

October 13, 2010

An Executive Session meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 8:30 p.m. Present were Mr. Elvidge, Mr. Ricciardo, Mrs. Le Frois, Mayor Becker, Town Manager, Mr. Thomas Russo, Jr. and Mr. Mark Hontz, Esq., Town Attorney. Mr. Fred Knapp, Esq., Labor Counsel, was also present. Mrs. Diglio was excused.

Mr. Russo read the following Resolution which authorized the Town Council to enter into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #183-2010

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) Personnel
- (2) Contract Negotiations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, assembled in public session on September 27, 2010, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on October 13, 2010, at 8:30 PM in the Town of Newton Municipal Building, 39 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific item 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 aforementioned **RESOLUTION** was offered by Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and unanimously carried.

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Personnel

Mr. Russo reviewed the draft Employment Agreement between the Town of Newton and Michael S. Richards, to serve as Chief of Police, effective November 5, 2010.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Knapp, Esq., Mr. Hontz, Esq. and the

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Governing Body regarding the draft employment agreement. Mr. Russo indicated that he will make changes and keep Council updated on the progress.

Contract Negotiations

Mr. Russo updated Council on the status of the contract negotiations with the CWA, which represents 7 full-time and 11 part-time dispatchers.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Russo indicated that he will continue negotiations and keep Council updated on the progress.

There being no further business to be conducted in Executive Session, upon motion of Mrs. Le Frois, seconded by Mr. Elvidge and unanimously carried, Council left Executive Session at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk