

Newtown Borough Council Meeting Agenda

Working together to ensure a safe, inclusive, informed, and thriving community.

August 19, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

Chancellor Center - Newtown PA

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Visitors are given the opportunity to speak at the beginning and at the end of each Council Meeting, as well as prior to a vote on any action by Council. Per Borough policy POL-004, adopted 9/9/2020, a member of the public wishing to address the Council should:

- For the record, state your name and whether you are a Newtown Borough resident
- Address your comments to the Presiding Officer
- Limit your comments to five (5) minutes
- Demonstrate mutual respect and decorum - your comments are part of the public record
- Be advised that all meetings are recorded

Call to Order ____ P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public to be Heard – Please Sign In

Mayoral Proclamation Honoring Awardees of Newtown Fire ~ Rescue – Tara Grunde-McLaughlin

Certificates of Appropriateness – Kris Bauman

- Follow the recommendations of the Historic Architectural Review Board and direct the President of Council to sign the following Certificates of Appropriateness, thereby approving the historical appropriateness of the applications, with final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.

CO26-040, 111 Mercer Street—Porch floor replacement, Applicant: Patricia Pugh

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace her porch decking with mahogany.

HARB recommended approving the application as presented.

COA 2026-041, 245 S. Chancellor Street—Fence, Applicant: Ann Stroehlein

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a new fence.

HARB recommended approving the application as presented.

COA 2026-043, 14 Liberty Street —Brick Repointing, Applicant: Newtown Fire Association

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to repoint three sides of the original brick firehouse.

HARB recommended approving the application as presented.

COA 2026-044, 10 S. State Street—New signs, Applicant: Natalia Baryshukaia

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of new signage.

HARB recommended approving the application as presented.

COA 2026-045, 207 Penn Street —Window Replacement , Applicant: Linda Wolfenson

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing vinyl windows.

HARB recommended approving the application to replace all windows with vinyl except for three kitchen windows which will be upgraded to wood.

COA 2026-046A, 1 E. Washington Avenue—Awning and Canopy, Applicant: Verindar Kaur

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of the awnings and the installation of a new canopy.

HARB recommended approving the new awnings on the building.

- Follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and deny the following Certificate of Appropriateness.

COA 2026-046B, 1 E. Washington Avenue—Awning and Canopy, Applicant: Verindar Kaur

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of the awnings and the installation of a new canopy.

HARB recommended denying the canopy and recommended the installation of an awning at the entrance that matches the others.

- Follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and deny the following Certificate of Appropriateness.

COA 2026-038, 209 & 211 Court Street—Door Replacement, Applicant: Tiffany and Chris DiMedio

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of doors.

HARB recommended denying both applications stating the existing door at 209 should be repaired and restored while the replacement of the doors at 211 should be in wood.

Police Report – Chief Sabath

Mayor’s Report – Tara Grunde-McLaughlin

- Approve Shofar in the Park, sponsored by Lubavitch of Bucks County at Pickering Field, on Sunday, September 13th, 5:30-6:00pm. No rain date.
- Approve Purple Ribbons, sponsored by A Woman’s Place, September 26th-November 1st, in the center of town on public property.
- Approve PorchStock, sponsored by the Newtown Experience Group, on Saturday, September 26th throughout the Borough, 1:00-4:00pm. No rain date.
- Approve Dancing in the Street, sponsored by Lubavitch of Bucks County, on Saturday, October 3rd, 8:00-9:00pm, on State Street between Greene Street and Washington Avenue. No rain date.
- Approve the Haunted Hustle 5K Walk/Run, sponsored by the NR2F1 Foundation, Saturday, October 17th, 8:00-11:00am, on a designated race route. No rain date.
- Approve the Witches’ Ride on Saturday, October 31st, 10:00-11:00am, along a designated bicycle route. No rain date.
- Approve the Cupid’s Chase 5K, sponsored by Community Options, Inc. on Saturday, February 13, 2027, 9:00-11:00am, along a designated race route. Rain date is February 20, 2027.

Solicitor’s Report – Greg Heleniak

President’s Report – Emily Heinz

Streets, Lights & Properties – Emily Heinz & Julia Woldorf

- Accept a proposal from _____ for crosswalk painting and installation of an ADA mat at a cost not to exceed \$ _____.

Topics advanced from prior meetings:

- Authorize the Council President to sign a contract, accepting the 2026 Roadway Improvement Program Construction bid from Harris Blacktopping, Inc., for the bid amount of \$81,461.25 based on the unit prices in the bid.
- Approve the proposal from ARRO Consulting Inc. for design, construction and bid document preparation services for the Brian S. Gregg Memorial Park project, as funded through a DCNR Grant, in an amount of \$32,775 with \$1,000 for reimbursable expenses.

Approval of Minutes

- Approve July 1, 2026 Work Session minutes.
- Approve July 15, 2026 Council Meeting minutes.

Budget & Finance – Emily Heinz, Gail Foley, & Julia Woldorf

- Accept, subject to audit, the Consolidated Expenditure Report for the month of July totaling \$174,552.56.

Old Business**Announcements****Public to be Heard****Motion to Adjourn**