

Council Meeting
April 14, 2015
Chancellor Center

Vice-President of Council Auerweck called the regular semi-monthly meeting of Newtown Borough Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Vice-President Auerweck asked those in attendance to join him in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councillors Auerweck, Gusty, King and Warren; Mayor Swartz; and Solicitor Bolla. Councillors Grunde-McLaughlin and Walker were excused.

Mayor's Report – Charles F. Swartz, III

Mayor Swartz read a Proclamation for Charles Kelleher honoring his 50 years of service to the Newtown Fire Association and his service to the Newtown community.

Special Events

Arbor Day – April 24, 2015 at Brian S. Gregg Memorial Park beginning at 10 A.M.

Mayor Swartz presented Chief Wojciechowski's quarterly police report.

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Public to be Heard

Julia Woldorf announced the Newtown Creek Coalition creek cleanup scheduled for April 25, 2015, from 9 A.M.-Noon, with a rain date of May 2, 2015.

Vice-President's Report – Larry Auerweck

Mr. Auerweck announced the 2015 Recycling Schedule for Bucks County.

Certificates of Appropriateness – Robert King

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Warren, and carried unanimously, to follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and direct President of Council to sign the following Certificates of Appropriateness, thereby approving the historical appropriateness of the application, with final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.

**COA 2014-039 Residents Peter & Sara Hall/Zaveta Custom Homes,
136 N. Chancellor Street, Hall residence**

The applicants were seeking an amendment to previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness #2014-039 for installation of two windows instead of one on the north end elevation.

COA 2015-006-H Applicant: Lisa Fernandez, 10 S. State Street, B (second floor rear), The Homestead, sign

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a wall sign for The Homestead retail store.

COA 2015-003-H Applicant: Kimberly Agnew, 12-14 E. Jefferson Street, duplex residence

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for revisions to the plans (presented at a previous meeting) for the construction of an addition and replacement of siding and windows, noting that the 4 x 4 posts would extend past the railing top, with post caps, and the railing sections would be in-between the 4 x 4 posts.

COA 2015-004-H Applicant: Kimberly Agnew, 310 E. Penn Street, new single-family dwelling

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the revised plans (previously presented) for construction of a new single-family residence on an empty lot.

Presentation of Minutes

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Gusty, seconded by Councillor King, and carried unanimously to approve the January 7, 2015 Work Session minutes.
- ❖ Council was unable to approve the February 4, 2015 Work Session minutes because there was not a quorum of those present at that meeting for an approval.
- ❖ Council was unable to approve the February 10, 2015 Council Meeting because there was not a quorum of those present at the meeting for an approval.
- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Gusty, seconded by Councillor King, and carried unanimously to approve the March 4, 2015 Work Session minutes.
- ❖ Council was unable to approve the March 10, 2015 Council Meeting minutes because there was not a quorum of those present at the meeting for an approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance – Robert Walker, Chris Gusty & Perry Warren

Consolidated Report

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Auerweck, and carried unanimously, to accept, subject to audit, the consolidated expenditure report for the month of March totaling \$282,394.02.

Personnel Committee – Chris Gusty

Mr. Gusty announced that there are two openings on the Human Relations Commission and one opening on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Streets, Lights & Properties – Robert Walker

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Gusty, seconded by Councillor King, and carried unanimously to authorize the President of Council to sign the MS4 Permit for submission to the Department of Environmental Protection.
- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Gusty, seconded by Councillor Warren, and carried unanimously to authorize the release of the Maintenance Bond for the Greene Street project.

Solicitor's Report – William Bolla

Zoning Applications

Mr. Bolla reported that Council asked him to oppose the Zoning Hearing Board application for 201-203 Court Street. The meeting will be held on May 5, 2015 at 7 P.M.

Intergovernmental Agreement with Newtown Township

Mr. Bolla noted that the bids for the Frost Lane project will be opened on April 15, 2015, and once the costs for the project are determined, the agreement will be completed and reviewed by him before authorization for the Borough to sign it.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Gusty reported that a number of streets in the Borough require crack sealing because of the harsh winter. The cost of the work will be covered by Liquid Fuels funds.

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Gusty, seconded by Councillor King, and carried unanimously to approve *Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC* proposal to apply 700 gallons of rubberized crack seal to Borough streets, as needed.

Public to be Heard

There was no one from the public who wished to be heard.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Scull
Borough Secretary

ATTENDEES

Ted Schmidt
Julia & Warren Woldorf
Jeff Werner
Peter Hall
Lisa Hernandez