

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The December 10, 2024 regularly-scheduled meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Mark Kobasuk, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Members: Terry Fairley
Jerry Schwab
Peg Quallen
Jeff Drescher
Tracy Boone
Sarah Donohue

Solicitor Emily Supinger
Fiscal Officer Keri Everett
Assistant to Mayor Becky Fairley
Police Chief Tom Synan

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. Schwab made a motion to adopt the regularly-scheduled 11.12.2024 Council Minutes, seconded by Ms. Boone. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Engineering Report, submitted by CT Consultants Engineering December 4, 2024

1. Church Street – Funded

- Design work is approaching completion.
- CT met with City staff to review project and confirm bidding schedule.
 - i. Advertise for Bid – January 30, 2025
 - ii. Open Bids – February 21, 2025

2. Little Dry Run – MRF Funded, Seeking OPWC Funding

- The County has approved Municipal Road Funds in the amount of \$175,000. A 50% funding match was applied for- the total project estimate is \$350,000.
 - i. Recommending 30% request. Would leave the Village with 20%.
 - ii. OPWC application submitted on 9/27
- The project would resurface Little Dry Run from SR 32 to the Village Corp Limit.
- Awaiting OPWC Decision.

3. McCullough's Run – Construction Completed

- Project complete. Rock has been placed and the fence has been installed.
- Walkthrough with CT and the Contractor has been completed. Seeding and mulching is the only item on the punch list.
- Easement documents being reviewed by Owner and Village Attorney by the end of the week.

4. Moundview Park Sanitary Sewer – Complete

- Council awarded the Contract to Ashcraft Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor complete.

5. Eastern Corridor Project – Project was not Awarded Funding

- OKI Application was submitted by the deadline on June 7.
- OKI received 18 applications that totaled \$74M in requests. They have \$29M in this round available for funding projects.
- The lowest score funded was 54. Newtown project was a 42.
 - i. The best way for this project to increase its score is by adding to the local share. 20% match receives 0 points. A 50% match receives 10 points. Additionally, the Status of the Project received 2 points which equates to initial request for construction and ROW funding. Point can be increased to 5 if the Construction and ROW drawings are complete.
- The Village and ODOT do not need to move forward with the project. Please let us know if you would like us to setup a meeting with ODOT to review.

6. Drywell at Round Bottom Rd and SR32 – Design Phase

- CT met with Hamilton County Garage and have preliminary approval to place a dry well on their site. Hamilton County is preparing an intergovernmental agreement to that end that Council will need to consider.
- CT is working on design drawings- preliminary plans will be completed by Dec 15th for review by the County.
- CT to prepare easement documents upon approval from the County.

7. MVCA Parking Lot

- CT met with task force on 9/25 and provided the following requirements to MVCA for addressing:
 - i. Move the bumper blocks back 30" from the property line
 - ii. Place a fence at the property line (owned and maintained by MVCA). Can be either a 4' wood split rail or a 4' white vinyl split rail.
 - iii. Address ADA issues. This will require an as-built survey of the path (by MVCA) to confirm areas of the path that are in violation. Remove and replace. Provide a plan to the Village for review / approval prior to improvements being complete.
 - iv. Provide an edge seal along the joint between the path and the MVCA parking lot
- CT met with MVCA and requested detailed drawings. Awaiting detailed information.

8. Kinney Property Subdivision – No Changes

- A list of Hamilton County Regulations recommended for adoption by the Village has been provided to the Village. These include:
 - i. Rules and Regulations of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission for Plats and Subdivisions of Land
 - ii. Access Management Regulations
 - iii. Rules and Regulations of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District
 - iv. Thoroughfare Plan
 - v. Rules and Regulations of the Office of the County Engineer
- CT has forwarded a summary of the major subdivision process to the Village for review.
- CT provided a memo outlining the requirements for the Kinney Subdivision to connect to W Jefferson or to connect to Church Street.

Audience Participation (3-minute limit - *per person*)

Mayor Kobasuk stated: This is a point in the meeting where a citizen may express an opinion, make a statement, address a concern or ask a question on any subject that is not otherwise on the agenda. This will allow the statement to be entered into the official meeting record. This portion of the meeting is not for Council to provide responses to citizen comments. If you have a concern or need information, please talk to the Village staff. Please state your name and where you live when addressing Council.

Marijuana Discussion

Resident Letter Opposing Legislation (Ready by Mayor Kobasuk)

Dear Newtown Mayor and Council,

As a former council member and 35-year resident of Newtown, I am writing to express my opposition to the legislation before Council this evening, on permitting cannabis (marijuana) retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors within the village.

My opposition is based on the following concerns from my own research; they are not ranked in terms of importance:

1. Reputation. *The Village of Newtown has enjoyed a family-friendly, family-oriented reputation for many years. Within our small village, we have children attending school from pre-k through high school as well as a separate day care facility. A cannabis dispensary sends the wrong message to our youth.*

In addition, Newtown essentially has two main corridors to attract new small business. I believe a cannabis dispensary will have a negative impact and deter new businesses from choosing Newtown as their location of choice.

2. Crime. *Cannabis is still a federal offense which conflicts with our current state law. Banks, not wanting to be in opposition to federal law, typically do not do business with marijuana dispensaries. They are leery of losing their FDIC status. This forces these dispensaries to do business on a cash-only basis. Bad actors, knowing these shops are cash heavy, can cause these dispensaries to be targets for crime.*

3. Safety. *Based on my research, these dispensaries can cause increased traffic similar to fast food restaurants as well as an increased risk for impaired driving in the village. There have also been tragic cases of children unknowingly ingesting edible cannabis products, despite best efforts to prevent this from happening. And as far as Manufacturing/Processing plants are concerned, history shows there is a real risk of hash oil explosions, with the possibility of fire spreading quickly to other businesses.*

Finally, I believe that if a vote came before Newtown residents today, asking if they would be in favor of this kind of business in their own village (not somewhere far away in the state of Ohio), there would be a resounding NO vote. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns on this matter.

Sincerely, Cheryl McConnell

Ongoing Issue w/Police and Council

Ed Wolfer, resident and business and property owner of 52 years, 3458 River Hills Drive. Mr. Wolfer continued to talk about Chef Synan telling him he should have been a man and addressed the 15 lies he has been asked to. He asked Chief Synan what kind of 50lb machine gun did he carry in the article he is referring to.

Mr. Wolfer asked Solicitor Supinger about the FOIA as she didn't answer a single one – Mayor Kobasuk told him that Solicitor Supinger is NOT here to answer his questions. Mayor Kobasuk asked Mr. Wolfer to take a seat as he was disrupting the Public Council Meeting. Mr. Wolfer spoke for five minutes before Mayor Kobasuk asked him to be seated.

Coyotes

Andrew Sterrett, 6763 Main Street – Mr. Sterrett talked about coyotes have become very comfortable in the area – his mom is afraid to go out at night – Mr. Sterrett said trapping was very expensive and wonder if we could do anything to help. He said he has tried motion lights as suggested by Mayor Kobasuk. Mr. Sterrett wondered about shooting the coyotes or using a bow because they are getting too close for comfort and he is worried about his dogs. Mayor Kobasuk said we cannot authorize shooting or using a bow to kill the coyotes.

Solicitor Supinger said this has come up in the past and Council has not opted to authorize discharging a bow and arrow. An air rifle and a suppressed rifle was discussed by Mr. Sterrett stating this is what the trappers suggested. Mayor Kobasuk said Council would have to approve the trappers. We will look into what other communities do, said Mayor Kobasuk.

Village Staff

Sarah Konow, resident for eight years. Ms. Konow said she appreciates the excellent job done by our Police Department, there have been a couple that have been very kind – she also said the ladies in Administration also do a great job for the Village and she appreciates the assistance she has received from time to time. Ms. Konow asked about additional officers being added as she is concerned about the safety of our officers being left alone.

Recreation Center

River Demarco, 3401 Church Street asked if the Village could install a “Recreation Center” for families and children of Newtown and use the funds generated by marijuana and possibly a grant to fund the center. She said kids and families don’t have much to do here. Mayor Kobasuk said this issue has been discussed in the past – it’s just difficult to obtain funding. Mayor Kobasuk said this issue was actually on his platform when he ran for Council in 2005 and never got it done. He said Council can look into it – Ms. Donohue likes the idea. Mayor Kobasuk told Ms. Demarco her concern is heard – it’s just difficult to get money for a rec center. The space could also be used for the community to get together for yoga, etc. Mayor Kobasuk said there is a meeting room at the Fire House for the public which could be used as a place to discuss a recreation center. Time is scheduled through Anderson Township Fire Department Administration (Lisa at 513-688-8620).

Marijuana Issue

Kasey Ladd, 3301 River Hills Drive. Third-generation Newtonian. He believes Newtown is a little late with getting a dispensary, since Anderson Township approving two. Mr. Ladd said with a part on Round Bottom Road already being zoned Agricultural area - the cultivation part could be possible. It has to be enclosed and no one can be able to smell it – as if one was an at-home grower. The tax revenue could be possibly used for a rec center. Mr. Ladd believes the opportunity of “cultivation” could benefit Newtown, especially with the surrounding dispensaries. What better way to collect tax revenue to get it off of bulk sales, instead of individual sales.

Sarah Skaggs, 6943 Pecos Drive is for medical or recreational marijuana dispensaries and feels Newtown would be missing out on revenue the dispensaries could bring. There are dispensaries at the top of the hill that generate revenue rolling right past Newtown that we are not taking advantage of.

Chris 6763 Main Street, said if elected officials are planning on allowing dispensaries, they need to be planning on how the revenue would be used – because the reality is as residents, we don’t get to choose how the revenue would be used.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor’s Report

Newtown Fill – some residents inquired about wild flowers being planted on Newtown Fill. Mayor Kobasuk contacted Hamilton County Public Health and the Newtown Fill operator and suggested the Village would possibly pay for the seed, if they would spread it. Newtown Fill is actively entertaining the idea – he will get back to us as to what the cost will be. Mayor Kobasuk said he will share the info with Council so they can make the decision.

Newtown Police (Mayor Kobasuk)

In response to Ms. Konow’s comments, we hired a new police officer December 2023 in order to have two officers most evenings. The roster went from eight to nine full-time officers.

Marijuana Issue (Mayor Kobasuk)

There are three options set forth in the memo by Solicitor Supinger. Option 1: If we do nothing, marijuana operations can come to Newtown – anywhere they meet the Zoning/Building codes. This is how the Vape Shop came to town – the zoning regulations were not in place regulating a smoke shop – the Building Commissioner approved it because they met the Zoning-Building codes. It never came to the Mayor and Council. Therefore, we need to be proactive - if we do nothing, anything goes and we could have marijuana operations possibly. Option 2: We pass an ordinance which completely prohibits marijuana operations in the Village, like Wyoming and Woodlawn have done. Option 3: we could limit operations for marijuana in the Village – amend the Zoning Code and have zoning districts – we could have marijuana cultivating, processing or dispensaries – which could be located on Round Bottom Road or maybe east of Little Dry Run past Burger Farm. Mayor Kobasuk said he doesn’t think people would want them in the center of town by MVCA.

As discussed, it would generate local sales tax, income from the 1% earnings tax we have but the bigger money would come from the cultivating and processing where there would be a lot of employees.

If there is a dispensing operation, there is a 10% excise tax – then 36% of the revenue could come back to the Village of Newtown. For example, if there was a gross revenue of \$500,000 marijuana operation in the Village, the 10% tax would be \$50,000 and 36% of that could possibly come to Newtown, which would be \$18,000 a year depending, on the size of the operations.

Council discussed the issue – Mr. Drescher said he is on board with Option 3 to change the zoning or have it go to the Zoning Board and be a case-by-case issue.

Ms. Boone has spoken to a lot of people over the last few months including a Township Trustee (not from Anderson) a business that has three dispensaries in their community. She has also talked with several police officers in Newtown and other areas – some financial people, neighbors and attempted to talk to a grower but that fell through at the last minute. In these discussions, there are so many factors for Council to consider. For today, Ms. Boone feels the Moratorium is the only one we can make and said we need to be really active with this work and discussion. If it's only \$18,000, could that money be located somewhere else – bringing other businesses into the Village or being more marketable. Ms. Boone said she doesn't think if we allow this stuff that necessarily anyone is going to want to come here and start a business – we have trouble getting businesses in otherwise. Like the dispensary, there are already a lot around Newtown and doesn't think just because we allow it that someone would want to open a dispensary in Newtown. Ms. Boone has concerns about what we would do with the money as to how would it be used. She thinks the "recreation" idea is amazing and has talked to some people about this issue and has not gotten much support on the idea. Ms. Boone said the traffic needs to be considered and discussed – the dispensary on Old SR 74 has a lot of traffic – sometimes there is no one there and sometimes the parking lot of full. We already have a lot of complaints regarding traffic. How the zoning will be worked – would it go under "farm land" or have its own zoning? Or general business – there are so many questions to consider. Ms. Boone said a lot of her neighbors that voted for marijuana to become legal last year, do not want it to be sold or grown in Newtown. She said she struggles with it and acknowledged a recreation center cannot be built with \$18,000. Ms. Boone said she doesn't think the revenue will be as much as everyone seems to think.

Ms. Quallen is totally against it, as are most of the neighbors she has spoken with – the issues the Vape shop has brought with the teenagers getting involved has all been bad. We don't need any more bad things in our town. She doesn't want our teenagers to think marijuana is a positive way to go and believes we don't need to sell marijuana at all!

Mr. Fairley agrees most of what Ms. Boone said – Mr. Fairley definitely agrees with what Ms. Cheryl McConnell said in her letter read earlier by Mayor Kobasuk. There are so many variables that would need to be considered. Mr. Fairley said it reminds him of some of the Bills that come before Congress to where you have to approve it before you read it. We have so much to consider before we just go and say it will be a positive thing for Newtown. Mr. Fairley said he is for the Moratorium for sure and that is how he will vote tonight!

Mr. Schwab said same for him – he will vote in favor of the Moratorium tonight. He too has talked to many people – Newtown is evolving – there are older residents with younger coming in, but Council needs more time to convince others. Mr. Schwab said he knows what he wants but is obligated to listen to the residents, as he feels he is their voice. He believes voting for the Moratorium is the best for now and we will try to get more information out and become more comfortable with what is going on.

Ms. Donohue is pro-marijuana- the Vape Shop is not the same type of business. It is a smoke shop that sells nicotine products – they do not sell cannabis and not regulated by the same agency. If kids are getting marijuana, it is not by walking into a dispensary – it is the same way as always and as they have gotten alcohol. This would be more of a parenting issue and not an availability issue, stated Ms. Donohue. There are cigarettes, alcohol, lotto tickets, porn – all that kids can get their hands on that they are not supposed to. Ms. Donohue is in favor of amending the Zoning Code where as marijuana would be regulated as other businesses. Two dispensaries could be limited as Anderson Township and could be in the business district. Cultivation and processing would be more of in the Industrial District. Pollution is a moot point, as stated earlier by Mr. Ladd. Marijuana is highly-regulated – chemicals can't be just dumped into the river like some do. Ms. Donohue said she will be voting in favor of the Moratorium tonight because 61% of the people of Newtown voted "YES" on Marijuana, which is a higher number than the actual state of Ohio. As stated, just because we allow it, does not mean those businesses will come to Newtown but it keeps the door open and can be regulated through the Zoning Code.

Mayor Kobasuk believes the Moratorium will be passed and extended, but he still doesn't have a good feel if Council wants to go ahead with cultivating and processing. I'm hearing both – there will be time to think it all through, said Mayor Kobasuk. We aren't making any decision tonight but kicking the can down the road and extending the Moratorium. Mayor Kobasuk asked Solicitor Supinger to talk about how it would be regulated in a Zoning District where marijuana cultivating and processing would be allowed.

Solicitor Supinger said there are a couple of different options: 1) Marijuana would end up being zoned in an Existing Zoning District which currently are: Planned Village, Office Research Park. It would be a decision made by the Planning Commission then ultimately made by Council as to how to amend the text to the Zoning Code, where those types of operations would be permitted. Within the Zoning Code, additional restrictions can be put on certain types of businesses, which we have for some businesses already that provide more stricter standards. These can be developed by the Planning Commission as well. Solicitor Supinger has seen some communities that have restricted it to very specific areas within the Village or within their community. One thing to think about is that and perhaps an exercise of having someone look at the map, but you cannot have a marijuana facility within 500 feet of certain types of institutions, such as churches, day cares, schools or parks. Solicitor Supinger has suggested to communities to take a look at their map and look at the parcels and draw those circles and see what is left. One of her communities has nine churches; what are the odds that any space would be left? In terms of cultivation and processing, those do take a lot of acres so there is the question: Does Newtown have the land that would support the cultivation and processing. If you don't, you would be twisting yourself into a knot for something that isn't really feasible to begin with – just general thoughts. Mayor Kobasuk asked if it could be limited to a certain part of the Village – like Round Bottom Road, north of Valley where Evans and Wolfer – big landowners in that area that is kind of open. Solicitor Supinger said she believes you can – there are just a crop of challenges coming up right now to restrictions that communities are placing on them. Solicitor Supinger thinks there will be challenges to whether or not municipalities can do that under their Home Rule Authority. She believes they can – that there is nothing in the law that was adopted that would prohibit a corporation from putting on more strict requirements or more restrictions where they could be located. She believes that can be done as well. Solicitor Supinger said she believes the process would be to look at the map and figure out where the business district is, where there are parcels within that business district that would be potential locations and work from there. Mayor Kobasuk asked how much land would be needed for cultivating and processing. Solicitor Supinger had one community that was going to sell property and needed about six acres – that would be just scale and could have smaller operations.

After more discussion, Solicitor Supinger said CT Consultants, perhaps Gerry could assist with reviewing the map – Ms. Donohue said going on CAGIS, a circle to scale could be drawn. This will be done and brought back to the January meeting.

Council Members Report:

November 2024 Finance Packet (Mr. Fairley)

With 92% of the year elapsed – revenues are up 97% - departments are well under spending.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to accept the December 2024 Finance Packet presented and discussed, Ms. Boone seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report for November (Ms. Quallen)

Council received the report prior to the meeting and no one had any questions. Leaf Collection is wrapping up December 23rd - Chuck is out for a few months – Josh is acting-supervisor until Chuck's return early March.

Safety Services Reports & Motions for tasers and body cameras (Mr. Drescher)

ATFD Report

Fire Department report submitted with changes in the format making it more user-friendly.

Newtown Police Department (Mr. Drescher)

Training is taking place for officers – no issues. An incident with a dog at River Hills was discussed – dog just gets out and barks so they have been cited for the dog repeatedly getting loose.

Winterfest, Sat. Dec. 14 (2p-8pm) (Ms. Boone)

More activities, craft vendors, food options along with carriage rides and a 5K this year will make Winterfest an event you will not want to miss! The 5K begins at 2pm which kicks off Winterfest. Fireworks are planned for 7:30pm – depending on the weather. Mayor Kobasuk wrote a letter giving permission to Rozzi Fireworks – Solicitor Supinger asked that Council ratify that and approve them using Village property to set off the fireworks.

Ms. Boone made a motion to approve Rozzi to set off fireworks on Village Property (Short Park). Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

CPR Training – Newtown Firehouse (Nov. 14) (Ms. Boone)

Stop the Bleed, CPR hands-only Training took place November 14th at the Fire House – about 18 people signed up with a little less showing up. As a result of the training, two other trainings in the area were scheduled.

AED Training (Ms. Boone)

Ms. Boone suggested having training for the AED in the Municipal Building early January 2025. Mayor Kobasuk suggested having the training at 5:30pm before a Council Meeting.

Employee Longevity Pay

Ms. Boone made a motion to approve Longevity Pay for Officer Stoll who came back to Newtown a little over a year ago. This was left out of the ordinance hiring him back. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Employee Appreciation Gift Cards

In the past, employees have received a \$75 gift cards for Christmas. Ms. Boone suggested raising the amount to \$100 for sixteen employees. Ms. Boone checked with Ms. Everett – the dollar amount is in the budget. Council agreed.

Ms. Boone made a motion to approve \$1600 for sixteen (\$100) gift cards for employee appreciation. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Meeting w/Mr. Stoker (Ms. Donohue)

Ms. Donohue met with Mr. Stoker to discuss some issues regarding the MVCA issue and how that came to be an oversight in the electrical permitting process. MVCA is still working towards what they need to get accomplished. The pile of dirt on SR32 was also discussed – the company is aware and should be moving forward – but there was no specific action.

Village Solicitor's Report (nothing to report at this time)

Legislation

Ordinance, Temporary Appropriations

Council desires to approve temporary appropriations for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2025. These appropriations are for the period commencing January 1, 2025 – ending March 31, 2025.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to suspend the rules, Ms. Boone seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 23-2024 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. Ms. Boone seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance, Marijuana Moratorium

On January 9, 2024, Village Council passed Ordinance No. 04-2024 imposing a moratorium on the issuance or processing of any permits related to the cultivation, processing, or relating dispensing of marijuana for adult use and Council extended the moratorium on September 10, 2024 for an additional ninety (90) days, which will expire on December 29, 2024 and Council desires to extend the moratorium for an additional ninety (90) days in order to continue its review of the laws related to adult-use marijuana and determine whether to prohibit, limit, or regulate adult-use marijuana operators in the Village.

Passing of this Ordinance, Village Council hereby extends the moratorium set forth in Ordinance No. 04-2024, as extended by Ordinance No. 16-2024, on the issuance and processing of any permits related to the cultivation, processing, or retail dispensing of adult use marijuana as defined in Sections 37801.01 through 3780.99 of the Ohio Revised Code for an additional ninety (90) days. The moratorium shall now expire on March 29, 2024.

Ms. Boone made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Fairley. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Boone, Mr. Schwab, Mr. Drescher, Ms. Quallen, Ms. Donohue-No. Motion Carried.

Made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 24-2024 AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE AND PROCESSING OF PERMITS ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR PROCESSORS OF ADULT USE MARIJUANA WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ms. Boone-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Donohue-No, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Motion Carried (5:1)

Ordinance, Salaries for Village Personnel for 2025

It is necessary to establish rates of pay and salaries for Village personnel commencing January 9, 2025.

Ms. Quallen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Boone. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Fairley confirmed for the record with Solicitor Supinger that he is allowed to vote – which he is allowed since this is all the same for everyone.

Ms. Boone made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 25-2024 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR VILLAGE PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Contract w/Rumpke

Council desires to accept the bid and enter into a contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for recycling and trash removal. The last contract expired 12/31/2024 - One bid from Rumpke was received, confirmed Ms. Everett.

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 42-2024 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH REMOVAL WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Tax-Exempt Bond Funding McCullough's Run Project

The Ohio General Assembly, as part of HB 687 appropriated funds of \$50,000 to make a grant to the Village of Newtown for the McCullough's Run project which was funded through tax-exempt bonds and pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement, the Village of Newtown must complete and record a Notice of Tax-Exempt Bond Funding. This Resolution authorizes Mayor to execute and record a Notice of Tax-Exempt Bond Funding for the McCullough's Run Project.

Mr. Schwab made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Quallen. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Schwab made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 43-2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND RECORD A NOTICE OF TAX-EXEMPT BOND FUNDING FOR THE MCCULLOUGH'S RUN PROJECT. Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Bond Funding McCullough's Run Project

The 134th Ohio General Assembly, as part of HB 687, appropriated funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 to make a grant to the Village of Newtown for the costs associated with the McCullough's Run project, which was funded through tax-exempt bonds.

Mr. Schwab made a motion to suspend the rules, Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Schwab made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 43-2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND RECORD A NOTICE OF TAX-EXEMPT BOND FUNDING FOR THE MCCULLOUGH'S RUN PROJECT. Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Round Bottom Drywell Improvements Project

Village Council desires to approve an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners to accept and receive the grant funds from Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 44-2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CDBG SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ROUND BOTTOM DRYWELL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

The Village and ODNR desire to extend the project completion date again by six months to allow additional time to close out the project. The first amendment to the Agreement was approved on 6/11/2024, extended the completion date to 12/31/2024.

Mr. Schwab made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Quallen. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Schwab made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 45-2024 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION/CONSERVATION PROJECT PASS THROUGH AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Regional Crime Information Center

It is necessary for the Village of Newtown to replace its MDC's docking stations and antennas for its police vehicles due to a County-wide upgrade. The Village received an invoice for the equipment from the Regional Crime Information Center for \$14,502.50.

Mr. Drescher made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Quallen. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Drescher made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 46-2024 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PAYMENT TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,502.50 RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF MOBILE DATA TERMINALS (MDC'S), DOCKING STATIONS, AND ANTENNAS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

New Business

Council Checklist

Mr. Fairley made a motion to approve the 12/10/2024 Council Checklist for \$438,903.89. Ms. Boone seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Kobasuk wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adjourn at 7:22pm, seconded by Ms. Boone. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley