

The April 8, 2014 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Curt Cosby, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers:	Joe Harten	Chuck Short
	Mark Kobasuk	Curt Tiettmeyer
	Cheryl McConnell	Daryl Zornes

Solicitor: Rob Butler

Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett

Police Chief: Tom Synan

Congressman Brad Wenstrup

Congressman Brad Wenstrup serves Ohio's 2nd District. Field Representative Annie Wilkerson is a liaison to the congressman's office and offered assistance to mayor and council for any legislative staff, federal or local issues. Mr. Kobasuk asked Ms. Wilkerson if she knew Congressman Wenstrup's position regarding the Eastern Corridor. Ms. Wilkerson said she would find out and get back with Mr. Kobasuk.

Short Park - Miami Valley Venture

Resident Jim Reynolds, 3633 Church Street. Mr. Reynolds talked to Council about the possibility of a football stadium being built at Short Park. Miami Valley Christian Academy School is located behind Mr. Reynolds home. The placement of the stadium, sound, lighting and parking are concerns and asked Council to consider options to reduce the noise and possible light pollution. Mr. Reynolds said he is not opposed to football or having a football stadium at the park. MVCA has been a very good neighbor and realizes a stadium would benefit the children and the school.

Resident Sue Short Barnard, 3631 Church Street, also talked to Council about the same concerns previously mentioned. Mrs. Barnard said the land was originally acquired many years ago from the Dravo Corporation for the enjoyment of Newtown families. She said she has no problem with the school expanding if the back-end of the park is considered. Mrs. Barnard urged Council to consider the lower end of the park for the football stadium.

Mr. Harten assured Mr. Reynolds and Mrs. Barnard that Council is taking all of their concerns into consideration as discussions are taking place with MVCA. The goal is to use the park for the betterment of Newtown and its residents. Mr. Kobasuk told Mr. Reynolds and Mrs. Barnard their points were well taken, as Council plans to reach out to the community for feedback once a contract has been agreed upon.

Newtown Landfills

Resident Karen Mayrhofer, 7440 Pinehurst Drive. Mrs. Mayrhofer asked what was going on with the Burger Landfill and said both Burger and Newtown Landfills are looking atrocious. Mayor Cosby said Burger Landfill plans to close the landfill by year-end. As far as Newtown Landfill, we are looking into this, as it is their intention to go as high as they can.

Forest Hills School District Update

Randy Smith, 7493 Pinehurst Drive. Mr. Smith is a member of the Board of Education and the legislative liaison. The Board remains committed to developing an active plan to address the facilities needs in the Forest Hills School District. Ultimately, it will result in either a levy or a bond issue in November 2014 or May 2015.

MVCA / Short Park

Mr. Harten received the most recent Term Sheet from MVCA prior to the meeting and handed it out to council members.

Planning Commission Update

At the 3.27.2014 Planning Commission meeting, potential re-zoning of a few properties was discussed. Signage was also approved for the Shell station at the corner of Church and Valley. The next regularly-scheduled Planning Commission meeting is 4.24.2014 at 7:00pm.

Lake Barber – Request for Proposals

Mr. Harten made a motion to authorize Request for Proposals to go out to selected firms for potential consulting services around Lake Barber. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Contract for Moundview 2nd Floor Renovations

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Discussion

Bids for this project have been received from DER Construction and Chris Hollon Construction. Chris Hollon Construction will be doing the entire project for \$20,000, which is in the budget. References were contacted. The project should begin at the end of April and is expected to take three weeks to complete the project. Secondary exit concerns have been discussed with Mike Spry.

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 12-2014 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE 2ND FLOOR MOUNDVIEW CENTER, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Tiettmeyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried.

Newtown Building Evaluations (Reported by Mrs. McConnell)

Mrs. McConnell talked to Mike Spry about the need for Village-owned properties to have regular inspections by a qualified professional. Village Council passed a Building Maintenance policy by resolution in 2010; whereby, all buildings in the village were to be inspected once every two years. Mike Spry has created a comprehensive Building Evaluation form. Mrs. McConnell asked Mayor Cosby if he would work with Mike on continuing a rotation.

Short Park (Reported by Mrs. McConnell)

The drain to the drinking fountain is not the proper drain. Mr. Dickerson said \$1500 is needed to repair the drain. The main issue has been silt coming back up getting into the seals, which is a drainage issue, not a supply issue. Mr. Tiettmeyer asked if the fountains were routinely shut down and winterized. Mr. Dickerson said some are where the water has been shut off and several that the water is never shut off, due to the pipes being underground and in a frost-free zone.

Heaters for the restroom at Short Park were discussed. The cost to repair the above mentioned drain and add two heaters to the restroom is \$2,305.34. Mr. Harten said he is in favor of repairing the drinking fountain, but asked to separate the two expenditures, given the time of the year and the need for the heaters. At this time, Mrs. McConnell tabled the purchase of two heaters.

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to approve Short Park repairs to the drinking fountain at \$1,500. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Police Department (Reported by Mr. Kobasuk)

The police department is looking to purchase software that would allow the cruisers to communicate with the Mayor's Court computer system. The Mayor's Court Computer Fund will support this purchase.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000 to purchase the software. Mrs. McConnell seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 4.08.2014 Checklist for \$63,281.31. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Municipal Income Tax Collections (Reported by Mr. Tiettmeyer)

Collections are up 18% for the first quarter in 2014, which is the highest in the last eight years.

Declaring Property Surplus

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to declare the old council table as surplus at no value. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Agreement w/Dalene M. Pride

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Kobasuk. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-2014 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DALENE M. PRIDE AS AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CONSULTANT, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Discussion

Dalene M. Pride, an independent governmental affairs consultant, has contracted with various municipalities to audit the Bureau of Motor Vehicles records and correct the registrations to allow the municipalities to correctly collect the lost revenue fees. Council wishes to hire Dalene M. Pride to review motor vehicle registrations for calendar year 2013. Newtown, Ohio, will pay Dalene M. Pride the sum of Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50 for each incorrect non-IRP motor vehicle license registration and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each IRP truck registration forwarded to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for correction and adjustments.

Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mammoth Tusk Update (Reported by Mr. Tiettmeyer)

The Director of Exhibits at the Cincinnati Museum Center is not in favor of mixing the Native American artifacts and the tusk in the same area. He also suggested the Village review the agreement with the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission, as he thought it could be a possible conflict with the grant received, since the plans were presented as Native American artifacts. (Mr. Tiettmeyer will look into the agreement.) This will be on the May agenda to move forward with hiring the CMC to do the restoration to the tusk. Mr. Kobasuk is in favor of restoring and retaining the tusk. Mr. Short and Mayor Cosby agreed.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 3.11.2014 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Tiettmeyer. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Human Resource Committee Update (Reported by Mr. Zornes)

The Personnel Practices currently do not have a Bereavement Policy. The committee discussed the possibility of adding it to the policy. The majority of the committee thought the personnel practices should be left as is to where the employee would use their sick time as bereavement leave.

Board of Zoning Appeals Update (Reported by Mr. Zornes)

A Variance for a fence was granted for Meridian Bioscience on River Hills Drive.

Resolution, Cahall Bros. Inc. (Reported by Mr. Short)

This resolution would approve the purchase of a John Deere 4520 Compact Utility Tractor with backhoe, rotary tiller and lift-type rotary cutter.

Mr. Short made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Short made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CAHALL BROS., INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A UTILITY TRACTOR WITH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, DECLARING CERTAIN VILLAGE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS TRADE IN, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Tiettmeyer asked what the year was of the tractor that will be purchased, as the tractor to be surplused is a 1992. Mr. Dickerson said he thought it was 1996 or 1998. The Village's old tractor will be traded in on the used tractor. The new tractor should be received in six weeks, while the used one should be released in two or three weeks. There was confusion on the resolution as far as trade-in and purchase and the resolution doesn't reflect the new piece of equipment and price. Council tabled discussion until Solicitor Miller can clarify the facts.

Mr. Short rescinded the above motion. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SR 32 Road Signs (Reported by Chief Synan)

Chief Synan presented Council with a packet prepared by Lt. McBreen, who has completed a review of all roadway signs on SR 32 / Main Street. The recommendations will significantly reduce the amount of sign posts and signs, and limit the amount of no parking signs. If this plan is approved by Council, Lt. McBreen will submit the recommended plan with specific reference points on a diagram for ODOT's review. ODOT has the final approval. ODOT will submit recommendations / changes to Lt. McBreen and he will resubmit a final plan approved by ODOT with all signage, including parking, for final approval by Council.

Mr. Dickerson said the regulatory signs are a cost to the Village. The Retro-reflectivity plan is on track to be completed by the end of 2014. ODOT is responsible for the signs that are marked "ODOT" on the back.

Crosswalks

Mr. Tiettmeyer asked Mr. Short and Mr. Dickerson if we needed the three crosswalks at Leonard, Debolt and Car Alley. Mr. Dickerson said those are school bus stops. Mr. Tiettmeyer said a crosswalk is not needed at a school bus stop. He said it is fine if they feel the crosswalks should not be removed, he would rather not buy signs to later decide to remove them. Mr. Short said the children need some place to cross and asked how many were crossing from one place to the other. Chief Synan said it doesn't matter since they cross wherever the bus stops with the "stop" sign displayed. He said state law is once that sign is displayed by the bus driver and the lights are flashing red, there doesn't need to be a crosswalk at the stop. Chief Synan said Lt. McBreen has voiced concern that the crosswalks are not placed correctly or utilized properly.

Easter Egg Hunt (Reported by Mr. Short)

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Newtown Civic League is Saturday, April 12th at 11am at Short Park.

Mr. Harten made a motion to adjourn at 8:02pm.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley