

Council Meeting  
May 9, 2017  
Chancellor Center

Vice President of Council Christopher Gusty called the monthly meeting of Newtown Borough Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Vice-President Gusty asked those in attendance to join him in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilors Grunde-McLaughlin, Gusty, King, McDermott, and Rodowicz; Solicitor Bolla and Mayor Swartz. Absent: Councilor Walker

### **Amendment to the Agenda**

Vice President Gusty added pothole repair to the agenda.

**Public to be Heard** - none

### **Mayor's Report – Charles F. Swartz, III**

#### Special Events Reminders:

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 29, 2017, sponsored by the Newtown American Legion, Morell Smith Post 440 from 9:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Restaurant Week, sponsored by the Newtown Mercantile Group, began on May 7, 2017 and is continuing through May 11, 2017.

Annual Memorial Day Services, sponsored by the Newtown American Legion, Morell Smith Post 440, on Friday May 26, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. at the Council Rock North Auditorium.

An 1860's Vintage Baseball game between the Newtown Strakes and Flemington Neshanock will be held on May 29, 2017 at Pickering Field, beginning at 12:00 P.M.

### **Vice President's Report – Christopher Gusty**

Vice President Gusty reported the cancellation of the July 5, 2017 Borough Council Work Session.

### **Certificates of Appropriateness – Robert King**

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councilor King, seconded by Councilor McDermott, and carried unanimously, to follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and direct Vice 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 2017-10, Applicant: Adam Curtin - 231 S. Chancellor Street, residence**

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of the existing garage/barn and construction of a new garage.

*HARB recommended the approval of the application, as presented in the revised plans submitted 4/26/17, noting that the garage doors will have a smooth finish and the main doors will be wood.*

**COA 2017-13, Applicant: Richard R. Furst - 202 N. State Street, residence**

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of two existing sheds with one shed.

*HARB recommended the approval of the application, as presented, noting that the pair of doors will be wood and the proposed vinyl shutters will not be visible from the street or a public way.*

### **Approval of Minutes**

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councilor Grunde-McLaughlin, seconded by Councilor Rodowicz, and carried unanimously, to approve the April 5, 2017 Work Session Meeting minutes.
  
- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councilor Grunde-McLaughlin, seconded by Councilor King, and carried unanimously, to approve the April 11, 2017 Council Meeting minutes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Budget & Finance – Christopher Gusty & Kevin McDermott**

##### **Consolidated Report**

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councilor McDermott, seconded by Councilor Rodowicz, and carried unanimously, to accept, subject to audit, the Consolidated Expenditure Report for the month of March totaling \$268,025.25.

## **Personnel Committee – Kevin McDermott**

Councilor McDermott reported on the existing open committee positions which include one for Environmental Advisory Council, one Alternate for Zoning Hearing Board, and members for Ad Hoc Traffic & Parking Committee. He welcomed the public to volunteer and noted that the application is available on the website. No new applications have been received from residents and business owners who previously expressed interest in the Ad Hoc Traffic & Parking Committee.

## **Streets, Lights & Properties –Christopher Gusty**

Councilor Gusty reported that we are waiting for installation of the new LED streetlights, beginning in June.

Councilor Gusty stated that three bids have been solicited for the streetlight pole replacement in the main municipal parking lot.

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councilor Gusty, seconded by Councilor Grunden-McLaughlin, and carried unanimously, to release the first payment to Bray Bros. for the road construction on N. Lincoln Ave. and Jefferson St. in the amount of \$25,814.92.
- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councilor Gusty, seconded by Councilor King, and carried unanimously, to approve the expenditure of \$1,125 to Patch Management for pothole repairs.

It was stated that there are approximately 50 potholes to fill in the Borough.

Councilor Gusty reported that the LED lighting project will begin in Washington Village and the entire job should take approximately three weeks.

## **Solicitor's Report – William J. Bolla - none**

### **Old Business -none**

### **New Business**

Councilor Gusty reported that the annual street sweeping will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 on streets running north and south, and on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 on streets running east and west. Thursday, May 25, 2017 is the rain date.

### **Public to be Heard**

Paul Salvatore, Resident, reported that the Newtown Rotary Club is hosting their annual golf outing on June 19, 2017 to benefit Pickering Manor; they are looking for hole sponsors and participants. He noted that all funds raised this year will go towards patient rehabilitation.

On behalf of the Newtown Business Association, Mr. Salvatore announced that they are in need of cars to exhibit at the Antique Car Show. He commented that Welcome Day was a success despite the rain, with people visiting both Newtown Borough and Township.

Julia Woldorf, Project Coordinator, requested the Solicitor's response regarding possible litigation concerning Newtown Common. Solicitor Bolla stated that no litigation has been filed to this date. A letter was issued today to Borough Council from his law partner, David Brooman, stating that the property owner, claiming rights to part of Newtown Common, has no objections to the improvements planned on the creek bank. Ms. Woldorf requested a copy of Mr. Brooman's letter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy S. Musto  
Borough Secretary

#### ATTENDEES

Joe Carcacci  
Ted Schmidt  
Warren & Julia Woldorf  
Jeff Werner  
Mike Sellers  
Donna Gusty  
Will Fabian  
Paul Salvatore  
Marvin Cohen  
Adam Curtin  
Richard Furst