

Newtown Borough Council Meeting Agenda

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

March 10, 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

Presentations

- EAC: Bowmans Hill Plants Grant
- Liberty Centre Development Proposal

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.

COA 2026-009, 159 N. State Street, Applicant: Mike Hutchinson

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of an existing shed addition on the back of the house and an early 20th century shed at the rear of the property.

HARB recommended approving the application for demolition noting that neither the shed addition nor the rear shed has architectural or historic significance.

COA 2026-006 and 2026-007, 105 and 107 N. Chancellor Street, Applicants: Christopher Grimes and Charles & Barbara Lewis

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for repairs to the shared front porch of this twin house.

HARB recommended approving both applications for 105 and 107 N. Chancellor St. with the following changes: the main three posts will be repaired using dutchman or epoxy. The railing will be salvaged if possible or replaced in exact kind in terms of proportion and detailing. The balusters will be salvaged. Necessary new balusters will be turned to match the existing.

COA 2026-008, 110 E. Centre Avenue, Applicant: Peggy and Doug Levin

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the rear porch.

HARB recommended approving the application as presented.

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

COA 2026-005, 17 N. State Street, Applicants: Karoline and Janine Elise, Klassen Trust

The applicants seek a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a fence.

HARB recommended denying the application emphasizing that if the PVC fence had become before HARB before its construction it would have been denied.

Police Report – Chief Sabath

Mayor’s Report – Tara Grunde-McLaughlin

- Approve Arbor Day, sponsored by the Recreation Board, on Friday, April 17, 2026, 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. at Brian S. Gregg Park. Rain date is April 24, 2026.
- Approve the Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the American Legion-Morell Smith Post 440, on Monday, May 25, 2026, 9:00-11:30 A.M. along a designated parade route. No rain date.
- Newtown Celebrates America's 250th - Saturday, August 8th

Solicitor’s Report – Greg Heleniak

- 239 Court Street retaining wall – Continued Appeal Hearing
- Approve a reserved handicapped parking space with conditions for 446 Washington Avenue.
- Approve a Pillar Agreement with Matthew Neuman for an EV Charging Post in the right-of-way in front of 446 Washington Avenue.

Manager's Report – Craig Totaro

- Solicit bids for landscaping services.

President's Report – Emily Heinz

- Fire Services Agreement Update

Approval of Minutes

- Approve the February 4, 2026 Work Session minutes.
- Approve the February 26, 2026 Council Meeting minutes.

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

- Accept, subject to audit, the Consolidated Expenditure Report for the month of February totaling \$314,826.17.

Personnel/Committees of Council Appointments – Gina Tognini

- No activity | Current vacancies on Human Relations Commission – 2 Members

Old Business

Announcements

Public to be Heard

Motion to Adjourn