

Newtown Borough Council Meeting Agenda

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September 22, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Chancellor Center - Newtown PA

PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES DURING MEETING

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 Jonathan C. Guy, Retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Reserve – Tara Grunde-McLaughlin

Liberty Centre Development - Presentation

Certificates of Appropriateness – Kris Bauman

- Motion ____ to follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and direct the President of Council to sign the following Certificate of Appropriateness, thereby approving the historical appropriateness of the application, with final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer. Sec. ____

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.

- Motion ____ to 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. Sec. ____

**COA 2026-028, 113 Penn Street—Addition and Alterations to House, Addition to Carriage House
Applicant: Phillips & Donovan Architects, LLC**

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations to the House and Carriage House.

HARB recommended to approve the application as submitted conditioned upon: the siding on the dormers be changed to horizontal rather than diagonal, that the 17-18" dimension be added at the new addition, confirming that its roofline is well-below the original and that Permacast be allowed for the columns of the new reconstructed porch.

COA 2026-042, 194 N. Chancellor Street—Window Replacement, Applicant: Ian Kelly

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to correct unapproved window replacements.

HARB recommended accepting the application as presented conditioned upon the need for the siding and window trim to match what was there originally.

COA 2026-048, 125 N. Lincoln Avenue—Porch, Applicant: Robert and Edith Celeste

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to repair a fallen pent roof and replace the front porch roof and decking.

HARB recommended to approve the application as presented with the recommendation that the porch deck be replaced with mahogany rather than Douglas fir, that the standing seams of the new metal roof will not exceed 1" and will be installed with a receptor channel at the walls of the house and that a slip piece will be added at the connection of the roof hip which will be the same profile and height as the standing seams.

COA 2026-049, 101 S. State Street—Signs, Applicant: Derek Little

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

HARB recommended approving the application as presented.

COA 2026-050, 110 Jefferson Street—Addition, Applicant: Joel Petty

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct an addition at the rear of the house.

HARB recommended approving the application as presented.

COA 2026-051, 10 S. State Street—Sign, Applicant: Barbara Brucker

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

HARB recommended approving the application as presented.

COA 2026-053, 313 Washington Avenue—Addition, Applicant: Joel Petty

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a second floor to the existing mudroom. Joel Petty attended the meeting.

HARB recommended approving the application noting that the band between the sections can be eliminated because the addition will be differentiated as new because the new siding will always look different from the old because of its age and patina. They also added that because of the deterioration of the porch decking, HARB will allow it to be replaced in kind from mahogany to mahogany.

Police Report – Chief Sabath

Mayor’s Report – Tara Grunde-McLaughlin

Special Event Requests:

- Motion ____ to approve the Turkey Trot 5K in honor of Brian S. Gregg, sponsored by Boss Events, on Thanksgiving Thursday, November 26th along a designated race route, 9:00-10:00am, followed by a festival at the end. No rain date. Sec. ____
- Motion ____ to approve the Children’s Fun Fest immediately following the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 24th, sponsored by the Newtown Rotary Club, at Brian S. Gregg Memorial Park. No rain date. Sec. ____
- Motion ____ to approve Cupid’s Chase 5K, sponsored by Community Options, Inc. on Saturday, February 13, 2027, 9:00-11:00am, along a designated race route. No rain date. Sec. ____

Special Event Reminder:

- Market Day, sponsored by the Newtown Historic Association on Saturday, October 3rd, 8:00am-4:00pm, on Centre Avenue and Court, Mercer, and Congress Streets. Rain date is October 4th.

Solicitor’s Report – Greg Heleniak

Vice-President’s Report – Gina Tognini

- Motion ____ to extend Chief Sabath’s current employment agreement through January 31, 2028. Sec. ____
- Bucks County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Topics advanced from prior meetings:

- Motion ____ to adopt Ordinance #810, Amending Chapter 501 Taxation. Sec. ____
- Motion ____ to adopt Resolution #9-22-2026 Bucks County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Sec. ____
- Motion ____ to approve the 2027 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$4,940 for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Sec. ____

- Motion ____ to approve the 2027 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$68,733 for the Police Pension Plan. Sec. ____
- Motion ____ to approve the pre-season purchase of 120 tons of bulk road salt for a total price of \$12,600. Sec. _____

Approval of Minutes

- Motion ____ to approve August 5, 2026 Work Session minutes. Sec. ____
- Motion ____ to approve August 19, 2026 Council Meeting minutes. Sec. ____

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

- Motion _____ to accept, subject to audit, the Consolidated Expenditure Report for the month of August totaling \$352,227.93. Sec. _____

Streets, Lights, & Properties – Emily Heinz & Julia Woldorf

- Motion ____ to accept TCA Proposal #2 dated September 3, 2026, for Ongoing Planning Consultant Services for the Liberty Centre Proposed Development, for an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Sec. ____
- Pedestrian Bridge Project Update
- Motion ____ to approve an addendum to the Realty Landscaping Contract to add mowing of the Pickering Field rights-of-way. Sec. _____
- Motion ____ to accept the proposal by Realty Landscaping to remove dead shrubbery at Brian Gregg Park for an amount not to exceed \$748.24. Sec. ____
- Motion ____ to accept Countryside Gardeners' Proposal to plant and mulch the Edward Hicks Memorial Garden in the Municipal Parking Lot. Sec. _____

Old Business

Announcements

Public to be Heard

Motion to Adjourn