

Newtown Borough Council Meeting Agenda

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

May 20, 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

Presentation

- 2026 Garden Tours – Newtown Historic Association

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 2026-014, 135 Liberty Street, residence, Applicant: Nicole Rodowicz

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of a fence and gate to match existing.

HARB recommended approving the application as submitted.

COA 2026-015, 113 Greene Street, Applicant: Robin and Hugh Butler

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of an existing deck. Ms. Butler attended the meeting.

HARB recommended approving the application as presented, noting that the board has approved Trex in the past when it is in the back and not visible.

COA 2025-047, 110 Lincoln Avenue, Residence, Applicant: Edward Deitzel

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sunroom addition at the rear of the house.
HARB recommending approving the application as presented.

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

COA 2026-013, 130 N. State Street, residence, Applicant: Rachelle Kosoff and Kevin McClay

The applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of windows and storms.
HARB recommended denying the application as the windows appear to be original/historic and they should be repaired.

Police Report – Chief Sabath

Mayor’s Report – Tara Grunde-McLaughlin

Special Event Requests:

- Approve a Movie in the Park, sponsored by the Recreation Board at Linton Memorial Park on Wednesday, June 17th, 6:00-9:00pm. No rain date.
- Approve Newtown Celebrates America’s 250th, sponsored by the Newtown Historic Association, events at Patriots Park and Borough Hall, on Saturday, August 8th, 9:30am-3:30pm. No rain date.
- Approve the Newtown Holiday Parade, sponsored by the Newtown Business Association along a specified parade route, on Sunday, December 6th, 12:30-4:00pm. No rain date.

Special Event Reminder:

Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the American Legion Morell Smith Post 440, on Monday, May 25, 2026, 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. on a designated parade route, followed by the Annual Vintage Baseball Game at Pickering Field at 12:30 P.M.

Solicitor’s Report – Greg Heleniak

Manager’s Report – Craig Totaro

- Lightpath Fiber Optic Cable – Update
- PennDOT Transportation Grant Program

President’s Report – Emily Heinz

- Accept proposal from GW Tax and Accounting LLC for accounting services beginning June 1st 2026.

- Authorize the execution of an agreement with The Meyner Center for HR/personnel services.

Topics Advanced from previous meetings:

- Approve the general terms of the lease agreement for 22 Liberty Street with the Newtown Fire Association to begin on January 1, 2027, and authorize the Solicitor to draft and negotiate the remaining terms of the lease agreement.
- Approve the Pedestrian Planning Proposal, funded through an LSA Grant, from ARRO Consulting Inc.
- Authorize advertisement of bids for snow removal services.

Approval of Minutes

- Approve the April 8, 2026 Work Session minutes.
- Approve the April 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 April totaling \$302,199.51.

Old Business

Announcements

Public to be Heard

Motion to Adjourn