An Executive Session meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 7:53 pm. Present were Mrs. Becker, Deputy Mayor Diglio, Mayor Flynn, Mr. Levante, Mr. Elvidge and Town Manager, Thomas S. Russo, Jr.

Mayor Flynn made the following declaration that "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this Special meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 31, 2015."

The following Resolution was read which authorized the Town Council to enter into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #59-2016

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 items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

(1) Acquisition of Real Property

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, assembled in public session on March 28, 2016, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on March 28, 2016, at 7:53 pm in the Town of Newton Municipal Building, 39 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items 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.

ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Mr. Russo provided information on the potential acquisition of real property on Woodside Avenue adjacent to #2 Firehouse. A discussion ensued on various options regarding the possible consolidation and relocation of the Newton Firehouses. The consensus was there is not a viable location in town to build a consolidated firehouse. The Council directed Mr. Russo to continue to look for options for the relocation of the firehouse located on Woodside Avenue or for possible ways of diminishing the costs to demolish and rebuild at the current location. The Council also directed Deputy Manager, Debra Millikin to look into USDA funding to assist in the costs of the project.

Upon motion of Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Levante and carried, Council left

Executive Session at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leresa Den Oswon

Teresa Ann Oswin , RMC Deputy Municipal Clerk

