

The May 27, 2014 Work Session 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 Miller and Chief Synan were also present.

Energy Alliances, Inc. (Governmental Aggregation)

Mark Bishop and Bill Grafe with Energy Alliances, Inc. discussed the process to proceed with placing the Governmental Community Aggregation on the ballot. The intent of this program is to pass along potential savings on gas and electric to the residents. Information regarding Governmental Aggregation was first presented to Council at the 12.10.2013 Council Meeting.

Energy Alliances currently has around twenty-eight communities participating in their aggregation program. Energy Alliances works with Duke Energy on Community Aggregation. First, a community would pass a resolution seeking Aggregation to place the program on the Ballot. Upon approval, two Public Hearings would then take place. Individual customers have the option to be excluded from the Governmental Aggregation (Opt-out process). Energy Alliances would assist the Village of Newtown in placing the program on the Ballot. Energy Alliances would also educate the public on aggregation its benefits. Also explaining it is not a tax or an additional charge. The purpose of the program is to save the public money. There would be several opportunities each year for the public to opt-out of the program if they so chose.

The residents of Newtown would have a final say on this issue, if Council approves the first step. Council instructed Solicitor Miller to prepare a Resolution for the 6.10.2014 Council Meeting.

Planning, Zoning & Development (Reported by Mr. Harten)

A Planning meeting will be scheduled mid-June to address a possible Zone Change to the area around the entrance to Short Park and Church Street. (There is no meeting on June 3 as previously scheduled.) The Planning Committee will look at the possibility of changing the zone status in this area to Planned Village District. A formal process to that effect will be required, involving a Public Hearing, if the Committee votes to pursue this change. Adjacent property owners will be notified via mail.

Lake Barber RFP (Reported by Mr. Harten): There will be a meeting on June 9 at 8:30am at the Municipal Center for anyone interested in meeting with Human Nature, a company which has submitted a proposal for the Lake Barber study. This will be an opportunity to meet and ask questions. Mr. Harten, Ms. McConnell, and Ms. Everett will be in attendance.

Moundview Community House Second Floor Renovation (Reported by Mrs. McConnell)

A site visit was completed today; the renovation is progressing and will continue into at least the first week of June, possibly longer.

Moundview House Security (Reported by Mrs. McConnell)

Currently, there are about fifteen names on the key list for the building. As the second floor renovation is nearing completion, there is a need to bring the key assignment and overall security system up to par with other Village-owned buildings. Council agreed to institute a master lock system identical to the present one in place at the Municipal Center. Mr. Tiettmeyer will work with Ms. Everett on this matter.

Moundview Exterior Step Repair (Reported by Mr. Dickerson)

An estimate was received from Harrington Sons & Remodeling, to repair the exterior steps that run from the upper level near the Community House to the lower baseball fields below. Mr. Tiettmeyer asked if this estimate is for repair or replacement of the steps, and Mr. Dickerson stated that the estimate is for repair of about 50-60% of the steps and landings. Mr. Dickerson is waiting on another bid from Chris Hollon Construction.

Lake Barber Erosion Study (Reported by Mayor Cosby)

Mayor Cosby recommended that the Village authorize BCI to complete an additional survey due to the erosion found at the lake.

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to approve the survey at a cost not to exceed \$ 3,000. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Anderson Township ANCOR Area Plan (Reported by Mr. Kobasuk)

The ANCOR Plan involves a possible future request for the Village to approve a Connector Road at SR 32 near Valley Asphalt, within Village limits. This road would be funded by Anderson Township, and connect to Broadwell Road, in an effort to divert traffic off of Round Bottom Road into Newtown. Chief Synan expressed concern about a traffic light being installed near the bottom of the hill on SR 32. Ben Brandstetter from BCI, Inc. recommended that the Village determine if a traffic study has already been completed by Anderson Township. Council requested that BCI spend a few hours gathering information on this issue, as well as reviewing the cost and impact this would have on the Village of Newtown. No further action was taken by Council on this matter.

Short Park – MVCA Athletic Campus (Reported by Mr. Kobasuk)

Discussion continued regarding the proposed athletic campus to be constructed at Short Park. Mr. Kobasuk presented several different options to Council for consideration. Mr. Kobasuk stated that the Village might be better served overall if approval for the athletic campus at Short Park could be brought before the voters. Mr. Miller discussed some of the steps which would be required for this process, including signatures (from Village residents) on a petition seeking to have the issue on the ballot. There was general consensus between Council members that this might be the best way to decide on this matter.

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 5.27.2014 Checklist for \$106,556.09, which included a payment of \$15,000 to Chris Hollon Construction. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee (Reported by Mr. Tiettmeyer)

2014 Municipal Tax Collection Report for January through April was discussed. The report showed an overall increase in collections for the Village.

Police Department Renovation / Municipal Center (Reported by Mr. Tiettmeyer)

Renovations to the Police Department are progressing. The Mammoth Tusk and removal of the old safe were also discussed. Mr. Tiettmeyer also had some questions about the cleaning of the Municipal Center.

Cemetery Plot Financing

Council discussed financing of Cemetery Plots and decided against it at this time.

Council Minutes (Reported by Mr. Zornes)

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 5.13.2014 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Tiettmeyer. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Public Service Committee (Reported by Mr. Short)

Debolt Street Fire Hydrant: Mr. Mike Thompson, a member of the LMF D who is responsible for fire hydrant upkeep, explained that there is a fire hydrant on Debolt Road which was made non-operational many years ago due to its placement on the street, involving several cars backing into it over the years. There are three options for the Village to consider: About \$ 1,500 - \$ 2,000 will put the same hydrant back in service, which would require pipe bollard protection. It would cost about \$21,000 to update and relocate the hydrant, or about \$19,000 to remove the hydrant completely. Since the non-operational status has been repeatedly approved by the fire department, and given that there are other adequate fire hydrants on or near Debolt, Council would like to have the first, least-costly option verified by a hard bid. Mike Thompson will confirm the numbers. Mr. Short will oversee this process and bring the issue back to Council for final approval.

Edith/Jefferson/Pine - Ragland - SR 32 Street Projects: A meeting was held on 5/22/14 with Mr. Short, Mr. Dickerson, and Bruce Brandstetter with Fred Schlimm, who coordinates OPWC Grant Projects. Mr. Ben Brandstetter spoke before Council on this matter, stating that BCI now recommends combining the Edith/Jefferson/Pine and Ragland Road Projects into one main project, rather than two, which they believe will help in obtaining funding for the project. Mr. Brandstetter stated that the combined Edith/Jefferson/Pine/Ragland Road Project would not negatively affect the funding opportunities for the SR 32 Project, as both projects are good candidates for funding. Mr. Brandstetter outlined the timeline from June through September for BCI to obtain the required documentation from residents impacted by the flooding on these streets. This documentation might include photos of water damage,

insurance reports, support letters, and any other documentation. Mr. Short also stated that the Mr. Dickerson would utilize a worksheet which will document the number of times the Maintenance Dept. has had to clear debris from the creek to alleviate some of the flooding. BCI will complete the funding applications for the Village, update Council at the 8/12/14 Council meeting, and submit final applications by the 9/19/14 deadline.

Memorial Day Parade and Veteran's Service: Mr. Short thanked Chief Synan and the police department for the Honor Guard presentation during the course of the Memorial Day celebration.

Independent Contractor for Real Estate Assessment for Properties near Short Park (Reported by Solicitor Miller): Mr. Miller recommended two firms for this project: Signature Appraisal and White Appraisal, with White Appraisal submitting the lowest bid, which was under the limit previously authorized by Council. Mr. Miller will oversee this process and report back to Council with the findings.

These minutes were recorded from hand-written notes, as the recording system did not record the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

(Transcribed by Becky Fairley)