

Resolution Establishing Policy for Second Floor at Moundview Park

The Council of the Village of Newtown wishes to establish a policy for the use of the second floor of the building at Moundview Park free of charge by certain organizations.

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

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 17-2014 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE USE OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING AT MOUNDVIEW PARK FREE OF CHARGE, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Harten 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.

Moundview Updated Park Fees (Reported by Mrs. McConnell)

The Park Fees were last revised June 2011. Proposed changes were presented to Council. In the past, it has been an unwritten rule that employees may use the Community Center once per year, free of charge. Mrs. McConnell said Solicitor Miller told her this should be in writing and asked Mr. Zornes to have the HR Committee consider adding this in writing to the Employee Handbook. Recently, there have been several requests to remove the picnic tables from the large pavilion for renters to bring in round tables. A \$500 fee was suggested by Mr. Dickerson to remove the picnic tables since they are very heavy and would need to be hauled away to another location. Mr. Tiettmeyer asked Mr. Dickerson to bring back an actual cost of manpower to remove the tables to the next Council meeting.

Veteran's Memorial Memorandum of Understanding (Reported by Mrs. McConnell)

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Newtown and the Newtown Veteran's Association in regard to the cost associated with maintaining the Veteran's Memorial at Moundview Park. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Kobasuk said he is not opposed to the Short Park Venture, but feels with an asset this large and important, the issue should be placed on the ballot for the people to decide. He feels this would be best practice for Village Council. Mr. Kobasuk cited the Village of Mariemont Council's decision to place joining the LMFR Fire District on the ballot for the people to decide. The people wanted to keep their fire department and voted no. Solicitor Miller advised Mr. Kobasuk that an Ordinance would need to be passed and submitted to the Board of Election by August 6th.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to engage the services of Solicitor Miller to draw up an Ordinance to be placed on the ballot. Mr. Short seconded the motion.

LMFD Fire Board Update (Reported by Mr. Kobasuk)

In an effort to promote safety and reduce back injuries, the Fire Board recently approved the purchase of power-lift cots. The purchase of the cots was supplemented with a grant and a refund from Workers' Compensation.

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 6.10.2014 Checklist for \$72,828.87, seconded by Mr. Harten.

Discussion

Mr. Tiettmeyer explained the \$15,000 to Chris Hollon Construction was previously approved by Council at the last meeting. It shows on this checklist because it is assigned a check number.

All Aye. Motion Carried.

First Reading of 2015 Tax Budget

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have a First Reading on a RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2015 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have the Second Reading at the 6.24.2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Zornes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

First Reading of Ordinance Amending Income Tax Code

The Village of Newtown has adopted an income tax code that, among other provisions, provides for a credit, not exceeding the amount due the Village of Newtown, against the municipal income tax for taxes paid to another municipality.

Solicitor Miller has submitted the Ordinance to the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA) for approval. Village Council will be notified by Solicitor Miller once it has been approved.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have a First Reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING INCOME TAX CODE OF THE VILLAGE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR LOCAL TAXES PAID, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Discussion

This amendment will clarify that residents shall receive a credit against the tax due for taxes paid to a county.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have the Second Reading at the 6.24.2014 Council Meeting. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Moundview Roof Repair (Reported by Mr. Tiettmeyer)

There is a hatch on the roof that has been there a long time and the framing has failed causing water from the June 4th storm to leak into the second floor. Brandstetter Roofing submitted a bid of \$960 to repair the roof. Brandstetter Roofing is the company that installed the roof of the Community Center a few years ago.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the \$960 to Brandstetter Roofing for repair of the roof. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 5.27.2014 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Harten. All Aye. Motion Carried.

First Reading of Ordinance, Governmental Electric Aggregation

Mr. Zornes made a motion to have a First Reading of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRIC VILLAGE AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS. Mr. Tiettmeyer seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zornes made a motion to have the Second Reading at the 6.24.2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.

First Reading of Ordinance, Governmental Natural Gas Aggregation

Mr. Zornes made a motion to have a First Reading of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS VILLAGE AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zornes made a motion to have the Second Reading at the 6.24.2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Tiettmeyer. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Eagle Scout Project at Moundview Park (Reported by Mr. Dickerson)

Nathan Wilson is currently a Life Scout and is planning an Eagle project for 2014. The project will reclaim a lower picnic area to the left of the playground area. Nathan is currently working on the paperwork that would allow him to complete the project this year, instead of next year as originally planned.

Debolt Street Fire Hydrant: At the 5.27.2014 Council Meeting, Mike Thompson, a member of the LMFD, 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. Mr. Thompson submitted a \$3,548 quote from Quality Hydrant for replacing the hydrant and putting the top back on it with concrete filled poles for protection. Ms. Everett explained the agreement between the Fire Department and the Village of Newtown. The Fire Department is responsible for above ground repairs and the Village of Newtown is responsible for underground repairs. There is a line for fire hydrant repairs so this amount is in the budget. A motion is needed to approve since the cost is over \$1,000.

Mr. Short made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,280.90, seconded by Mr. Harten.

Discussion

Mt. Tiettmeyer asked if the Village would be responsible for damage to someone's car if they hit the bollards that will be placed around the hydrant. The hydrant is in the public right of way located next to the Masonic Lodge driveway. After much discussion, Mr. Short said he will talk to owner Don Marcum to let him know what is going on.

All Aye. Motion Carried.

Use of Moundview Community Center House

Pauline Murrie called and asked Mayor Cosby if she could use the Community Center free of charge for one of her family member's upcoming shower. Mayor Cosby told Village Council he waived the fee since Pauline is always pulling weeds and planting flowers at the park. Mr. Tiettmeyer disagrees with the policy of letting someone use the facility free of charge because it starts to show favoritism. He said he appreciates everything Pauline does, but feels it is a bad practice since there are a lot of people in the Village that have done a lot for the Village. He asked where you draw the line. Mr. Tiettmeyer said John and Sandy Russell, Barbara Broerman and Lynn Burger have helped with committees and events and do we offer it to them for free? Mrs. McConnell agreed with Mr. Tiettmeyer and said she doesn't want to see discontent between village business owners by having a policy that doesn't apply to all. Mrs. McConnell suggested honoring Mrs. Murrie by mentioning her efforts in a brochure documenting the history of Moundview Park. Mr. Tiettmeyer said when Council approves the revised fee structure; Council will discuss whether the park should be given to anyone for free. Mayor Cosby said we have always been a small village where people do for others and hopes everything that is transpired doesn't have to be done in dollars and cents. Mr. Tiettmeyer said his point is not talking about the dollar, but talking about being fair to everyone and not showing favoritism. Mrs. McConnell said Council approved just tonight a document that goes out of its way to honor Mrs. Murrie by approving the Resolution Establishing Policy for Second Floor at Moundview Park. This resolution was in direct response to her charitable work done on the second floor of the Community Center. Mrs. McConnell said Council wants to see this work continue while offering it in fairness to others with like efforts to serve the community. Mr. Kobasuk said Mr. Tiettmeyer and Mrs. McConnell make good policy points and we should stick to the policy. He told Mayor Cosby if he wanted to pay out of his pocket, he would be happy to match him to cover the rental fee. Mr. Harten agreed a policy should be in place and Council would discuss this further when the fee structure is revised. After more discussion, Council agreed to allow this one-time free rental, since Mayor Cosby already made the commitment to Mrs. Murrie.

Mrs. McConnell said when Mr. Zornes and the HR Committee considers putting in writing the benefit to offer Village employees one free use per year; Solicitor Miller confirmed that any elected official is not eligible to benefit from the same policy.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm., seconded by Mrs. McConnell. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley