

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The June 12, 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	Assistant to Mayor: Becky Fairley

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Short made a motion to approve the 5.22.2018 Council Minutes; motion seconded by Mr. Zornes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Engineering Status Update

Ben Brandstetter spoke to the following update dated 6.12.2018, presented to Council:

1. Ragland Road Culvert (17053)

- Easement Status
 - BCI has reached out to Lippmeier-Suarez multiple times, including storm video from 6/1.
 - BCI met with the Johnsons on 5/24. They are ready to execute easement. Berding is revising plat and description.
 - BCI and Mayor meeting Mr. Yeager on 6/9/18.

2. 2017 Street Paving Program (17045)

- Punch List items to be complete in Spring. BCI will drive project with JR Jurgenson.

3. 2018 Street Program (18081)

- There are nine plan holders. Bids to be opened 6/11/18.
- BCI to review bids, make recommendation for 6/28/18 Council Meeting.
- September Construction.

4. Lake Barber Pathway Repairs (18080)

- a. There are eight plan holders. Bids to be opened 6/11/18.
- b. BCI to review bids, make recommendation for 6/28/18 Council Meeting.

5. SR 32 East Storm (17042)

- Storm design will be dependent upon if curb or roadside ditches. Speed study will guide that.
- BCI contacted OPWC on 6/8/18 to update them on project.

6. ODOT SR 32 Safety Grant

- Letter to be forwarded to ODOT from Village concerning BCI providing Engineering.

7. 2016 Paving Program (16051)

- Curb replacement complete.
- BCI to check final cleanup and close out project with Meurer.
- Recommended crack sealing in the Clusters. Could be by Contractor that completes crack and pavement sealing at Moundview Park and Municipal Parking Lot.

8. Hamilton County Public Health

- A follow up meeting took place on May 31, 2018 to discuss a preliminary action plan from CEC Inc. (Burger Farms Consultant). The information was received by Ohio EPA and a follow up meeting is tentatively targeted for the end of June. No firm date has been set. CEC INC. will be providing minutes to this meeting.

9. Miscellaneous

- BCI is obtaining quotes for the wood lagging replacement and masonry wall repairs on Little Dry Run.
- Strauss Troy is researching the drainage and easement issues on Monogahela Drive.
- Grants
 - OPWC/MRF 2019 grant requests, due in August/September.

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?

Ragland Road Storm Water Drainage Issue

Residents Mike Hedrick, 6932 Ragland Road, Jody and Katie Johnson, 6936 Ragland Road and Becky Fairley, 6931 Edith Street, voiced their continued concern and frustration over the ongoing flooding issue of forty-plus years that has now become a safety issue for many homeowners. Jody and Katie Johnson described how swiftly and quickly the water moved and said it could easily take down an adult or child. Mr. Hedrick thanked Newtown Police (Lt. McBreen and Police Officer McFarland) for coming down Ragland on the evening of June 1st asking if everyone was okay. He also recognized and thanked Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Morgan for his efforts. Mr. Hedrick said if a small child or even Becky would have been hit by the amount of water coming down his drive, which came from the creek, you would have to chase them over the hill down into Yeager's pond. Mr. Hedrick said watching everyone pick up the huge amounts of debris and seeing his neighbors carry personal property ruined from the flooding, from their homes...enough is enough; it's time to do something! It is not worth a loss of life and it seems like the urgency is not there, stated Mr. Hedrick. Mayor Kobasuk assured Mr. Hedrick the urgency is there, and he doesn't want anyone to be hurt for this flooding. This is our No. 1 priority, stated Mayor Kobasuk!

Mayor Kobasuk saw the video sent by Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Morgan and was amazed at the magnitude of the water on Friday, June 1st. The heavy rains of Friday, June 1st, flooded several homes in the area. Residents believe the flooding issue is mostly a result of a combination of tree limbs and other debris gathering against the bar grate at the culvert entrance behind the Ragland/Edith/Pine Street properties, as well as the inadequate downstream capacity of the pipes that drain across Ragland Road and Harriet Street. Mayor Kobasuk said he is committed that this Council will do something about this issue. Mr. Short said we will not continue to kick the can down the road. He said the time to act is now! Mayor Kobasuk said obtaining the easements has slowed the project down. Solicitor Supinger will be contacting one of the residents we have been trying to talk to about signing the easement.

Mayor Kobasuk spoke to the magnitude of the water in the 6.1.2018 video of the flooding and asked Ben Brandstetter if he was sure the system for the storm water improvement project proposed by BCI could handle this magnitude. Mayor Kobasuk asked Mr. Brandstetter to look at the photos presented by the Johnsons. He told Mr. Brandstetter that we need to make sure we are building it big enough to handle this amount of water. Mr. Fairley said he asked Village Engineer Bruce Brandstetter if the Village had a water problem or a debris problem. Mr. Morgan took the backhoe during the flood and pulled the debris away from the trash rack and all you could hear was a large sucking sound of water going into the drain. The debris had blocked the drain thus the backflow of the creek flooded the properties and homes. Mr. Fairley said not only do we need to make sure the storm drain is large enough, but we also need to make sure we take precaution and take steps to accommodate the debris going through the pipeline and prevent the debris from blocking it. Some of the logs were 12-15" logs 8-foot-long. Mr. Brandstetter said regular maintenance of the entrance way will be key to the success for this issue, in the long-term. Mr. Fairley suggested installing additional trash racks (stop sticks) along the hillside to possibly prevent some of the larger debris from falling into the creek. Mayor Kobasuk told Mr. Brandstetter to make sure the project is engineered to handle this magnitude of water. Mayor Kobasuk said he has also always thought we should look upstream into River Hills to see what is contributing to this debris and water.

In 2012, the Village paid to have the creek-bed dredged, which helped for a short period of time and should be done once a year. In some areas, the creek is not even a "creek" but flat land. Newtown Maintenance Department does their best to remove the debris but cannot keep up when we receive a large amount of rain with massive water coming down the hillside from River Hills. Mr. Brandstetter recommended that an inspection of the creek be done at least once a year for planning purposes of having it dredged out more often.

Residents asked Mayor and Council to strongly consider obtaining a second opinion to make sure the proposed solution will be adequate to handle such a large amount of water that all recently experienced. The Johnson's shared some photos of the recent flooding. Mayor Kobasuk said the urgency is there! Mayor Kobasuk asked Council to consider approving an amount for a second opinion.

Memorial Day Parade (Reported by Mayor Kobasuk)

The annual Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the Newtown Civic League was once again a success and enjoyed by all! Mayor Kobasuk thanked Civic League members Chuck Short, Lynn Burger and Bill Teater for organizing the event and for their continued involvement. Mayor Kobasuk also thanked Chuck Morgan, Newtown Maintenance Department and Newtown Police Department for their involvement. U.S. Representative Brad Wenstrup graciously served as the parade's Grand Marshal.

Planning Commission Meeting (Reported by Mayor Kobasuk)

An application for a conditional use permit has been submitted by Forest Hills School District for property located at 3537 Round Bottom Road. The applicant seeks to improve and use the property for the school district's transportation facility offices and school bus parking. A Public Hearing before Planning Commission on this request is scheduled for 6:00pm, July 5, 2018.

Council Meeting Cancellation (Reported by Mayor Kobasuk)

Mr. Short made a motion to cancel the 6.26.2018 Council Meeting; Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Department Technician Position (Reported by Terry Fairley)

Chuck Morgan received five applications for the open full-time position. Based on Mr. Morgan's evaluation of the applications received, Mr. Fairley made the following motion.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to offer full-time employment to Tim Strobl; offer is subject to background check and drug screening. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ragland Road Storm Water Drainage – Dredging Creek (Reported by Terry Fairley)

This afternoon, Mr. Morgan received a proposal from Andy Argo Construction Company, LLC to re-channel the creek, haul away debris from 6.1.2018 flooding, install broken concrete for riprap along edges and restore the property after completion. The following motion allows for extra dollars, in the event the project takes more time than estimated.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to hire Andy Argo Construction, LLC to re-channel the creek, haul away debris from 6.1.2018 flooding, install broken concrete for riprap along edges and restore the property after completion for \$7,500. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Newtown Maintenance Department will evaluate the creek-bed on an annual basis to determine if dredging/re-channeling the creek is needed. Village Engineer Ben Brandstetter agreed.

Ragland Road Storm Water Drainage Issue – Engineering 2nd Opinion

Mr. Fairley made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to obtain a second opinion with CT Consultants for the Ragland Road Storm Water Drainage Review. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Signage – Fire Department and Police Department (Daryl Zornes)

Becky has been working with several sign companies sourcing new signs for the Police Department and Fire Department (Station 22). Signs for the respective departments have been ordered. Please see below motions:

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve \$2,163 for a light post/globe sign and electric for the Police Department. This amount includes \$1,180 to Frontier Signs and Displays, Inc. for the post/globe sign. The remaining amount (\$983 is earmarked for Osterwisch Company Contractors to run the necessary electric for the sign. (If the trench and backfill is to be provided by Newtown, the cost could be reduced by \$450.) Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve \$1,791 to United Maier Signs, Inc. for one double-faced non-illuminated ground sign for the Fire Department. This sign will be placed on Main Street (7036). Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

NEW LEGISLATION

Resolution, Board of County Commissioners

Council desires to enter into a Lease Agreement w/the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County for mobile data computers (MDC's) and docking stations for use by the Newtown Police Department. Total due to RCIC \$10,760.00.

Mr. Zornes made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Short. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zornes made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 16-2018 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO FOR MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS AND DOCKING STATIONS FOR USE BY THE NEWTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Contract w/Rack & Ballauer

Council wishes to make trail repairs to the walking trail around Lake Barber in the Village of Newtown. The partial grant awarded by Duke Energy will be applied to this project.

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 17-2018 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH RACK & BALLAUER FOR THE LAKE BARBER TRAIL REPAIRS PROJECT. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Contract w/JK Meurer Corp.

Council wishes to make paving improvements to the streets located in the Crull subdivision. This project came in under the \$140,000 budget with the lowest and best bid with JK Meurer at \$107,404.

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 18-2018 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH JK MEURER CORPORATION FOR THE 2018 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 06.12.2018 Checklist for \$ \$207,484.68. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Approved.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn at 7:44pm. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned!

Transcribed from hand-written notes taken at the meeting by Becky Fairley