

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The May 8, 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)	Terry Fairley	Solicitor: Emily T. Supinger
Daryl Zornes	Don Carroll	Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett
Chuck Short	Sarah Williams (absent)	Assistant to Mayor: Becky Fairley

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. Short made a motion to approve the 04.24.2018 Council Minutes, Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (none)

Christine Fisher

Mrs. Fisher, democratic candidate running for State Representative in the 27th District. Mrs. Fisher talked about her background and the need to support our communities with families struggling with health care, education, & jobs. Mrs. Fisher feels it is time for new leadership and is ready to serve!

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? *There were no participants.*

MAYOR / COUNCIL REPORTS

Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update (Reported by Mayor Kobasuk)

Proposals from McBride Dale Clarion and Compass Point Planning have been received. After meeting with Emily Crow, McBride Dale Clarion, Mayor Kobasuk feels Ms. Crow is best suited to update Newtown's Comprehensive Plan and will use the plan that was prepared in the mid-90's. Ms. Crow is located in Fairfax. Planning Commission will review the proposals and make a recommendation to Village Council. 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>

Signage – Fire Department and Police Department (Reported by Mayor Kobasuk)

Becky is assisting with sourcing new signs for the Police Department and Fire Department (Station 22). Renderings will be brought to Council.

Nature Works Grant: Solicitor Supinger identified a potential grant that is available. Mayor Kobasuk talked to Bruce Brandstetter who explained that this is a very competitive grant to obtain, maybe a \$100,000 to \$150,000 for the entire county. The project would need to be for a new project and Mr. Brandstetter doesn't believe the money could be used for paving parking lots or repairing walking trails. BCI will submit a proposal to create a master plan for Short Park.

Maintenance Department – Job Opening: (Reported by Mayor Kobasuk)

Chad McMillen was recently presented with an opportunity to further his education; therefore, submitted his resignation. Chad's last day will be Friday, May 11th. Chuck Morgan is advertising the open position on the Center for Local Government website, Becky will post on the Village website and Keri will place an ad in the paper. Electronic websites are where most people search. The newspaper is antiquated: Mrs. Supinger agreed. Below is the job description for the open position of FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE TECH 1:

The Village of Newtown is now accepting resumes for a full-time Maintenance Tech 1 position in our Maintenance Department. Experience with landscaping, janitorial, painting and snow plowing is a must. A mechanical aptitude is a plus. Applicants must maintain an excellent driving record and successfully pass a background check and a drug screen. We are looking for a self-motivated individual with a positive attitude. Please send resumes to the Village of Newtown, 3537 Church Street Newtown, Ohio 45244, Attention: Chuck Morgan, Maintenance Department. Applications are being accepted through Friday, June 1st.

New Business Opportunity: (Reported by Mayor Kobasuk)

Doug Hall, Eureaka Ranch is ramping up his custom scientifically-aged whiskey-distilling business. Mr. Hall plans on bringing his Kentucky operation to the Village of Newtown. Mr. Hall has contracts to export his whiskey, bourbon, scotch to the United Kingdom. The Japanese want his bourbon. This company will bring in revenue employees. Mr. Hall will present his company to the Planning Commission.

Another entity is looking to locate its operations to the Village. They have a 1.7million dollar annual payroll. This too will be presented before the Planning Commission.

Newtown Landfill: (Reported by Council member Don Carroll)

Mr. Carroll has recently received three complaints from residents in Ivy Hills regarding the Newtown Landfill. Mr. Carroll will forward email addresses to Becky and she will email the residents that expressed their concerns the latest information from the Hamilton County Public Health, per Mayor Kobasuk. Mayor Kobasuk met with the Ohio EPA and HCPH on May 3rd to discuss the Burger Landfill. They saw the unsightly landfill and are aware of the height. Mr. Carroll said there is a group of residents that plan on coming to Council to discuss.

Fireman's Memorial: (Reported by Council member Daryl Zornes)

The ATFD and volunteers have almost completed the reconstruction of the Fireman's Memorial that used to be located at the Bicentennial Park. Chief Ober told Mr. Zornes that a celebration will take place once the memorial's reconstruction is completed. Mr. Short presented pictures of the bell that has been restored by a Boy Scout that has been working on the project. Verdin Bell gave instruction to the young man working on his Eagle Scout.

VILLAGE SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Hydro Systems contacted the Village office seeking permission to launch their canoes/kayaks in Lake Barber for their Hydro Days in August. Solicitor Supinger explained that allowing this activity would be contrary to the Park Rules adopted by Council, which prohibits all boating on Lake Barber. Hydro has offered to obtain additional insurance, which presumably would cover the Village, stated Solicitor Supinger. Discussion was tabled; Council will consider the request.

PENDING / NEW LEGISLATION

Ordinance, Second Reading of Personnel Policies and Procedures

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

Resolution, Agreement w/Hamilton County

Mayor Kobasuk read the Second 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.

Resolution, Agreements w/BCI for Engineering Services

This resolution is an agreement with Brandstetter Carroll Inc. for professional services related to the River Hills Subdivision Sidewalk Repair Program (range of \$3,500 to \$5,000) and the SR32 Speed Study for (\$3,200).

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. 10-2018 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS WITH BRANDSTETTER CARROLL, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE RIVERHILLS SUBDIVISION SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM AND THE SR32 SPEED STUDY. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion.

Solicitor Supinger emailed Mayor and Council a process for sidewalk assessment. Bruce and Bob Hartz will first walk River Hills and will determine which sidewalk blocks need to be repaired. At which time, the process to manage this program will be implemented. The Village will send letters to the property owners explaining the program, their given quantity of sidewalk to replace and outline specifications to complete the work. Mr. Fairley will discuss timing of the program with Bruce, as far as notifying the residents prior to the sidewalks being marked. Chuck Morgan will also be involved in the process in some capacity.

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

Resolution, ODOT install traffic signal equipment

This resolution addresses the need to upgrade signal timing at the intersections of SR32 and Church Street/Newtown Road, SR32 and Round Bottom Road, SR32 and Little Dry Run Road, SR32 and Ivy Hills Blvd., Round Bottom Road and Valley Avenue and Newtown Road/Church Street and Valley Avenue by providing traffic signal equipment.

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. 11-2018 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL CERTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Agreement w/Greg's Lawn & Landscaping

For grounds maintenance services at Short Park.

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 12-2018 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH GREG'S LAWN & LANDSCAPING SERVICES, INC. FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AT SHORT PARK. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Agreement w/Prosource

Lt. McBreen worked with Prosource on renewing the Police Department's copier and discovered it would be cheaper to combine and renew the agreement with Prosource for the lease and service of two printer/copiers for the use in the police department and administration.

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

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-2018 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH PROSOURCE FOR THE LEASE AND SERVICE OF TWO PRINTER/COPIERS. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 05.08.2018 Checklist (\$104,945.31) adding \$1,700 to CRM Holdings (half website redesign) making total checklist amount \$106,645.31. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Approved.

Memorial Day Parade: Council is invited to ride on the float on Monday, May 28th – lineup begins 9:30am with step-off at 10am at MVCA on School Street.

Executive Session

Mr. Zornes made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:10pm, under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G1 to discuss employee compensation. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-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