

The February 28, 2017 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mark Kobasuk, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Members: Curt Tiettmeyer (Vice Mayor) Chuck Short (absent)
Daryl Zornes Cheryl McConnell Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett
Joe Harten (absent) Terry Fairley Assistant to Mayor: Becky Fairley (absent)

Eastern Corridor Open House

Mayor Kobasuk will attend the Open House and give an update at the 3.14.2017 Council Meeting.

MVCA – Update on Short Park Athletic Recreational Complex (Reported by Mayor Kobasuk)

Tom Rhodenbaugh, MVCA representative, will attend the 3.14.2017 Council Meeting to give an update on the progress of the construction of the Short Park Athletic Recreational Complex. Questions previously submitted by Chris Hicks will also be answered by MVCA. MVCA SPARC Governing Board is composed of two MVCA members and Village Mayor, Finance chair and Parks chair. Members appointed by MVCA are: Robert Vilaro and Tom Rhodenbaugh.

Brenda Wehmer, Dinsmore & Shohl (Infrastructure Financing)

Ms. Wehmer talked to Council about borrowing money for road and storm sewer projects. The Village's debt capacity would allow borrowing the amount that is being considered, which is 1.5 to 1.6 million dollars. The process to authorize General Obligation bonds was discussed. A contract with Dinsmore & Shohl and a recommendation to Council will be presented at the 3.14.2017 Council Meeting.

Project Status Report (Reported by Engineer Bruce Brandstetter, BCI)

Ivy Hills Blvd. Storm Line (culvert cleaning at Ivy Hills Blvd/Little Dry)

- Culvert cleaning is complete
- After reviewing the \$31,879.21 invoice with Smith Corp., BCI forwarded the invoice to Keri today
- In an effort to obtain better pricing for the Trash Rack, BCI has requested pricing from several other contractors

MRF/OPWC Grants

- BCI started the field surveying of SR32 Storm, basically from Burger east of the east corporation line
- Project is approved for OPWC funding (\$390,000 total, Village share 50%)
- Coordinate SR32 Storm w/ODOT Safety Grant, which is due in April. This would be for the widening and right turn lane at Little Dry Run Road eastbound. If project qualifies, ODOT would pay for any phase (engineering, surveying, right-of-way acquisition and construction) @ 90/10. ODOT estimated project @ \$800,000. There is a good chance we could use OPWC grant for Village's match, stated Bruce Brandstetter.
- ODOT is scheduled to pave SR32 through the Village in 2021 (Fiscal Year) Paving could start July 2020. Mr. Brandstetter said there is an interest to a lot of people for this to happen – good for the region to move traffic to the east. Mr. Brandstetter will keep Council updated.

Street Paving Plan

- All Village streets have been assessed by BCI – the streets have been broken down into three categories: 1) streets/alleys, 2) County roads and 3) SR 32. Each one has a potential different funding source
- Village Street Summary sorted by condition was presented
- Council selected streets to be paved at 2.14.2017 Council Meeting
- Bid Documents will be prepared Feb/March 2017
- Project go out to bid April 2017
- Contract will be approved by Council May 2017
- Coordination will take place w/Duke Gas to discuss gas service replacement on streets slated for resurfacing in 2017
- Duke requested that Newtown consider waiving permit fees, which is done by many municipalities
- GCWW has no foreseeable plans to replace mains on the proposed streets scheduled for repair

Ragland Road Culvert (Storm Improvements)

- BCI's proposal to provide engineering services is \$26,100. As of 8.23.2016, estimated cost of the project \$432,465
- The project will include replacing and enlarging storm water pipe, headwall and culverts

Miscellaneous

- BCI provided Plan Review comments concerning grading/drainage on Church Street for new housing construction
- BCI assisted with storm pipe issue on Miljoie Drive, \$6,400 repair
- BCI will attend the upcoming Eastern Corridor Open House at MVCA on 3.9.2017 at 4pm
- BCI attending the OPWC District Integrating Committee Meeting on 3.3.2017

Duke Permit Fees (Reported by Mayor Kobasuk)

Duke will soon be working on a 10-year program to replace all remaining metallic service lines. Duke has asked Newtown to consider waiving permit fees, which has been done by other communities. Madeira waives permit fees for Duke. Currently, Newtown charges \$85 per household. Mr. Brandstetter confirmed that Madeira waives permit fees for Duke. After more discussion, it was decided that Duke permit fees will be waived only for the streets in the 2017 Paving Program.

Start-up Company Providing Technology Solutions

Bob McCarthy, 2995 Benttree, has developed a start-up company that provides technology solutions that help families care for elderly or handicapped family members. He is in the process of raising money with investors and they have asked him for surveys. Mr. McCarthy asked if Newtown could share their mailing list so he could send out the survey. Mayor Kobasuk will consult with Solicitor Supinger and get back with Mr. McCarthy.

Council Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 2.28.2017 Council Checklist for \$47,463.02, seconded by Mr. Zornes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Bid Process

Mr. Tiettmeyer will present a draft of a Bid Process he has been working on at the 3.14.17 Council Meeting.

Ordinance, 2017 Appropriations, Second Reading

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have the Second Reading of AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017. Mr. Short seconded the motion.

Council Minutes

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 02.14.2017 Council Minutes, Mrs. McConnell seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ordinance, First Reading, Amending Personnel Policies

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have the First Reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL IN ORDER TO ADD A SICK LEAVE DONATION POLICY.

Storm Water Utility Program Billing (Reported by Curt Tiettmeyer)

Billing by GCWW for the Storm Water Utility Program has taken place. The amount collected will be realized the end of March.

Resolution, First Reading, Participate in Hamilton County WeTHRIVE! Initiative

Mr. Zornes made a motion to have the First Reading of A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH WeTHRIVE! INITIATIVE RELATED TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Planning Commission (Reported by Cheryl McConnell)

Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing at their March 23rd meeting at 6:00pm. The proposed zoning code changes will be reviewed. Planning will decide on the changes and make their recommendation to Village Council. Council will then have a separate Public Hearing.

Newtown Business Association (Reported by Cheryl McConnell)

Pastor Rob Odell, Faith Christian Fellowship Church is the new NBA President; Vice Mayor is John Kozak, Kozak Financial and MVCA parent. They are looking to host a Health and Wellness event for the community on May 20th. Chief Ober is involved and they plan to contact Chief Synan. The NBA is also considering hosting a Newtown Night Out sometime in August. The group is working on becoming more active – they've also been working on new By Laws.

Duke Energy Scam (Reported by Chief Synan)

Recently, a Newtown business received a call from someone posing as Duke Energy saying their power would be shut off if they didn't pay a certain amount of money. Duke Energy first sends out a written notice before shutting off one's electric power and they will not shut off power on the weekend. These calls are taking place on the weekend.

Storm Sewer Project – Emergency Repair at Miljoie

Mr. Fairley made a motion to approve \$6,400 to Andy Argo Construction Company Ltd for labor and materials to repair and replace storm pipe from existing catch basin to storm manhole. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adjourn at 7:51. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley