

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The April 24, 2018 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Mark Kobasuk, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Members: Curt Tiettmeyer (Vice Mayor) absent Terry Fairley Solicitor: Emily T. Supinger
Daryl Zornes Don Carroll Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett
Chuck Short Sarah Williams Assistant to Mayor: Becky Fairley

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. Short made a motion to approve the 04.10.2018 Council Minutes, Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Christine Fisher, candidate for State Representative 27th District was on the agenda but did not attend the meeting.

Citizen Participation (Two-minute limit for each speaker) (Read by Mayor Kobasuk)

We have reached that point in our 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 request information, please be sure to leave your contact information with the staff before you leave the meeting. A member of the staff will contact you regarding your request. Please state your name and where you live when addressing Council. Is there anyone present that would like to bring an item, not otherwise on the agenda, before Council?

Cincy Soccer Club

Melissa Meyers, 3401 Madison Street told Council that she and the residents that were impacted last fall by the traffic and noise from the soccer group, could not imagine it going back to the way it was at all. It has been much more peaceful since they were told to cease practice October 2017.

ASPA (American Society for Public Administration)

Chief Synan and Becky Fairley attended the 34th Annual Public Administrators of the Year Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 20, 2018. The Village of Newtown was presented with a Program Excellence award. Chief Synan remains active in the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition and is committed to spreading the word and speaking about the opioid epidemic. Due to Chief Synan's involvement, the Village of Newtown is known world-wide, Germany, France, middle-east, etc. and viewed as leaders in the opiate epidemic. Chief Synan thanked Becky for attending this event and thanked Mayor and Council for allowing him to continue these efforts. It was an honor to attend the Awards Luncheon and receive the award on behalf of the Village.

Engineering Update Presented by Bruce Brandstetter, BCI

1. Ragland Road Culvert: BCI will pursue obtaining the remaining three of the eight easements
2. 2017 Street Paving Program: punch list items to be complete in spring.
3. 2018 Capital Improvement Project Alternatives:
 - BCI submitted proposals to the Village for 2018 projects and for the SR32 East Speed Study as encouraged by ODOT. If speed limit is reduced, it changes the design from Little Dry Run to the east and would allow curb and gutters instead of roadside ditches and will not require as much right-of-way and could cost less. Reducing the speed limit would be based on the 85 percentiles of how fast people travel. BCI fee for speed study is \$3,200
 - Paving program will include public bidding of the Crull subdivision (\$140,000) and Lake Barber pavement repairs (\$40,000).
 - Sidewalk Inspection Program: BCI suggested to focus only on River Hills subdivision this year

MAYOR / COUNCIL REPORTS

WinterFest 2018

This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 8th from 4-8pm and will take place on Church Street. The next NBA meeting will be held June 19th at 6pm at Faith Christian Fellowship Church. Joe Motz is no longer on the WF Committee so we didn't have WinterFest in the Village December 2017. Mayor Kobasuk encouraged others to become involved to help these folks with this year's event.

Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update

Mayor Kobasuk and John Russell met with Emily Crow, AICP Senior Planner with McBride Dale Clarion on 4.17.2018 – a proposal will be submitted with a menu of various options. Check out the city of Harrison's Comprehensive Plan prepared last year by McBride Dale Clarion: <https://envisionharrison.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/EnvisionHarrison-4-5-18.pdf>

Village Projects

Mr. Carroll asked Mayor Kobasuk if we had a list of projects Mr. Thamann was working on and if there was an exit interview. Mayor Kobasuk said typically, Mayor and the Council Member of the committee chair would pick up the projects Mr. Thamann was working on. Becky, Keri, Chuck and Lt. McBreen would also chip in to get things done. There has been no discussion to fill the position at the moment. Mr. Carroll said there is a grant training program in Columbus May 31st and June 1st, sponsored by the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers. Mayor Kobasuk said Council may also consider hiring a grant writer since they specialize in writing grants. Mayor Kobasuk said Mr. Thamann just left and the Village got along pretty well without a Village Administrator. Mr. Brandstetter will put together a summary of the grants for public infrastructure BCI would apply for and has for many years.

Short Park: Proposals for a long-term plan for Short Park are being considered. Mrs. Williams said BCI may be called upon to apply for some possible grants. Mr. Short said we may want to consider adding crushed rock to the lower park lot which has been washed out more than before after the February flooding.

PENDING / NEW LEGISLATION

Ordinance, First Reading of Personnel Policies and Procedures

Mayor Kobasuk read the First Reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN PERSONNEL POLICES AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK.

Ordinance, Blanket Certifications for Expenditures

Village staff has the need to create blanket purchase orders for expenditures that happen on a routine basis. Section 5705.41(D)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code allows the fiscal officer to certify a certain sum of money, provided it has been lawfully appropriated, authorized, or directed for a certain purpose and funds are in the treasury or in the process of collection, to the credit of a specific line item appropriation account in a certain fund free from previous and then outstanding obligations or certifications.

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

Mr. Short made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 11-2018 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF BLANKET CERTIFICATIONS FOR EXPENDITURES AND SETTING THE DOLLAR LIMIT AND OTHER CRITERIA FOR SUCH CERTIFICATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Agreement w/Hamilton County

Mayor Kobasuk read the First Reading of a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION WITH HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED.

Ordinance, Amending 2018 Permanent Appropriations

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

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 12-2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 2018 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Amending Agreement with A & A Lawncare and Landscaping

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 08-2018 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SECOND ADDENDUM TO AN AGREEMENT WITH A & A LAWNCARE & LANDSCAPING FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AT THE FLAG SPRING CEMETERY AND THE FIRE STATION LOT IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Agreement w/BCI Engineering Services for River Hills Subdivision & SR32 Speed Study

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 09-2018 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH BRANDSTETTER CARROLL, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CRULL SUBDIVISION AND LAKE BARBER TRAIL PAVEMENT REPAIRS. Mr. Short seconded the motion.

Mr. Fairley explained that the engineering fees include \$9,500 for the Crull Subdivision and \$4,200 for Lake Barber. These items are budgeted items for 2018.

Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Checklist

Mr. Carroll made a motion to approve the 04.24.2018 Checklist, in the amount of \$117,163.85. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Approved.

Executive Session

Mr. Zornes made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:02pm, under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G1 to discuss employee compensation. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. Motion Carried.

Council reconvened at 7:52pm. No action will be taken as a result of the Executive Session. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adjourn at 7:53pm, seconded by Mr. Zornes. Motion Carried.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley.