

The January 24, 2017 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mark Kobasuk, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Members: Curt Tiettmeyer (Vice Mayor) Chuck Short Solicitor: Emily T. Supinger (not present)
Daryl Zornes Cheryl McConnell Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett
Joe Harten Terry Fairley Assistant to Mayor: Becky Fairley

Project Status Report (Reported by Engineer Bruce Brandstetter, BCI)

Ivy Hills Blvd. Storm Line (culvert cleaning at Ivy Hills Blvd/Little Dry)

- Contractor has worked 3 days since last council meeting
- 2-3 days of work remain
- BCI is preparing alternatives/costs for inlet protection

MRF/OPWC Grants

- SR32 Storm, basically from Burger east of the east corporation line) project came in first out of 72 projects. Bids go out 05/15/2017 then enter into agreement in July. Construction would begin 07/15/2017 and should last for three months. 2018 date was given in case something holds project up. 50%/50% split of \$390,000 for construction.
- Coordinate w/ODOT Safety Grant, widening 32 to a third lane, adding a right turn lane eastbound @ Little Dry Run. Meeting in February
- Ragland Road Culvert not funded for loan. First Contingency for Small Government Funds
- BCI Proposal for design of the project attached for SR32

Street Paving Plan

- All Village streets have been assessed by BCI – the streets have been broken down into three categories: 1) streets/alleys, 2) County roads and 3) SR 32. Each one has a potential different funding source.
- Work Includes Pavement Repairs: Curb Repairs / Mill and Pave / Pavement Markings
- The below cost estimates are to be considered for 2017

Village Streets/Alleys – work estimated @ \$2,000,000 (no funding available – Village will fund this project)

County Roads – work estimated @ \$750,000 – MRF funds may be available

State Route 32 – work estimated @ \$1,000,000 – typically, state funds 80% of construction costs/

Village pays 20%, which is estimated @ \$256,000

- The Village pays for curb repairs and catch basins also
- On a 17 year cycle, the average annual funding would be \$177,000 | Village Streets/Alleys is \$118,000/year average
- County roads may be eligible for MRF funds for partial funding. 17-year cycle, average \$44,000
- SR32 is eligible for partial ODOT funding. Does not include curb and may not include thermoplastic pavement markings. Village share @ 20% and curb \$200,000

Alternative Plans for 2017

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| 1. Seabrook, Bent Tree and Center Streets | \$131,000 |
| 2. Village Drive, Seabrook Dr. and Bent Tree Drive | \$209,000 |

Better cost estimates will be received if Council decides quickly and goes out to bid February thru early May. A 2-5% increase per month will be seen June thru August. There are cost advantages in the economies of scale.

Council Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 1.24.2017 Council Checklist for \$89,814.06, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.

2016 General Fund Overview (Reported by Curt Tiettmeyer)

Revenue is \$59,000 over what was estimated. All departments contributed to the expenditures coming in under \$130,000. Ending Balance/surplus for 2016 is \$909,059.90. Several years ago, an agreement was made to Council that the absolute minimum fund balance should be \$500,000. The ideal number is should \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 range.

Possible Infrastructure Financing (Reported by Curt Tiettmeyer)

A General Obligation Bond Overview was presented and discussed. The Village of Newtown would issue \$1,500,000 in bonds to fund infrastructure improvements. Terms would be 20 years with principal and interest payments annually. The estimated rate of interest is 4% fixed for the entire term. Funding will be split 60% street projects and 40% storm water projects with repayment coming proportionately from the Street and Storm Water Utility Funds. Storm Water Projects funded will be the Ragland Road Drainage Project and the Village portion of the SR32 Storm Sewer Replacement Project. Should the infrastructure improvements cost less than the bond proceeds, any surplus funding would be added to the appropriate village street or storm water fund and held for future use. The Village of Newtown is a good candidate for the bonds and they could be secured within (30) thirty days. After more discussion, it was decided that Council will consider a Resolution to approve and move forward with a bond counsel – the cost would be \$8,000. Mayor Kobasuk and Council thanked Mr. Tiettmeyer for the idea and extensive work researching bonds to fund infrastructure improvements.

WeTHRIVE! Initiative Update (Reported by Joe Harten)

WeTHRIVE! Is an initiative of the Hamilton County Public Health Department (HCPH); it was designed to help communities create healthy environments that will last for generations. There are six “pathways” (Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention, Environmental Health, Emergency Preparedness, Substance Abuse, and Social Health) to focus efforts on particular community health issues. The WeTHRIVE! Initiative was presented to Council on March 22, 2016. Council passed a resolution to allow WeTHRIVE! to perform the Community Health Assessment, a comprehensive report on Newtown including a public survey component, on April 12, 2016. HCPH presented Newtown’s Community Health Assessment to council and interested citizens on October 6, 2016. Based on the findings of the report and the interests of the community expressed in the survey, WeTHRIVE! staff recommended that Newtown adopt the Environmental Health pathway for further study. The Environmental Health Pathway focuses on environmental conditions that impact the health of residents, including air/water quality, recycling, physical living conditions, structures and land use, and overall safety. HCPH also recommended the Emergency Preparedness Pathway. Anderson Township adopted this as their pathway, so Newtown is already integrated into this pathway with the ATFD being a big participant in the Emergency Preparedness activity. Mr. Zornes plans to meet with Marvin Conley, ATFD and report back to Council. Mr. Harten said Newtown can learn from what AT is doing through Mr. Zornes efforts. The next step for the Village is to pass a resolution to formally adopt the Environmental Health pathway. A team of members would need to be formed, consisting of one elected official, one member of Village Administration and at least two residents or business-representatives. HCPH would dive deeper into the Environmental Health side of the report and we would come up with an action plan and meet periodically to review progress. Mr. Harten doesn’t want this to become something that council and administration just drives something along with the WeTHRIVE! team. Mr. Harten suggested adopting the resolution and then assess if interest is there from citizens and businesses. The Village is under no obligation to the WeTHRIVE!, if interest is not expressed. If interest is expressed, then the WeTHRIVE! team is ready to support our efforts at no cost.

Council Minutes

Mr. Short made a motion to approve the 01.10.2017 Council Minutes, Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission (Reported by Cheryl McConnell)

Planning Commission will meet 1.26.2017 at 6:00pm to review a conditional use application for property located at 3603 Church Street. This will be an office for Kaegi Landscaping. Per Mr. Stoker, it isn’t necessary to have a Public Hearing since the business is not open to the general public.

Local Business Update (Reported by Cheryl McConnell)

- Iron Skillet: End of an era, as the Iron Skillet was demolished today. The property has been vacant for sometime due to a fire.
- Doscher’s Candies: Company is currently in the storm water design phase.
- Angel’s Care: Building 1 is in slab stage; Construction for Building 2 has not started yet

Zoning Code Update (Reported by Cheryl McConnell)

Planning Chairman John Russell and Mrs. McConnell will meet with Gerry Stoker Feb. 13th to review the draft of the updates before presenting to the Planning Commission. Once zoning updates have been approved by the Planning Commission, the Zoning Code will be presented to Council.

Village Beautification (Reported by Cheryl McConnell)

For the past few years, Council approved to participate in an annual Village Beautification flower pot project. The Village pays for about 80% of the project with the NBA supporting the remaining amount. The below amount is in the budget.

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to approve \$3,732 to be paid to My Flower Service, which is a local business. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Flag Spring Cemetery (Reported by Terry Fairley)

A while back, a pine tree located in the cemetery was struck by lightning and has become a safety hazard. Mr. Fairley will contact Dr. Tankersley for direction since the tree is located at the top of an Indian Mound.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to approve \$2,105 to Wessling Tree Service for removal of the dead tree described above, located at Flag Spring Cemetery. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Harten made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:55pm. Mr. Tiettmeyer seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Council reconvened at 8pm to adopt the following resolution: (Mr. Harten had left for the evening)

Resolution, ODNR

The State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and/or the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF). This grant would be used for Newtown's Lake Barber Trail.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 03-2017 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Harten-absent. Motion Carried.

Council adjourned at 8:10pm.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley