

The September 8, 2015 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Curt Cosby, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Council Members:** Joe Harten  
Mark Kobasuk  
Cheryl McConnell

Chuck Short  
Curt Tiettmeyer (absent)  
Daryl Zornes

Solicitor: Doug Miller

Police Department – Part-time Police Officer

**Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to hire Jarrad Robertson to serve as a part-time police officer for the Newtown Police Department. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Cosby swore in Jarrad Robertson as part-time police officer. Jarrad received a warm welcome from everyone.

6840 School Street Property Update

The property is scheduled for Sherriff's sale in October. Mrs. Carrie Vanderzee, 6836 School Street talked to Caliber Home Loans recently and was told the bank would have to buy the house if it doesn't sell at the Sheriff's sale. The property would then be placed in their REO department. Mrs. Vanderzee said the property is clearly not meeting community standards and asked Council if they had any new or additional information. Mayor Cosby said if the property doesn't sell the Village could then go after the bank since they would be the owner of the property.

Short Park – MVCA Agreement (Reported by Joe Harten)

There will be a signing ceremony between the Village of Newtown and MVCA on the Short Park Development Plan, Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.

Lake Barber Progress (Reported by Joe Harten)

A sign stating the rules has been installed. Bollards to restrict vehicle access have been ordered and are expected to be installed in about six weeks.

Ordinance, Rules and Regulations for Lake Barber

Mr. Harten has stated his opposition to Item No. 1 in Section 2. (1. *The lake and grounds shall be restricted to use by Village of Newtown residents, and non-residents who are employed in the Village of Newtown, and their invited guests.*) In an effort to keep the process moving, Mr. Harten is willing to have the Second Reading without any changes, until the entire Council is present to vote on the ordinance at the 9.22.2015 Council Meeting. *The First Reading took place at the 7.28.2015 Council Meeting.*

**Mr. Harten made a motion to have the Second Reading of AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR LAKE BARBER IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Harten made a motion to have the Third Reading at the 9.22.2015 Council Meeting. Mrs. McConnell seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Planning Commission Update (Reported by Mrs. McConnell)

The Planning Commission met August 27<sup>th</sup> to review the Church Street and Center Street Zone Change. Letters were mailed to adjacent residents 9.1.2015. A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday; 9.22.2015 at 6pm. Building and Zoning Commissioner and Planning Chairman John Russell will be present to address questions and concerns. There has been no activity on the vacant lots on Church Street across from St. John Fisher Catholic church. The next Planning Commission meeting will take place October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Resolution, Appointing Curt Cosby Representative for the State Capital Improvement Project Funding

The Ohio Public Works Commission requires that an official representative be designated from the Village of Newtown, who will also be responsible to ensure the application for State Capital Improvement Funding (SCIP) funding is true and correct.

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

**Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 35-2015 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CURT COSBY AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDING, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried.**

Council Checklist

**Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the 9.8.2015 Council Checklist for \$86,206.68, seconded by Mr. Harten. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

LMFD Fire Board Update (Reported by Mark Kobasuk)

Mr. Kobasuk discussed a "fact sheet" showing: Property Values, Current and Gross Levy Proceeds, Newtown Tax Revenue, and how the allocation of money in a joint fire district is an issue. Total property values for the fire district (Newtown, Columbia Township and Fairfax) are \$217,644,380. Newtown is the largest contributor bringing in (\$88,503,990) = 40.7% of the total.

Mr. Kobasuk was disappointed in the Fire Board meeting, as they didn't reach out to Newtown and try to accommodate any of the items in the letter from Fire Board President David Olson. At the 8.19.2015 Fire Board meeting, Mr. Olson basically defended Fire Chief Terry Ramsey, explained he is the one that set up a meeting with Chief Ramsey, Carson Shelton and Alan Abes, attorney for the Fire District and sent Chief Ramsey out to talk to Village businesses. A representative from Fairfax and Columbia Township were part of the meeting, but no one from Newtown was invited. Mr. Kobasuk said retired Fire Chief Tom Driggers would have made an effort to talk to Newtown officials asking what it would take to keep Newtown part of the district.

Hamilton County Budget Commission

The Budget Commission will be reviewing the tax budgets and tax rates for the Little Miami JF&RD, the Village of Newtown, the Village of Golf Manor, and Columbia Township in order to determine the estimated revenue needed from each district's fire levies.

Council Minutes

**Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 7.28.2015 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 8.03.2015 Special Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 8.04.2015 Special Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 8.21.2015 Special Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

The August 25<sup>th</sup>, regularly-scheduled Council meeting was cancelled.

Maintenance Supervisor – Cemetery Sexton

Mr. Zornes asked for an Executive Session to discuss the open position for Maintenance Supervisor/Cemetery Sexton.

Capital Electric

Capital Electric will be out soon to do the annual inspection of the traffic lights.

Adleta Construction (Reported by Chuck Short)

Adleta will be out Thursday to begin the 200' portion of the drainage pipe of the Round Bottom Road project.

Short Park – Lights (Reported by Chuck Short)

Mr. Short was unsure if the lights along the railroad tracks going to Short Park should be replaced by the Village since MVCA will soon begin the Short Park development. Mayor Cosby said the lights are our responsibility now and will remain the responsibility of the Village. Mr. Harten said most definitely the lights should be replaced.

Railroad Tracks Repair – Church Street (Reported by Chuck Short)

Mayor Cosby said he thought the tracks were supposed to have been redone earlier in the year. Mr. Short said when the new company took over leasing the tracks they obtained a bid of \$75,000 to redo them. This company is a small operation and doesn't have the money to redo the tracks; therefore, they will repair the holes with dry patch. This is scheduled to be done Thursday. The Newtown Maintenance and Police departments will assist with flagging when the repairs are being done.

Executive Session

**Mr. Zornes made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:22PM to discuss hiring a Maintenance Supervisor/Cemetery Sexton. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried.**

Council reconvened at 7:42PM; action will be taken as a result of the executive session.

**Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to hire John Knuf as the Maintenance Supervisor for the Village of Newtown, pending a background check, drug test and pre-employment physical. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to appoint Chuck Morgan as Cemetery Sexton for the Village of Newtown. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan will receive the \$5,000 increase in compensation that goes with the position of Cemetery Sexton. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn at 7:44PM, seconded by Mr. Kobasuk. Motion Carried.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley