

### **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance**

The April 14, 2026 regularly-scheduled meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Madam Mayor Tracy Boone, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

<b>Council Members:</b>	Terry Fairley	Sarah Donohue	Solicitor Emily Supinger
	Jerry Schwab	Jordy Collins	Fiscal Officer Keri Everett
	Ali Alspaugh		Assistant to the Mayor Becky Fairley
	Scott Thompson		Police Chief Tom Synan

### Approval of Council Minutes

**Mr. Schwab made a motion to approve the regularly-scheduled 03.10.2026 Council Minutes; Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### Engineering Report, submitted by Verdantas, previously CT Consultants Engineering – April 1, 2026

1. Little Dry Run – MRF Funded, OPWC Funded
  - Construction was completed in late November. Concrete demolition was completed early November. Pavement work including full depth replacement areas, milling, and pavement placement was completed the week of 11/24. Due to cold weather temporary pavement markings have been applied to the road surface, thermoplastic paint will be applied in spring 2026. Invoicing received and in process. Contract price \$461,354.40. Final construction cost \$405,857.67.
  - Village is holding 5% for completion of punch list and thermoplastic pavement markings. OPWC closed out.
2. Little Dry Run – Wall Concerns
  - The existing stone and mortar wall is failing on the upstream and downstream end. .
  - A survey was forwarded to Village in November. Survey highlighted that the existing wall is primarily outside of the ROW. However, it does fall within an existing storm water easement.
  - Atlas has completed borings for a geotechnical report. Geotechnical report received week of 3/23. Verdantas to prepare proposal for wall replacement.
3. Little Dry Run Drainage at Ivy Hills Boulevard
  - Verdantas has performed a field inspection of the culverts at Ivy Hills Boulevard and has made recommendations for improvements that could assist in cleaning out the smaller culvert. Verdantas is waiting on confirmation from Village to proceed. Village reviewing and determining if an easement is feasible.
4. Short Park / Debolt Connector
  - Connector - A topographic basemap for preliminary design has been prepared and has been reviewed with the Village.
  - Fitness Court – The Village has approved Verdantas proceeding with work to provide two locations for a fitness court, as well as preliminary coordination with OEPA for excavation in Short Park (both within and outside of the limits of the landfill). This preliminary coordination also includes the connector road concept layout. Verdantas on hold for further work on DeBolt connector until the Traffic Impact Study has been completed.
5. Pavement Condition Ratings & Funding:

The roadways in the Village with the four lowest pavement condition ratings (PCR) in the 2023 inventory are as follows:

  - Round Bottom Road - PCR 63
    - ▶ MRF and OPWC applications submitted in September, 2025.
    - ▶ Project Costs and Funding Requests:
      - Total Opinion of Construction Costs - \$928,600

- MRF Grant Request - \$300,000 – anticipated to hear in April.
  - OPWC Grant Request - \$464,300 – Not Funded through local district. Forwarded to Small Government
    - Revised request \$399,999. Increases score from Small Government Commission.
  - We recommend applying to OPWC again in 2026 if not funded through Small Government.
- Main St (Round Bottom to East Corp Line) - PCR 66
  - Ragland Road - PCR 71

History Project, Sheila (Ohio Corps)

Sheila, Ohio History was present and talked about the progress taking place – volunteers are enthusiastic discovering so much interesting history of days gone by. If interested in volunteering, email Sheila at [swarman@ohiohistory.org](mailto:swarman@ohiohistory.org) Sheila mentioned an 1869 map they came across – she has created a spreadsheet of the information of the past they have come across.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & TRIBUTE TO BARBARA BROERMAN

It is now time for audience participation. I ask that anyone who wants to speak come to the podium and state your name and address. You will have three minutes to speak about a topic that pertains to village business. If you have questions, please leave your contact information with Becky, and someone will respond at a later time.

Before I open the floor, I would like to read something that Pastor Jamie sent me to read at this time. Unfortunately, he is unable to make the meeting because of a prior engagement.

Lifetime resident Barbara Broerman passed away recently. She was a fixture of Newtown’s business and civic life, serving as part of the Newtown Civic League. She organized the Civic League’s most beloved traditions, including the Easter Egg Hunt and the Fish Fry at the Firehouse. Her decades of work, as a resident, business leader, and volunteer leave a lasting mark on our village. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, who continue her dedicated service to our community today.

I would like to add that Barbara will be greatly missed, and I hope we can all continue the example she set through her service to our Village.

The floor is now open for public comments. No Comments.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor’s Report

America 250-Ohio Community

- Everything has been submitted
- Awaiting final approval to start forming our committee for Newtown
- Attended first meeting with Anderson Township’s Committee and hope to possibly combine efforts where possible

Newtown Historical Project

- Thankful for Sheila’s guidance
- Consistent volunteers
- Making progress

Mayor’s Conference

- Attended the Ohio Municipal League’s New Mayor’s Conference
- Gained valuable insight
- Met several other new mayors
- THANKFUL for the work done by our dedicated employees and prior mayor and council for our current situation
- Newtown is better off than most of the other municipalities that attended that conference!

#### Ohio Capital Budget Request

- I previously requested money from the Ohio Capital Budget to conduct three different surveys that would help identify and plan ways to improve economic development, connect the east end of Newtown to the bike trail, and improve traffic and beautification as well as fund the National Fitness Court with no cost to the Village.
- Newtown's application was denied
- I learned valuable lessons from the experience and will be better prepared for the next round

#### Appropriations Survey

- Sent a survey to all council members and department chairs to get feedback from the 2026 process
- Still need two responses
- Will use this information to help make improvements to the process for next year

#### Realtor Luncheon

- Invited to meet with a small group of realtors yesterday
- Provided updates and happenings in Newtown
- Gained valuable insight to why people choose/don't choose Newtown
- Hope to be able to use this feedback in the future

#### Spring Cleanup

- April 26-May 2
- Goal: encourage residents and business owners to take a little extra time to clean up their spaces, whether it is picking up litter, freshening landscaping, or just taking care of small things on their property to help clean up and beautify the village
- There is no cost to the village and participation is completely voluntary, but many hands make for light work, so if everyone can do a little, it will make a big difference
- If council agrees, I would like to see a motion to support a Spring Cleanup during New Business

#### Council Members Reports

##### Maintenance Report (Mr. Fairley)

Mr. Fairley reviewed the legislation on tonight's agenda that is related to the Maintenance Department. The railroad train traffic is expected to increase to 4-6 trains per day. Due to unknown safety concerns from train traffic, the Debolt Connector consideration has been suspended.

##### Safety Services Report (Mr. Schwab)

Mr. Schwab reviewed the Safety reports from the Fire Dept. and Police Dept.

##### Finance March Report – (Mr. Thompson)

Mr. Thompson reviewed the March Finance Report – there were no questions.

**Ms. Alspaugh made a motion to accept the March Finance Report. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

##### Special Flag Committee (Mr. Thompson)

The Committee will meet soon – more info to follow.

##### Planning Commission Update (Mr. Collins) Nothing to report.

##### Flag committee (Ms. Alspaugh)

Mercer students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades are participating in the flag design contest. I should have their designs in the coming days. I hear they have really enjoyed their time designing the flags and even have a bit of a competition going on to see whose flag is chosen.

History to Schools (Ms. Alspaugh)

At the end of March, I had the opportunity to attend the History to Schools event at the Anderson Center. They hold field trips in the spring for 2nd graders in all six elementary schools in the Forest Hills School District. Students hear from elected officials, tour the Historical Society Museum, and speak with local sheriffs and a Newtown police officer, among other things.

I was invited to speak to the Mercer 2nd graders alongside Anderson Township Trustee Katie Nappi. We had a great time teaching the students the differences between a Village and a Township. I was very honored to attend and would like to thank Becky Fairley for passing along the opportunity.

HR Committee Meeting (Ms. Alspaugh)

Ms. Alspaugh called for the HR Committee to meet at 6pm on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Parks Committee Meeting (Ms. Donohue)

Ms. Donohue called for the Parks Committee to meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Solicitor's Report (Solicitor Supinger) no report at this time.

Legislation

Ordinance, Street Openings

Council desires to approve a revised permit application, packet and fee for street cut and openings.

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Alspaugh. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 06-2026 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REVISED PERMIT APPLICATION AND FEE FOR STREET OPENINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Donohue seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Resolution, Contract w/DeBra-Kuempel

The Village desires to enter into a contract with DeBra-Kuempel to provide HVAC preventative maintenance services at the Fire Station, Police Station and Municipal Building. This is for a five-year contract of \$42,798.00

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Collins. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 12-2026 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DEBRA-KUEMPEL FOR HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Resolution, Contract w/DeBra-Kuempel

The hot water boilers at the Village fire station are failing and in need of replacement – DeBra-Kuempel submitted a formal proposal to provide the labor and materials necessary to replace the boilers at a cost not to exceed \$38,900.00.

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

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-2026 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DEBRA-KUEMPEL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO OT WATER BOILERS AT THE FIREHOUSE IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Resolution, Contract with DeBra-Kuempel

DeBra-Kuempel submitted a formal proposal to provide the labor and materials necessary to replace the hot water heater at a cost not to exceed \$19,998.00.

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Schwab. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DEBRA-KUEMPEL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A HOT WATER HEATER AT THE FIREHOUSE IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Resolution, Contract with LaForce Security Systems

Village Council wishes to enter into a contract with LaForce Security Systems for a security entry system in the total contract amount of \$12,887.00.

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

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO.15-2026 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH LAFORCE SECURITY SYSTEMS. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Resolution, Contract with A & A Lawncare & Landscaping

Council wishes to enter into a two-year contract with A&A Lawncare & Landscaping, Inc. for 2026-2027 Grounds Maintenance Services for the Flag Spring Cemetery in the Village of Newtown. Total contract amount not to exceed \$58,050.00.

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Schwab. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 16-2026 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH A & A LAWNCARE & LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE FLAG SPRING CEMETERY IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, All Aye. Motion Carried.**

New Business

Hamilton County Storm Water District

The Hamilton County Storm Water District is offering the same levels of service and fees in the 2027 program year as were offered in 2026.

This was created in 2003 to comply with federal EPA stormwater rules (NPDES) partnership of municipalities and townships working together on water quality (not flooding projects alone). It focuses on pollution prevention, construction runoff control, public education, regulatory compliance.

Each city/village pays the district based on: number of households (or equivalent units), the agreed "level of service." Think of it as "Buy-in" for stormwater compliance services.

**Mr. Schwab made a motion to approve Hamilton County Storm Water District Level of Service (LOS) and Estimated Service Fees for 2027. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Ms. Alspaugh-Yes, Mr. Collins, Ms. Donohue-Yes. Motion Carried.**

CLEAN-UP NEWTOWN Spring Cleanup (April 26 thru May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Mr. Schwab made a motion to support the spring clean-up. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Council Checklist

**Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Checklist dated 4/14/2026 in the amount of \$305,172.00. Mr. Farley seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:52pm; motion seconded by Mr. Schwab. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Transcribed by Becky Fairley