

April 26, 2010

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, Deputy Mayor Becker, Mrs. Le Frois, Mr. Ricciardo, and Town Manager, Mr. Thomas Russo, Jr. Mayor Elvidge was excused.

Deputy Mayor Becker 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.”

Pastor Matt Magee, Sparta Evangelical Free Church, led the invocation. Deputy Mayor Becker led 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. Unhoch and unanimously carried, that the minutes of April 12, 2010 (Regular) and April 12, 2010 (Executive) meetings were approved as presented.

PRESENTATION

A. Proclamation – Arbor Day

Mr. Russo read the following Proclamation proclaiming April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day.

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day

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WHEREAS, the legislature of this State has adopted an Act designating Arbor Day and by that Act has designated the Last Friday in April as Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the designation of this day throughout the Nation to encourage the planting of shade and forest trees, to encourage the harvesting of our forest crops by approved conservation methods, and to encourage the protection of our forests from the scourge of devastating fires, insects, and diseases that destroy the beauty and usefulness of our woodlands as well as their wildlife; and

WHEREAS, through the cooperation of the Advisory Shade Tree Commission, the beneficial effects of forest tree plantings, proper conservation practices in harvesting, timber, and the protection from the natural enemies of the forest can be materially increased, and we can pass on an enduring heritage of a vital natural resource to succeeding generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Town Council of the Town of Newton do hereby proclaim ***Friday, April 30, 2010*** as “***ARBOR DAY***” in the Town of Newton, and urge everyone able to do so to observe this day by the planting of one or more trees and by participating in one or more programs that the sponsors of Arbor Day provide.

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

Attest: _____
Date: April 26, 2010

PUBLIC

Deputy Mayor Becker 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.”

Mr. Ray Storm, 202 Main Street, Newton, addressed his concerns regarding graffiti on the vacant Acme building located on Nelson Street and was advised by Mr. Russo that the building owners have been contacted.

Mr. John Nuss, 29 Beaver Run, Wantage addressed his concerns and requested a further explanation of Ordinance #2010-2, which addresses Fire Protection Capability. After a brief discussion, Mr. Russo invited Mr. Nuss to discuss his concerns in-depth together with Mr. Joe Inga, Fire Official, in his office tomorrow.

Mr. Neil Flaherty, 154 Sparta Avenue, Newton, updated the Governing Body on the Newton High School Robotics Team competition held in Atlanta, Georgia last week. Mr. Flaherty reported that the Team performed very well and out of the ten games played, they won 3, tied 2 and lost 5. Mr. Flaherty extended his thanks to the Town Council for all their support.

The Governing Body extended their congratulations to the Team and Councilman Ricciardo suggested a Proclamation be prepared for the next Council meeting in honor of the Newton High School Robotics Team.

Mr. Anwar Qarmout, 45 Woodside Avenue, 9 Union Place, 30 Diller Avenue, and 20 Diller Ave., also addressed his concerns regarding Ordinance 2010-2, and wanted an explanation of the motivation behind the creation of this Ordinance which seemingly prohibits the building of new construction and redevelopment in the Town.

The Governing Body and Mr. Russo explained to Mr. Qarmout that the Ordinance is based on State of New Jersey Fire Safety Code which regulates fire safety, fire protection, and water flow. Mr. Russo explained that redevelopment and bringing in new businesses is a separate and distinct issue. Mr. Russo continued to explain that the creation of Ordinance 2010-2 would assist the Fire Inspectors, as well as assist in allowing all residents and taxpayers to find this information in one place, instead of in several different code books.

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

a. Brush Pickup Schedule

Mr. Russo indicated the Brush pickup for Zones 1 and 2 will take place the weeks of May 3rd and May 10th and pickup for Zones 3 and 4 will take place the weeks of May 17rd and 24th. Mr. Russo reported that this information is on the Town website and will be in the Spring Newsletter which is currently at the printer.

Mr. Russo addressed a memo, dated April 23, 2010, from the Municipal Clerk, Lorraine Read, requesting the release of available funds to the LOSAP beneficiary on behalf of Donald Meininger. It was noted that Mr. Meininger passed away on October 13, 2007 and the Governing Body is required to agree to the release of funds to the beneficiary since Mr. Meininger was not vested at the time. The Town Council unanimously agreed to release the funds to the LOSAP beneficiary of Mr. Donald Meininger.

Mr. Russo read several items of importance from a list of "50 Uses for Census Data".

36. Serving as evidence in litigation involving land, voting rights and equal opportunity.
37. Drawing school district boundaries.
38. Planning for public transportation services.
39. Planning health and educational programs for people with disabilities.
40. Establishing fair rents and fair lending practices.
41. Providing services to non-english-speaking children children and adults.
42. Understanding the labor supply.
43. Assessing the potential spread of communicable diseases.
44. Decision making and budget planning for national oil levels.
45. Analyzing military personnel.
46. Estimating numbers of people displaced by natural disaster.
47. Making business decisions.
48. Delivering goods and services to local markets.
49. Drawing federal, state, local legislative districts.
50. Evaluating programs and trends in different geographical areas.

Mr. Russo stated the State of New Jersey participation rate is 72%, the National participation rate is 72%, to date the Town of Newton participation rate is 73%, and the participation rate for the Town of Newton in 2000 was 71%. Mr. Russo thanked Mrs. Millikin and Mrs. Read for their participation and pushing this forward to the goal of 80% participation in Newton.

Mr. Russo announced a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. for the Newton's Neighborhood Health Center located at 238 Spring Street, Newton.

ORDINANCES

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

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ORDINANCE #2010-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 21 “FEES AND COSTS” OF NEWTON’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES.

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

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

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 Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

The Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

ORDINANCE #2010-05

TOWN OF NEWTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, CHAPTER 10-13A PARK AND RIDE PARKING LOT

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

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

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 Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

The Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Becker 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. Le Frois requested Resolution #52-2010 be pulled and tabled from the Consent Agenda until Wednesday, May 12, 2010 meeting for further review by the Town Engineer. In

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addition, Mrs. Le Frois requested to add a membership application to the Newton Fire Department from Douglas R. Bowne.

RESOLUTION #48-2010*

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

WHEREAS, every human life has matchless value; we must reaffirm our commitment to raising awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation. We also wish to express our appreciation to those who have donated organs, tissue, and bone marrow; and

WHEREAS, over 106,000 Americans are currently on the waiting list for an organ transplant and thousands more need life enhancing tissue transplants. We urge all New Jersey residents to register with the state's donor registry; say yes to organ and tissue donation on their driver's license; and share their decision with family and friends. By taking these steps, New Jersey residents can help save lives. Our administration is committed to strengthening organ and tissue donation programs and to increase the number of organs available for transplantation in order to save lives. The kindness and generosity of donors reflect the compassionate spirit of our state; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the life-saving work of medical professionals and researchers and the many others whose actions reflect our commitment to a brighter tomorrow. Individuals can visit www.DonateLifeNJ.org to register to become a donor, to learn the facts, and to understand how their decision to give the gift of life can make a difference in the world of so many who are in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that we do hereby resolve our community's support of organ and tissue donation. We call upon health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations to help raise awareness of the urgent need for organ and tissue donors throughout state.

RESOLUTION #49-2010*

APPROVE REFUND OF FIRST QUARTER 2010 REAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT

WHEREAS, property taxes for the first quarter of 2010 were paid for Block 1108, Lot 9, also known as 92 Trinity Street on February 4, 2010 on the behalf of the owners, Roy R and Charlene Smith; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2010, Scott J. Holzhauer, CTA, SCGREa for the Town of Newton and in accordance with NJSA 54:4-3.30 which allows for 100% exemption of property taxes for a veteran who is approved by the United States Veterans Administration granted Block 1108, Lot 9 exempt from "Real Property Tax" for the totally disabled veteran, Roy R. Smith effective January 1, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges that Roy R. and Charlene Smith, are entitled to a refund in the amount of \$ 1,139.29;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process a refund to Roy R. and Charlene Smith in the amount of \$ 1,139.29 for payment made to Block 1108, Lot 9.

RESOLUTION #50-2010*

**APPROVE TRANSFER OF WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT POSTED
ERRONEOUSLY TO REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo submitted a payment in the amount of \$ 634.21 on April 5, 2010 to prevent Block 718, Lot 22 also known as 16 Hamilton Street from tax sale for non-payment of 2009 water and sewer charges; and

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WHEREAS, said payment was erroneously applied to the 2nd quarter 2010 real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the amount of \$634.21 needs to be transferred from the 2nd quarter 2010 real estate taxes and applied to the open 2009 water and sewer charges to prevent tax sale;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body authorizes the Tax Collector to transfer \$634.21 from the tax account and apply the monies to the water and sewer account to prevent tax sale of Block 718, Lot 22.

RESOLUTION #51-2010*

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 for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program (Grant # P-4902); 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;
- 2) The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant;
- 3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds;
- 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-4902.

RESOLUTION #53-2010*

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE FIREHOUSE #1 RENOVATIONS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton awarded a contract for the Firehouse #1 Renovations Project to Zinno Construction in the amount of \$243,637.00 by Resolution #269-2009, which was adopted on December 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, HQW Architects, LLC has prepared Change Order No. 1 for said project and recommends approval:

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Reductions</u>	\$ (5,200.00)
Total Change Order No. 1	\$ (5,200.00)

WHEREAS, the adjusted contract amount will be decreased by Change Order No. 1 to the new contract total of \$238,437.00;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby approves Change Order No. 1 for the Firehouse #1 Renovations Project based on the recommendation of the HQW Architects, LLC, and that the Mayor is authorized to execute said Change Order No. 1 resulting in a new contract total of \$238,437.00.

RESOLUTION #54-2010*

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

593.20	VOID	26879
184,415.78	Payroll Account	1010021
500.00	American Legion Post 86	26887
40.84	Payroll Account	1010022
261.73	Quill Corporation	26888
90.00	S K Office Supply	26889
1,554.62	Harold Pellow & Assoc., Inc.	26890
375.00	Inst. For Forensic Psychology	26891
160.00	Decker's Fire & Safety	26892
262.00	ABCCode Security	26893
396.89	Airmark Pools	26894
118.75	Sussex Car Wash Inc.	26895
5,250.95	NUI Corporation	26896
83.56	G & H Service Inc.	26897
335.26	JCP&L	26898
145.75	New Jersey Herald	26899
3,335.52	New Jersey Herald	26900
9,414.49	Centurylink Communication, Inc.	26901
3,929.88	Centurylink Communication, Inc.	26902
27.02	Centurylink Communication, Inc.	26903
2,706.55	Centurylink Communication, Inc.	26904
4,608.00	Hollander, Hontz, Hinkes & Pasculli	26905
614.29	Campbell's Small Engine	26906
10.50	Lock & Key World	26907
66.55	Federal Express	26908
19,641.74	McManimom & Scotland	26909
40.00	Sussex County League of	26910
629.00	T.A. Mountford Company	26911
63.95	Ann M. Rosellen	26912
120.00	Weights & Measures Fund	26913
6,829.00	Wilfred MacDonald Inc.	26914
17.04	Sebring Auto Parts	26915
358.14	Zee Medical	26916
2,470.00	Stamp Fulfillment	26917
2,768.00	Treasurer, State of NJ DCA	26918
50.95	Efinger	26919
5.80	Airgas East	26920
194.50	L-3 Comm. Mobile-Vision	26921
99.95	Tellurian Networks	26922
1,513.00	Verizon Wireless	26923
210.00	Accurate Door, Inc.	26924
58.00	Cycle Works	26925
113.24	Universal Supply Group, Inc.	26926
182.40	Logical Source, Inc.	26927
73.67	Mr. John	26928

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105.00	Wildflowers with Tami	26929
643.50	The Home Depot	26930
240.00	National Entertainment Tech.	26931
90.00	Professional Government Educators Inc.	26932
39.80	Excelsior Lumber Company	26933
368.00	Treasurer, State of New Jersey	26934
88.00	Mid-Atlantic for Safety	26935
700.00	Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC	26936
165.90	Ward's Flowers & Gifts	26937
281.94	Matthew Bender & Co.	26938
128.71	AW Direct, Inc.	26939
950.87	Staples Business Advantage	26940
6.80	Language Line Services	26941
233.20	Lowe's	26942
129.70	Dominick's Pizza	26943
269.85	Lightfield LLR	26944
77.95	New Jersey Law Journal	26945
1,088.80	Hampton Body Works	26946
2,514.05	Rachles/Michele's Oil Company	26947
5,577.34	Taylor Oil Co.	26948
3,228.00	Structural Metal Fabricators	26949
2,250.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	26950
167.40	Tony Sanchez LTD	26951
490.00	Tire King	26952
582.80	Garden State Highway Products	26953
609.54	B & H	26954
168.00	Jersey Central Power & Light	26955
2,400.00	Spartech Solutions, LLC	26956
805.70	Penteledata	26957
1,000.00	HCP Consulting Group, LLC	26958
130.00	Community Forestry Program	26959
200.00	NJGIA	26960
90.00	GPANJ	26961
5,183.97	Direct Energy Business	26962
58.44	Kiefer & Associates	26963

CAPITAL

72.00	Hollander, Hontz, Hinkes & Pasculli, LLC	7503
1,434.04	Harold Pellow & Associates, Inc.	7515
18.00	Hollander, Hontz, Hinkes & Pasculli, LLC	7516
16,570.00	Firefighters Equipment Co.	7517
164.00	McManimon & Scotland	7518
287.60	Diamond Sand & Gravel, Inc.	7519
9,720.00	Wilfred MacDonald, Inc.	7520
92.38	Cooper electric Supply Co.	7521
280.56	The Home Depot	7522
59,505.15	Zinno Construction	7523

Total TOWN BILLS \$372,756.10

WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT

30,081.58	Payroll Account	106012
.02	Payroll Account	106012
14.55	Staples Credit Plan	11430
286.22	Harold Pellow & Associates, Inc.	11431
5,293.71	MWH Americas, Inc.	11432
79.17	CCP Industries	11433
2,418.59	NUI Corporation	11434
3,748.93	JCP&L	11435

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59.85	New Jersey Herald	11436
14.00	Paul M. Havens	11437
14,309.94	Coyne Chemical Corp., Inc.	11438
1,300.62	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	11439
431.84	Campbell's Small Engine	11440
4,134.00	Garden State Laboratories Inc.	11441
28.00	Allied Meter Service Inc.	11442
12,204.69	Sparta Township Tax Collector	11443
504.13	Lubrication Engineers Inc.	11444
2,482.60	Stamp Fulfillment	11445
105.35	Airgas East	11446
14.00	Ervin Lasso	11447
2,200.00	Instrumentation Tech Systems, Inc.	11448
240.00	Rutgers Center for Government Services	11449
1,250.00	John Smalley	11450
286.15	Staples Business Advantage	11451
2,287.20	Basic Chemical Solutions	11452
900.00	HCP Consulting Group, LLC	11453
13,178.66	Direct Energy Business	11454

CAPITAL

2,826.00	Harold Pellow & Assoc., Inc.	2148
46,072.31	Capital Account	2149
20,136.92	Earth-Tec Associates, Inc.	2150

Total WATER & SEWER BILLS \$166,889.03

TRUST ACCOUNT

666.75	Payroll Account	107109
666.75	VOID	107109
666.75	Payroll Account	107110
1,162.75	Payroll Account	107108
69.36	Payroll Agency Account	107111
125.00	Keller Welding Company	2766
162.00	Hollander, Hontz, Hinkes & Pasculli LLC	2767
1,125.00	James P. Sloan, P.C	2768
208.00	Weiner Lesniak	2769

Total TRUST ACCOUNT BILLS \$3,518.86

RESOLUTION #55-2010*

AUTHORIZE CREDITS DUE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNTS

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

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 following accounts for amounts billed incorrectly due to the reasons stated:

Credit due to malfunction of meter:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23343	7 Club Road	\$2,639.50

Account should have been inactive & not charged:

19682	270-B Spring Street	\$82.50
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The Town Clerk presented Applications for membership for the Newton Fire Department from Harold M. Gunderman, 97 Landmark West, Bldg. #8, Newton, New Jersey and Douglas R. Bowne, 10 Donald Avenue, Newton, New Jersey. It was noted that the Applications were in order and signed by the Chief of the Fire Department.

The Town Clerk presented an application for an on-premise raffle from the Sussex County Community College Foundation, One College Hill Road, Newton, New Jersey to be held on June 24, 2010, July 1, 2010, July 8, 2010, July 15, 2010, July 22, 2010, July 29, 2010, August 5, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. It was noted that the Application was in order and accompanied by the prescribed fee.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF 2010 BUDGET

Mr. Russo read the following Municipal Budget Notice:

Municipal Budget of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex for the fiscal year 2010, Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2010; Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the New Jersey Herald in the issue of May 10, 2010. The Governing Body of the Town of Newton does hereby approve (introduce) the following as the Budget for the year 2010. Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved (introduced) by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, on April 26, 2010. A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2010 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Mr. Russo read the following 2010 Municipal Budget Revenue and Appropriation Summaries:

Municipal Total General Appropriations:	\$10,764,250.00
Water and Sewer Total General Appropriations:	\$4,015,000.00

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A motion was made by Mr. Ricciardo to **INTRODUCE THE TOWN OF NEWTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET**, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and roll call resulted as follows:

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Unhoch to **INTRODUCE THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BUDGET**, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and roll call resulted as follows:

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

INTERMISSION

DISCUSSION

a. Draft Ordinances

i. Land Use Board

Mr. Bill Hinkes, Esq., gave an overview of the drafted Land Use Board Ordinance for the Council's consideration. Mr. Hinkes explained that the Land Use Board gives the option for smaller municipalities to incorporate the responsibilities of the Zoning Board into the Planning Board. Mr. Hinkes explained that instead of having a 7-member Planning Board with 2 alternates the consolidation requires there be 9 members with 4 alternates for a total of 13 members and further explained the logistics of adopting the new ordinance. Mr. Hinkes outlined several advantages for proceeding with the Ordinance would be monetary, paying for only one professional to attend meetings instead of two and streamlining applications for the public.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that Mr. Russo will contact Zoning and Planning Board Chairpersons to inform them of the Council's intention to work towards a July introduction and an effective start date of January 1, 2011.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Deputy Mayor Becker opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one from the public to be heard.

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS

Mrs. Unhoch indicated she spoke with the owner of Charm, an antique store in Newton, regarding fundraising for Main Street Newton. Mrs. Unhoch stated that \$10,000 was raised at a

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Tricky Tray for the Lafayette Fire Department and indicated Main Street Newton could hold a similar fundraiser twice a year.

Mrs. Le Frois thanked Mr. Russo and members of the Town Council on behalf of the Newton Fire Department for attending and supporting the Fire Department's annual steak dinner.

Mrs. Becker thanked the Town Manager's office for the annual report that went out this week.

Mr. Russo reminded Council of the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce dinner this Wednesday.

Mr. Russo indicated he extended invitations to Governor Christie and Lt. Governor Guadagno to attend the annual reorganization meeting on July 1st and to the Newton Day Festivities on June 12th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council entered into Executive Session via Resolution #56-2010 at 7:53 p.m.

The Town Council returned from Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mrs. Le Frois, seconded by Mr. Ricciardo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk