

The April 22, 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 (absent)
	Mark Kobasuk	Curt Tiettmeyer
	Cheryl McConnell	Daryl Zornes

Moundview 2nd Floor Renovations (Reported by Mrs. McConnell)

Chris Hollon Construction will begin renovations to the second floor Monday, April 28th. After much discussion,

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to approve an additional \$2,000 to Chris Hollon Construction for replacing old kitchen cabinets with cabinets previously donated to the Village. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

The restoration and enhancements of the second floor will create more amenities for the community, while bringing in additional revenue to the Village. The second floor will also be available to rent in conjunction with the first floor rentals. Other civic or community groups would also be able to rent the space. Council reserves the right to waive the fee to any Newtown civic or charitable organizations. Such groups will need to vacate the premises by 11:30am when paid events are taking place.

For the past few years, the Newtown Village Quilters have used the upstairs on Saturday mornings from 8:30am to 11:30am at no charge. From time to time, they may be asked to not meet on a given Saturday, should the second floor be rented for a large event. The quilters make items for the terminally ill and donate items to various charity organizations. The quilting group will be allowed to continue their Saturday morning sessions at no charge. One closet with a lock on it will be offered to the quilters to store their sewing machines and items they are working on. These items must be locked in the closet when they leave at 11:30am. The Village will also retain a key to this closet. A Newtown non-profit civic/charitable organization may present to Council asking that rental fees be waived. Mrs. McConnell will come up with a draft of an agreement of understanding for the quilting group and other organizations and present to Council for approval. The draft agreement will be forwarded to Solicitor Miller for approval.

Veterans Memorial Maintenance Agreement (Reported by Mrs. McConnell)

Council requested that Mrs. McConnell work on a formal agreement between the Village and the Veterans Association to address who is responsible for what costs at the Veterans Memorial. The Veterans Memorial at Moundview Park is about 90' long x 40' across (approximately 4,000SF). The Veterans Association is required to come to Village Council for approval to make any additions to the memorial outside of this footprint. The memorial has shrubs, mulch, fencing and lights that will need to be maintained. Mr. Lynn Burger and Chuck Short are officers in the Veterans Association and told Mrs. McConnell the Veterans Association will replace the flags each year for Memorial Day. They will also be responsible for stone engravings as needed, and adding additional stone monuments as needed with Council approval.

The Veterans Association said they feel the memorial was built and donated to the Village of Newtown; therefore, the Village would be responsible for other costs associated with the maintenance of the memorial. Donations made to the upkeep of the memorial will come to the Village of Newtown for maintenance, unless the donation states it is strictly for replacement of flags or for inscribing names on the stones. Mr. Tiettmeyer said there needs to be clarity in a written understanding with the Veterans Association. Mrs. McConnell will submit a draft agreement to Council for approval and then forward to Solicitor Miller for final approval. This agreement will also address how future donations to the memorial are handled.

Flag Spring Cemetery (Reported by Mr. Dickerson)

Currently, there is a minimum \$50 charge for the installation of the foundation for a grave marker. After discussion took place, Council decided to suspend this charge for those that have contacted a monument company for a grave marker. This will be verified once we receive the order from the monument company asking for a foundation. This will assist with giving one the incentive to provide grave markers for unmarked graves. Mr. Dickerson asked to suspend the current minimum \$50 charge. This will be suspended until the end of 2014, at which time, whether or not to continue will be evaluated.

Lake Barber – Walking Path (Reported by Mr. Dickerson)

Bids to reseal the walking trail around the lake have been received. The scope would include two coats of sealant and removing all toe catches in the path, which is estimated to last five years. Estimated cost is between \$20,000 to

\$25,000. Council decided to wait and ask the consultant for suggestions and consider once the parking lot and bridge have been completed.

Lake Barber – RFP's (Reported by Mr. Harten)

Four firms have shown interest, thus far. A report will be given at the next meeting. Establishing a 501(c)(3) would be helpful for receiving grant money from outside foundations.

Short Park - Miami Valley Venture (Reported by Mr. Harten)

Discussion regarding the Term Sheet for the MVCA/Short Park Venture was continued. Financial aspects and benefits to the Village of Newtown were also discussed. Mr. Harten will discuss items with MVCA and present a revised Term Sheet to Council.

LMFR Fire Board Update (Reported by Mark Kobasuk)

The 4.16.2014 Board Meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Mr. Kobasuk represents Village Council on the Fire Board and asked Council for direction regarding a possible future levy.

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 4.22.2014 Checklist for \$65,502.57. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mammoth Tusk Update (Reported by Mr. Tiettmeyer)

At the 5.13.2014 Council Meeting, approval to restore the tusk and an agreement to loan the tusk to the Cincinnati Museum Center will be discussed.

Police Department Renovation Update (Reported by Mr. Tiettmeyer)

Meetings with the architect have taken place. Once final drawings of proposed changes have been received, a dollar amount will be brought to Council. The first phase will be renovating the offices, which will be furnished with furniture donated from Fifth Third. Chairs will need to be purchased.

NOR COM – Council Chamber Sound Quality (Reported by Mr. Tiettmeyer)

Final evaluations from NOR COM will be presented once they have been received. A microphone per person is being considered.

Municipal Center Parking Lot (Reported by Mr. Tiettmeyer)

The parking lot was sealed and striped in cooler weather November 2013. Due to the weather at the time and the recent heavy winter, the parking lot has deteriorated. Bids to reseal and strip will be presented to Council at the 5.13.2014 meeting.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 3.25.2014 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Harten. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 4.08.2014 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Tiettmeyer. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Energy Alliances (Reported by Mr. Zornes)

Mr. Zornes contacted a list of references and received good reviews. Council would pass a resolution to place on the ballot for the residents to decide. Energy Alliances will be invited back to review the process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.