and *Read Across America-NJ* and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

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RESOLUTION #18-2010*

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH SUSSEX COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE LOCATION OF A RADIO REPEATER AND
ANTENNA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton (“the Town”) and the Sussex County Community College (“the College”) are in need of and desire to locate a Newton Police Department radio repeater and antenna in a secure heated facility on the campus of the College; and

WHEREAS, the College and the Town are in agreement as to cost sharing and have found a location to place the facility located on the College campus; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an Agreement pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.) concerning the location, administration and maintenance of the facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of the Town of Newton hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement by the appropriate Newton officials with the Sussex County Community College for the installation, administration and maintenance of a Newton Police Department radio repeater and antenna; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Sussex County Community College and that notice of this Agreement be placed in the newspaper of record published in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, and that a copy of this Agreement be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a fully executed copy of this agreement be kept on file and available for public inspection in the Municipal Clerk’s office.

RESOLUTION #19-2010*

**AWARD CONTRACT TO CHELBUS CLEANING COMPANY, INC. FOPR
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CLEANING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton received three quotes from qualified vendors for cleaning services for the Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, Chelbus Cleaning Company, Inc., provided the most cost effective quote for cleaning services for the Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Town Manager that a contract for three (3) years be entered into with Chelbus Cleaning Company, Inc., for cleaning of the Municipal complex in the monthly amount of \$1,460.00 for a total annual amount of \$17,520.00; and

WHEREAS, this is a professional service contract is being done through a non-fair and open process; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available based on the attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that it hereby awards the contract for cleaning services of the Municipal Complex to Chelbus Cleaning Company, Inc. of Newton, NJ in the annual amount of \$17,520.00 for each of the next three (3) years.

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RESOLUTION #20-2010*

APPROVE 2009 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following 2009 appropriation transfers be approved effective this date:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Election OE 1051501A	Planning Board OE 1062216A	\$ 1,600.
Town Clerk OE 1051201A	Finance Audit 1054300A	\$ 400.
TOTAL		\$ 2,000.

RESOLUTION #21-2010*

RESCINDING RESOLUTION #4-2009 AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2008 by adoption of Resolution #153-2008, the Newton Town Council awarded a contract to Statewide Striping Corporation for the Safe Routes to School Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2009 by adoption of Resolution #4-2009, the Newton Town Council accepted the work completed by Statewide Striping Corporation for the Safe Routes to School Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer in a memo dated February 2, 2010 recommends rescinding the January 12, 2009 acceptance and establishing a new acceptance date so that a one year maintenance bond can be issued; and

WHEREAS, Statewide Striping Corporation will be back on site in the Spring to complete satisfactory repairs to the crosswalks, which will be completed under the maintenance bond; and

WHEREAS, in his memo dated February 2, 2010 to the Town Manager, the Town Engineer states that said project has been completed and recommends the project be accepted as final and complete;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby concurs with the Town Engineer's recommendation and hereby rescinds Resolution #4-2009 and accepts as of this date the Safe Routes to School Project as final and complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to NJDOT, Statewide Striping Corporation, and the Town Engineer.

RESOLUTION #22-2010*

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE ALLEY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton awarded a contract for the Alley Sewer Replacement Project to Earth-Tec Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$72,758.00 by Resolution #195-2009, which was adopted on September 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Harold Pellow & Associates, Inc. has prepared Change Order No. 1 for said project and recommends approval:

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	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Supplemental & Extra</u>	\$ 7,467.56
<u>Reductions</u>	\$ (15,748.00)
Total Change Order No. 1	\$ (7,700.44)

WHEREAS, the adjusted contract amount will be decreased by Change Order No. 1 to the new contract total of \$65,057.56;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby approves Change Order No. 1 for the Alley Sewer Replacement Project based on the recommendation of the Town Engineer, and that the Mayor is authorized to execute said Change Order No. 1 resulting in a new contract total of \$65,057.56.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Engineer's certification detailing the change order be attached and made part of this resolution.

RESOLUTION #23-2010*

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 2008 and 2009 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

887,294.00	Newton Board of Education	1010004
102,600.00	Depository Trust Company	1010005
182,156.61	Payroll Account	1010006
24.95	Staples Credit Plan	26525
840.65	Montague Tool & Supply	26526
90.00	S K Office Supply	26527
175.00	M G L Printing Solution	26528
2,566.93	Harold Pellow & Associates, Inc.	26529
177.00	ABCCode Security	26530
544.11	NUI Corporation	26531
1,222.09	G & G Diesel Service, Inc.	26532
2,123.33	G & H Service, Inc.	26533
10,863.35	JCP&L	26534
146.40	SCMUA	26535
2,706.10	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	26536
98.51	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	26537
107.99	Rowe & Company, Inc.	26538
692,053.87	County of Sussex	26539
19,709.80	County of Sussex	26540
55,846.90	County of Sussex	26541
301.75	Lock & Key World	26542
5,250.00	Ferraioli, Cerullo & Cuva	26543
65.28	Lafayette Auto Parts	26544
827.47	Willco, Inc.	26545
250.00	Treasurer, Petty Cash Fund	26546
80.00	Sussex County League of	26547
60.00	T. A. Mountford Company	26548
589.98	Galls Incorporated	26549
1,393.69	Diamond Sand & Gravel, Inc.	26550
25.76	Sebring Auto Parts	26551

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21.98	Sherwin-Williams	26552
30.00	Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce	26553
216.34	Airgas East	26554
779.19	Boonton Tire Supply	26555
149.58	McGuire	26556
975.00	Rutgers Center for Government Services	26557
90,159.75	Statewide Insurance Fund	26558
188.11	Verizon Wireless	26559
27,396.83	County of Sussex	26560
35.00	S/NJ Toxicology Laboratory	26561
1,980.00	Vogel, Chait, Collins, Schneider, PC	26562
108.35	Advance Auto Parts	26563
609.48	The Home Depot	26564
11.66	Carquest	26565
60.24	Excelsior Lumber Company	26566
18.00	Scottsdale Insurance Company	26567
859.58	Staples Business Advantage	26568
94.26	Lowe's	26569
254.76	Sussex County Engineering Division	26570
44.35	Nestle Waters	26571
3,224.00	Pinnacle Wireless, Inc.	26572
96.00	Magarino Ford	26573
4,018.83	Rachles/Michele's Oil Company	26574
550.00	Morris County Co-op	26575
39.80	B & M Aquatic Gardens & Koi Center	26576
168.00	Jersey Central Power & Light	26577
1,560.00	Knapp, Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC	26578
109.80	Dash Medical Gloves	26579
3,847.25	Dolan & Dean Consulting Eng., LLC	26580
737.50	Benchmark Professional Seminars, Inc.	26581
150.00	Premier Towing & Recovery, LLC	26582
3,000.00	Hampton RV Sales, Inc.	26583

CAPITAL

661.26	Harold Pellow & Associates, Inc.	7486
3,070.00	Municipal Software	7487
13,950.85	Earth-Tec Associates, Inc.	7488
6,370.84	Harold Pellow & Associates, Inc.	1045
9.97	Lowe's	1046

Total TOWN BILLS \$2,135,748.08

WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT

2,699.97	Costco	11289
28,256.53	Payroll Account	106003
223.85	Montague Tool & Supply	11290
78.48	Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc.	11291
710.52	Harold Pellow & Associates, Inc.	11292
241.33	Lee Company	11293
210.00	Andres & Mooney Electric Inc.	11294
21,191.72	JCP&L	11295
493.36	SCMUA	11296
59.42	Sussex County Plumbing	11297
16.00	Paul M. Havens	11298
5,594.95	Coyne Chemical Corp., Inc.	11299
1,352.66	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	11300
125.85	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	11301
725.00	Lock & Key World	11302
87.70	Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.	11303

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6,100.00	Ferraioli, Cerullo & Cuva	11304
50.00	Water & Sewer Petty Cash Fund	11305
2,968.11	Weldon Asphalt Company	11306
750.00	Frank Semeraro Construction, Inc.	11307
18.00	Ervin Lasso	11308
686.00	Grinnell Recycle	11309
5,832.00	Passaic Valley Sewerage Comm.	11310
945.00	Main Pool & Chemical Company	11311
81.63	Advance Auto Parts	11312
63.85	The Home Depot	11313
603.50	Process Tech Sales & Services	11314
108.00	Screen Creation Plus	11315
550.00	Morris County Coop	11316

CAPITAL

6,488.75	Harold Pellow & Associates, Inc.	2144
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Total WATER & SEWER BILLS \$87,312.18

TRUST ACCOUNT

1,280.38	Payroll Account	107103
108.00	Hollander, Hontz, Hinkes & Pasculli, LLC	2743

Total TRUST ACCOUNT BILLS \$1,388.38

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

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

RESOLUTION #16-2010

AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MANAGER AND EXECUTION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS S. RUSSO, JR.

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton, by way of Resolution #128-2008, hired Thomas S. Russo, Jr. to be the Acting Town Manager effective August 18, 2008, and Town Manager effective September 13, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton desires to modify the employment contract of Thomas S. Russo, Jr. as Town Manager and to establish certain terms and conditions of employment for him; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Russo, Jr. desires to continue employment as Town Manager for the Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto wish to reduce the employment relationship existing between them into written form based on the terms and conditions set forth in the form of an Employment Agreement after review by the Town Attorney; and

WHEREAS, said Employment Agreement was accepted and executed by Thomas S. Russo, Jr.;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas S. Russo, Jr. is hereby appointed as Town Manager effective Monday, February 8, 2010 for a period of seven (7) years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Employment Agreement with Thomas S. Russo, Jr. on behalf of the Town of Newton, said Agreement being attached to and made part of this Resolution.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Le Frois, seconded by Mrs. Becker and carried, roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Unhoch	No	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mrs. Le Frois	Yes	Mr. Ricciardo	Yes
Mayor Elvidge		Yes	

Councilwoman Unhoch noted that there are two reasons for her objection to this resolution. 1) The extension of the Employment Contract to seven (7) years, she feels is “much too long”; and 2) The extension of the vacation to twenty (20) days, she feels should reflect what “all other employees receive”.

The Municipal Clerk presented an application for an off-premise raffle (50/50) from the Policeman’s Benevolent Association #378, Sussex County Civic Association, P.O. Box 146, Newton, New Jersey to be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at 85 Mill Street, Newton, New Jersey.

Mr. Ricciardo requested a copy of future applications to be included in the Council packets.

A motion was made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Unhoch and carried, roll call resulted as follows:

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Elvidge opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one from the public to be heard.

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS

Councilwoman Le Frois remarked that the budget hearings went very well and thought all Department Heads represented their departments very well. Mrs. Le Frois thanked Mr. Russo and all Department Heads.

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Mrs. Le Frois read into the record the following e-mail dated February 5, 2010 from Mr. Neil Flaherty regarding Resolution #16-2010:

“Lorraine, I will be in Tennessee Monday night on business and will not be able to attend the Town Council meeting. I did want to speak on the above resolution from the consent agenda regarding the appointment and execution of an Employment Agreement with Tom Russo. I would ask you to please share this letter with the members of the Town Council during the Public Session.

Since coming to Newton as Town Manager, Tom Russo has shown himself to be a consummate professional especially in handling difficult and controversial subjects such as redevelopment and Martorona. He is an excellent communicator and has taken steps to make the town government more accessible and understandable to the residents as can be seen in the redesigned Town Web site and in the presentation of the proposed Town Budget. Tom also has shown that he has the courage of his convictions and will speak out when he feels the Town may be taking a misstep on an issue. He also has shown that he is a good listener and does not take it personally if someone disagrees with him. This fosters an atmosphere of collaboration rather than confrontation which is important as we strive to meet the many challenges that face the Town. The Town of Newton has benefited from Tom’s strong leadership and keeping him on board is important as we steer through these difficult times. Thank You.”

*Neil Flaherty
154 Sparta Ave
Newton NJ 07860*

Mrs. Unhoch updated the Governing Body on several upcoming workshops sponsored by Project Self Sufficiency.

Mr. Ricciardo expressed his thankfulness that no one was seriously hurt as a result of the fire truck accident.

Deputy Mayor Becker noted the good comments on the recent article from the New Jersey Herald depicting the Town of Newton shared service program with Andover Township on the brine system. (a system which treated the roads before a storm with the saltwater, which keeps snow and ice from bonding with the street asphalt).

The Town Council entered into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

The Town Council returned from Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mrs. Le Frois, seconded by Mrs. Unhoch and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk