

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The September 25, 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 (not present)
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 9.11.2018 Council Minutes; motion seconded by Mr. Zornes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

OHIO PACE Financing

Dee Matir, Director of OHIO PACE (OHPACE.org) presented to Mayor and Council, explaining PACE Financing, which is a new and powerful financing tool that has been made available to the State of Ohio to improve commercial building. It was designed to assist commercial property owners with access to affordable, extended term financing for both new construction and energy-related improvements for existing buildings and allowing the amount borrowed to be repaid via a special voluntary property tax assessment. The assessment remains with the property, should the building ownership change hands. With no upfront costs, property owners can save more money by reducing their energy bill than they will spend paying off the financing.

Don Kline, Gardner Business Media Group desires to expand their facility, which includes improvements of \$1 million. Their lender will be paid back through property tax collection. This program is only for energy saving improvements. An ordinance approving this finance program will need to be adopted by Council.

Ben Brandstetter, BCI – Project Status

Mr. Brandstetter presented Mayor and Council with updates on current projects.

1. Ragland Road Culvert (17053)
 - Easement Status: BCI delivered Suarez easement to Newtown on 9/17/18
2. 2017 Street Paving Program (17045)
 - The remaining punch list item completed on 8/6/18. Final invoice for the 4% retainage is being processed
3. 2018 Street Program (18081)
 - Preconstruction meeting was held on 9/11/18
 - Duke is scheduled to complete their work by the end of September
 - JK Meurer plans to pave the middle of October
4. Lake Barber Pathway Repairs (18080)
 - Construction is complete. BCI expects the invoice by end of September. Will close out the project in October.
5. SR 32 East Storm (17042)
 - On 9/5/18, ODOT indicated their preference that the Village proceed with construction of storm project.
 - BCI is coordinating schedule with OPWC
6. ODOT SR 32 Safety Grant
 - BCI coordinating with ODOT on Stage 1
7. Burger Farm
 - Meeting held on 8/16/18 with Village, BCI and Burger Farm family
 - Burger family has action items to complete and then a meeting will be set up with OEPA senior staff
8. Sidewalk Inspection, Riverhills Subdivision (18085)
 - Inspections to start week of 9/24 and go into mid-October

Executive Session

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Kobasuk would like to enter into executive session, under ORC 121.22(g)(2), to go in with Ben Brandstetter, to discuss property acquisition regarding the Ragland Road Storm water easements.

Speed Bump Inquiry

Mayor Kobasuk recently received an inquiry from a resident from the Estates of Ivy Hills, about the installation of speed bumps on Pine Hurst and Ivy Hills Blvd. Mr. Ben Brandstetter said it is best that the Village first implement a policy on speed bumps. The cost of BCI constructing a policy is estimated at a couple thousand dollars. After some discussion, Mr. Brandstetter agreed that speed bumps can cause a host of problems, such as plowing snow. Typically, the residents would pay for the cost of the speed hump, which is usually 3-5 feet long. Residents are typically required to pay for the cost of installation and the maintenance, at their request. Mr. Brandstetter said most communities require that the residents that would be affected by the location of the speed bump, that they consent to the installation, whether that is 20%, 50% or 80%. Discussion will continue once more information is gathered.

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? No participants.

MAYOR / COUNCIL REPORTS

Planning Commission

Mayor Kobasuk reported that Planning will meet Thursday, September 27th to consider a zone change from (ORP) Office Research Park to (GB) General Business for 7202 Main Street. The potential buyers of the property are interested in establishing a wedding reception and corporate meeting venue at this location. At the recommendation of Planning, it will then come to Council for a zone change.

Mr. Carroll said his concern and position is that we continue to ask Planning Commission to review these things out of context and without any reference to a long-term plan. While this event venue may be a great idea, without a broader plan in place, these decisions continue to make what we are asking of the Planning Commission members very difficult. The Comprehensive Plan that was done about 28 or more years ago, was done more to rezone the Village. Mr. Carroll and others feel that more of a conceptual plan addressing a long-term plan, including what the Corridor and Historic Village would look like would assist the Planning Commission with a vision, as they make decisions to move the Village forward. The plan doesn't necessarily need to address change in the zoning in the Village at this point, stated Mr. Carroll. Two proposals to update the Comprehensive Master Plan have been received. Mr. Carroll feels we should be able to obtain a plan to address the direction of the Corridor for less than \$50,000.

Oct. 9th Meeting: Solicitor Supinger's associate Matt Fellerhoff will attend the 10/09 Meeting in her stead.

Gas Main Repairs

Mr. Fairley reported that Duke Energy is currently marking streets in various neighborhoods with green fluorescent paint.

NEW LEGISLATION

Resolution, accepting amounts and rates

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-2018 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion.

Discussion

This is an annual form we complete, allowing the auditor to determine the budget by the rates collected by property taxes.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 09.25.2018 Checklist for \$101,633.31. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Approved.

Execution Session

Mr. Short made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:07pm, under ORC 121.22(g)(2) on property acquisition. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to reconvene at 7:43pm, seconded by Mr. Zornes. Roll Call: Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zornes made a motion to adjourn at 7:44pm; motion seconded by Mr. Fairley. Meeting Adjourned!

Transcribed by Becky Fairley.