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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."

Pastor Matt Magee, Sparta Evangelical Free Church, led the invocation and Mayor Elvidge led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Deputy Clerk called the roll and upon completion of same, upon motion of Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Unhoch and unanimously carried, that the minutes of May 12, 2010 (Regular) and May 12, 2010 (Executive) meetings were approved as presented.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **A. Proclamation – Newton Robotics Team**

Mr. Russo read the following information on the Robotics Team:

"The Newton Robotics Team, the "Techno Ninjas", is in their initial year of participating in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC).

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a not-for-profit that celebrates science and technology via robotics competitions worldwide and inspires young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that encourages innovation, and that foster self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

The 16 member team received a box of parts on January 9, with which the students designed and assembled a robot which took nearly 100 hours worth of combined work over a six-week period. They named the robot "Bender" which they characterize as an offensive scoring machine.

The team learned business skills, communication skills as well as engineering techniques. This included keeping an engineer's notebook. The entire team each made entries along the way and understood its value in the event they had missed a build session for one day or more. The team networked with each partner, sponsor, and engineer along the way, documenting the progress in their chronicle. They now understand the more important global picture and how communication and engineering can shape our world.

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In their maiden competition at the New York Regional held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City March 12-14, they reached the semifinals and placed first in the Rookie category.

At the New York Regional Competition senior Lincoln Noggle and junior Ryan Wolfrum were recognized as finalists for the FIRST Robotics' Dean's List.

As a result of their excellent performance at the New York Regional, the Newton Robotics Team qualified for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual FIRST championship at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. This international competition gathered 352 teams from 4 continents.

The Techno Ninjas again performed excellently achieving a record of 3 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties in their 10 qualifying matches finishing 47 out of 86 and a total score of 170 points in the highest seeded and most difficult division."

Mayor Elvidge read the following Proclamation proclaiming congratulations to the Techno Ninjas for their excellent achievement.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **NEWTON ROBOTICS**

**WHEREAS**, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, "FIRST", is a not-for-profit organization that celebrates science and technology through robotics competitions worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, FIRST inspires young people to be future science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build skills that encourage innovation and foster self-confidence, communication and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton High School's 16-member team named "*Techno Ninjas*" received a box of parts and assembled a robot that took nearly 100 hours of combined work over a six-week period. They named the robot "Bender" which they characterized as an offensive scoring machine; and

**WHEREAS**, the team's hard work and dedication paid off when they reached the semifinals of the New York Regional Competition which was held March 12-14, 2010, an earned first place in the Rookie category, and qualified for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual FIRST Championship at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, April 15-17, 2010, competing against 352 teams from 4 continents;

**NOW THEREFORE, WE**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, hereby proclaim our **Congratulations** to the **Techno Ninjas** for their excellent achievement of a record of 3 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual FIRST Championship. We applaud them for their teamwork and dedication and wish them success in all their future endeavors.

At this time, the Mayor and Mr. James Hofmann presented certificates to all the Team members that were present. A brief demonstration and presentation of "Bender's" capabilities were then presented.

Mr. Hofmann thanked the Governing Body, all the sponsors and community support the students received in their endeavors.

**PUBLIC**

Mayor Elvidge 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.”

Mrs. Mary DePalma, 18 Hillside Avenue and Mrs. Mary Lou Holterman, 29 West End Avenue, expressed their concerns regarding several code violations at 17 Hillside Avenue which have not been addressed. After a brief discussion, Mr. Russo will direct the Construction Official to re-inspect the property.

Mr. Anwar Qarmout, 45 Woodside Avenue, had several questions regarding abandoned properties and property maintenance and what is being done to protect adjoining properties. The Governing Body addressed Mr. Qarmout’s concerns and advised him to contact Mr. Russo with any specific property of concern. Mr. Russo explained that there are two separate issues, the Abandoned Properties Rehabilitation Act (APRA) which addressed properties that are abandoned, dilapidated, and not up to date on taxes and second is the Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Russo explained each separate issue in detail and reiterated to Mr. Qarmout to contact his office with any specific property and the Code Enforcement officer will be notified.

Mr. Michael Malone, 54 Trinity Street, had several questions regarding the Thorlabs property. Mr. Russo advised Mr. Malone of the Planning Board meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. which will be addressing the Thorlabs property.

**COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS**

None.

**HEARING ON THE 2010 BUDGET**

At this time, Mayor Elvidge opened the hearing on the 2010 Municipal and Water and Sewer Utility Budget to the public. There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion by Mayor Elvidge, seconded by Mr. Ricciardo and unanimously carried, the hearing was closed.

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A motion was made by Mr. Ricciardo to **ADOPT THE TOWN OF NEWTON MUNICIPAL AND WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BUDGET**, seconded by Mrs. Becker and roll call resulted as follows:

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

Mr. Russo read the following Municipal Budget Notice:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$7,384,836.44.

#### Summary of Revenues

1.	General Revenues	
	Surplus Anticipated	\$803,000.00
	Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$2,236,863.56
	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$340,000.00
2.	Amount to be raised by Taxation for Municipal purposes (Item 6(a) Sheet11)	\$7,384,386.44
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$10,764,250.00</b>

#### Summary of Appropriations

Within "CAPS"

5.	General Appropriations	
	(a&b) Operations including contingent	\$6,462,590.00
	(e) Deferred charges and statutory expenditures-Municipal	\$827,769.00

Excluded from "CAPS"

(a)	Operations – total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	\$1,370,307.88
(c)	Capital Improvements	\$291,000.00
(d)	Municipal Debt Service	\$1,270,090.00
(e)	Deferred Charges – Municipal	\$119,200.00
(m)	Reserve for uncollected Taxes (include other reserves if any)	\$423,293.12

<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$10,764,250.00</b>
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It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2010 approved budget and all amendments thereto, to if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

#### **ORDINANCES**

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

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**ORDINANCE #2010-06**

**A FULLY FUNDED GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF NEWTON**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, in the County of Sussex, as follows:

**Section 1.** \$20,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Capital Fund Balance for the following various improvements in the Town of Newton, including all costs necessary therefore or incidental thereto:

**Preliminary Costs Regarding Sale of Municipal Property** – Survey cost and related legal, engineering, or other cost incidental thereto regarding sale of the Fire Patrol property/improvements located at 7 Stuart Street, known as Block 1302, Lot 2.01 on the Newton Tax Maps (which may in the future be known as Survey of Lot 6, Block 19.01 on the Newton Tax Maps.) **\$5,000.00**

**Preliminary Engineering Costs for Dam Improvements** – Engineering costs to determine scope of services and related costs as outlined in reports prepared by Natural Resources conservation Service, and to update Emergency Action Plan, and any other permit, application fees or other costs incidental thereto.

**\$15,000.00**

**TOTAL COST OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS**

**\$20,000.00**

**Section 2.** The General Capital Budget of the Town of Newton is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect as provided by the law.

The Deputy Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

At this time, Mayor Elvidge declared the hearing on Ordinance #2010-06 opened to the public.

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

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

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

Mayor Elvidge directed the Deputy Clerk to read aloud the following

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Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

**ORDINANCE #2010-07**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,356,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING \$211,100 AVAILABLE FROM RESERVES, GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDS AND \$97,800 AVAILABLE AS DOWN PAYMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,047,100 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

The following **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mr. Ricciardo, who moved its introduction, 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	

**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 Monday, June 14, 2010.

The Deputy Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Mr. Ricciardo for Resolution #52-2010 to remain **TABLED** until the June 14, 2010 Council meeting 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	

**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."

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**RESOLUTION #64-2010\***

**INSERT SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE 2010 TOWN OF NEWTON BUDGET  
PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 (c.159, PL 1948)**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the Budget of any Municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newton has received notice of an award in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a Click It Ticket Seat Belt Grant CFDA #20.602 Project Number OP10-45-01-145;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of the following item of revenue in the 2010 Budget of the Town of Newton which is now available as revenue from:  
Miscellaneous Revenues:

Section F: Special Items of Revenue  
Public and Private Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:  
State of New Jersey Click It Ticket Grant.....\$ 4,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following like sum be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

A. Operations - Excluded from CAPS  
Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:  
State of New Jersey Click It Ticket Grant  
Police  
Salaries and Wages.....\$ 4,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION #65-2010\***

**CREDIT MONIES TO DELINQUENT TAXES DUE TO A STATE TAX JUDGMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Laneco, Inc., owner of Block 1307, Lot 6 also known as 2 Oak Street, filed a State Tax Court Appeal to lower the assessment on said block and lot; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2010, the Newton Tax Office received the Judgment issued by the State Tax Court ordering a reduction in their assessment for the tax year 2008 for Block 1307, Lot 6. This order has resulted in a credit of monies in the total amount of \$837.82 for the tax year 2008;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that this Governing Body acknowledges this Judgment and that Laneco, Inc. is entitled to a credit in the amount of \$837.82; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process a credit to Laneco, Inc. in the amount of \$837.82 in accordance with said Tax Court Judgment.

**RESOLUTION #66-2010\***

**AWARD CONTRACT TO NEW JERSEY FENCE AND GUARDRAIL, INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF FENCING AT MEMORY PARK, TOWN POOL & THE DPW FACILITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newton received two proposals for fencing at Memory Park, Town Pool & the DPW Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Fencing and Guardrail, Inc. was the lowest proposal reviewed in the amount of \$17,850.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow and Associates, recommended awarding the contract to New Jersey Fence and Guardrail, Inc. for the installation of fencing at Memory Park, Town Pool & the DPW Facility, in a memo dated May 12, 2010 to the Town Manager; 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 we hereby award the contract to complete the fencing at Memory Park, Town Pool, & the DPW Facility to New Jersey Fence and Guardrail, Inc., of Andover, NJ in the amount of \$17,850.00.

**RESOLUTION #67 -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:

**Utility Board recommends waiver of penalty:**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5256	35 Hillside Terrace	\$22.46
24280	25 Douma Drive	\$19.40

**Utility Board recommends waiver 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Sewer Charges:**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
18713	48 Diller Avenue	\$313.00

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**RESOLUTION #68-2010\***

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL RELATED TO PROVISION OF DENTAL CARE BENEFITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newton provides dental care benefits to its eligible employees pursuant to Newton Revised General Ordinance Section 4-10.1(c); and

**WHEREAS**, dental care benefits to the Town of Newton are presently provided by means of an independent policy purchased from Delta Dental; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newton has received a proposal from North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund ("HIF") dated April 29, 2010, copy attached, whereby the Town would continue its Delta Dental coverage by means of an agreement with the HIF for dental coverage, which will result in an improvement in the availability of in-network coverage to eligible Town employees and considerable discounts for dental treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the rates provided by the HIF for the same Delta Dental coverage presently provided will save the Town several thousands of dollars in premiums with no impact on the coverage currently received by eligible Town employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the HIF proposal would be for dental coverage effective July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Town of Newton and its employees eligible for dental benefits to accept the HIF's proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton accepts the offer of the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund for dental coverage as set forth in its proposal dated April 29, 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Manager is authorized to execute any necessary documentation to put into effect the provisions of this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION #69-2010\***

**APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB OWNER'S LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Newton General Revised Ordinances require that under **9-2, 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 that the renewal Taxicab Owner's License application is complete and accurate; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with **9-6, 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";

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**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 Harold R. Storm, Jr., 173 Spring Street, Newton, NJ 07860, t/a Chip's Taxi, Limo & Courier, which shall expire May 31, 2011; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the applicant must be in compliance with all aspects of **Chapter 9**, of the Newton Revised General Ordinances, as well as, the provisions of N.J.R.S. 46:16.

**RESOLUTION #70-2010\***

**APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB DRIVER'S LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Newton General Revised Ordinances require that under 9-2, 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 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 a renewal Taxicab Driver's License submitted by Harold R. Storm, Jr., 173 Spring Street, Newton, N.J., who represents Chips Taxi, Limo and Courier and shall expire on May 31, 2011.

**RESOLUTION #71-2010\***

**REVISING AMOUNT OF INCENTIVE TO EMPLOYEES FOR WAIVER OF HEALTH BENEFITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newton provides health care benefits to its eligible employees pursuant to Newton Revised General Ordinance Section 4-9.11; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to State law codified at N.J.S. 52:14-17.31(a), a municipality may offer an incentive to an employee who is eligible for health care coverage through an entity other than the municipality to waive coverage through the municipality, thereby saving the municipality premium expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said statute, the offering of an incentive to waive coverage and the amount of the incentive is in the sole discretion of the employer, up to a certain maximum percentage of premium savings; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to State regulation the decision of a municipality to allow its employees to waive coverage and the amount of the incentive to be paid cannot be subject to the collective bargaining process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has previously resolved to offer a health benefits waiver incentive in an amount of 42% of the premium saved because of the employee's waiver of coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 52:14-17.31(a) has been amended by Chapter 2, Section 11, P.L. 2010, such that employees who file a health benefits waiver on or after the effective date of the amendment may be paid by the Town an incentive

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amount not to exceed 25% of the amount saved by the Town or \$5,000.00, whichever is less; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Newton desires to conform its policy for waiver incentives for all employees to the new maximum established by Chapter 2, Section 11, P.L. 2010, to be effective on January 1, 2011.

**RESOLUTION #72-2010\***

**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**

67.50	VOID	27011
67.50	VOID	27034
67.50	VOID	27035
189,708.75	Payroll Account	1010025
887,294.00	Newton Board of Education	1010026
33,736.00	U.S.D.A. / FHA	1010027
125.16	Quill Corporation	27036
16.99	Montague Tool & Supply	27037
125.00	Sussex Car Wash, Inc.	27038
2,531.72	NUI Corporation	27039
345.51	JCP&L	27040
390.00	B & G Elevator Inc.	27041
2,742.70	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	27042
367.76	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	27043
5,647.00	Hollander, Strelzik, Pasculli, Hinkes	27044
9.54	Rowe & Company Inc.	27045
5,732.29	Delta Dental	27046
276.00	West Group	27047
31.46	Federal Express	27048
50.00	Newton First Aid Squad	27049
50.00	First United Methodist Church	27050
35.00	NJ Police Traffic Officers	27051
45.00	Galls Incorporated	27052
1,538.00	Minisink Press, Inc.	27053
359.84	Ann M. Rosellen	27054
1,699.12	GoodYear	27055
613.28	Dempsey Uniform & Supply Inc.	27056
90.00	Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce	27057
12.61	Efinger	27058
85.56	Airgas East	27059
1,193.47	Boonton Tire Supply	27060
480.00	Weiner Lesniak	27061
1,422.37	Verizon Wireless	27062
99.00	Institute Professional Develop	27063
74.03	Mr. John	27064
450.00	Vogel, Chait, Collins, Schneider, PC	27065
367.50	Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC	27066
155.90	Ward's Flowers and Gifts	27067
57.35	Mid-County Paper Stock Co., Inc.	27068

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267.26	Staples Business Advantage	27069
154.83	Lowe's	27070
42.95	Surefire LLC	27071
48.00	CSS Test	27072
100.00	Black Lagoon	27073
2,636.40	Hampton Body Works	27074
2,783.67	Rachles/Michele's Oil Company	27075
1,298.12	Taylor Oil Co.	27076
135.21	Structural Metal Fabricators	27077
156.00	Skylands Area Fire Equip.	27078
2,250.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	27079
1,539.00	Adam Vough	27080
651.00	Andy Matt, Inc.	27081
97.30	W.B. Mason	27082
9.00	Heine Plumbing & Heating	27083
56.65	Atlantic Tactical	27084
1,200.00	Sparctech Solutions, LLC	27085
30.00	SC Office of the Public Health Nursing	27086
7,464.67	Direct Energy Business	27087
75.00	Mikhail Mazuryk	27088
75.00	Hyla J. Fellner	27089
87.50	Robert V. Aumick	27090
75.00	Dewitt T. Budd	27091
75.00	David H. Goble	27092
81.25	Colleen A. Russell	27093
81.25	Patricia A. McClelland	27094
75.00	Mary Ellen Nienstedt	27095
75.00	Catherine M. Ashburn	27096
87.50	Linn Clouse	27097
75.00	Elizabeth T. Mussolini	27098
75.00	Lona L. Grisi	27099
75.00	Anne S. Kosusko	27100
75.00	Barbara E. Schwarz	27101
87.50	Roy C. Orcutt	27102
75.00	Janien Roberts	27103
75.00	Suzanne M. Kimble	27104
87.50	Irene E. Blauvelt	27105
75.00	Bulah Morris	27106
81.25	Diane P. Bell	27107
81.25	Claudia Yeulling	27108
75.00	Linda M. Steele	27109
67.50	Motorola	27110

**CAPITAL**

100.00	ABCCode Security	7529
3,194.30	Ben Shaffer & Associates	7530
276.27	Houghton, Quarty, Warr	7531
4,325.00	High Point Electric Inc.	7532
4,295.00	Allied Fire & Safety Equipment Co.	7533

**Total TOWN BILLS \$1,172.793.54**

**WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT**

29,916.33	Payroll Account	106016
1,526.42	MWH Americas, Inc.	11476

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648.55	NUI Corporation	11477
642.97	JCP&L	11478
6,055.93	Pumping Services	11479
30.00	Paul M. Havens	11480
8,797.56	Coyne chemical Corp., Inc.	11481
27.02	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	11482
1,300.62	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	11483
1,422.00	Hollander, Strelzik, Pasculli, Hinkes	11484
781.36	Delta Dental	11485
1,219.00	Garden State Laboratories, Inc.	11486
237.01	Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.	11487
79.98	Sears Hardware	11488
1,829.40	Weldon Asphalt Company	11489
317.21	Joseph G. Pollard Co., Inc.	11490
16.00	Joseph Carr	11491
281.74	Dempsey Uniform & Supply, Inc.	11492
108.04	Airgas East	11493
51.00	Ervin Lasso	11494
1,100.00	Instrumentation Tech Systems, Inc.	11495
1,293.53	John Smalley	11496
1,045.00	Main Pool & Chemical Company	11497
34.65	Carquest	11498
65.00	Eric Tompkins	11499
48.64	W.B. Mason	11500
14,188.91	Direct Energy Business	11501
234.33	One Call Concepts	11502

**CAPITAL**

4,485.95	Payroll Account	106101
2,542.50	Tarrific Sealcoating	2151

**Total WATER & SEWER BILLS \$80,326.65**

**TRUST ACCOUNT**

563.63	Payroll Account	107113
270.00	Harold Pellow & Assoc., Inc.	2775
90.00	Hollander, Strelzik, Pasculli, Hinkes	2776
1,125.00	James P. Sloan, PC	2777
768.00	Weiner Lesniak	2778
2,895.00	Vogel, Chait, Collins, Schneider, PC	2779
330.00	Vogel, Chait, Collins, Schneider, PC	2780
1,725.00	Northwest Territorial Mint	2781

**Total TRUST ACCOUNT BILLS \$7,766.63**

A motion was made by Mrs. Becker to approve the **COMBINED ACTION**

**RESOLUTIONS**, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and roll call resulted as follows:

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

**INTERMISSION – 8:01 p.m.**

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Ricciardo reiterated that the use of solar power would be a tremendous cost savings in electricity to the Town.

**COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS**

None.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Elvidge opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Joe Kocur, 29 Hamilton Street, had several questions regarding the Municipal and Water and Sewer Utility Budget which were addressed by Mr. Russo.

Mr. Anwar Qarmout, 45 Woodside Avenue, had several questions regarding street signs within the Town which were addressed by Mr. Russo.

**COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS**

Mr. Russo reminded Council the reorganization meeting is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Russo indicated that there will be no Town newsletter this Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Russo reminded Council of the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Ricciardo updated Council of the last Planning Board meeting and indicated discussion took place regarding the future of the Historic Commission, Historic District and Historic regulations within the Town of Newton. Mr. Ricciardo stated historic regulations are too stringent, and suggested compromise through acceptable alternative building materials and incentives in the form of tax abatements needed to encourage renovations. Mr. Ricciardo suggested perhaps a possibility is to disband the Historic Commission and put the Commission under the authority of the new Land Use Board.

Mr. Ricciardo stated items for future discussion included the flow test reports when completed, Ordinance 2010-2, and monthly reports from Mrs.

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Millikin regarding leak detection. The up-to-date leak detection report was then distributed to all Council members by Mr. Russo.

Mr. Ricciardo requested potential grants and programs for future funding of Solar systems be investigated and in place for next year's budget review.

Mr. Ricciardo requested regular updates from the Economic Development Commission, information on the parking garage study and what other shared services the Town is investigating.

Mrs. Becker commented for the public's knowledge that the above items are being worked on.

Mrs. Le Frois reiterated what she stated at the Planning Board meeting, that the issue regarding the Historic Commission is a much larger issue than deciding to create a list of approved and non-approved materials and advised that some of the issues are due to an ordinance that needs to be updated.

Mayor Elvidge agreed with Mr. Ricciardo and Mrs. Le Frois in that significant changes need to take place to the Historic Commission or create an architectural review board. Mayor Elvidge agreed incentives are needed to encourage rehabilitation to properties in the historic district.

#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Elvidge re-opened the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Sandy Diglio, 5 Paterson Place, agreed with Council regarding the changes needed to the Historic Commission.

Mr. Wayne McCabe, 123 Main Street, expressed his displeasure with Mr. Ricciardo's viewpoint regarding the future of the Historic Commission. Mr. McCabe gave a brief overview and history of the Historic Commission and stated that the Ordinance needs to be updated at least every 10 years to reflect the changes in the philosophy of historic preservation in America. Mr. McCabe stated if the Commission is disbanded, he feels the buildings within the historic district will lose their integrity.

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Mr. Anwar Qarmout, 45 Woodside Avenue, had a question regarding signage in front of empty store fronts on Spring Street which was addressed by Mr. Ricciardo. Mr. Qarmout made several suggestions in regards to the Historic Commission including investigating grants available to help preserve the historic properties.

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene M. O'Connor  
Deputy Municipal Clerk