

The October 25, 2016 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mark Kobasuk, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Members: Curt Tiettmeyer (Vice Mayor) Chuck Short Solicitor: Doug Miller
Daryl Zornes Cheryl McConnell Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett (absent)
Joe Harten Terry Fairley Assistant to Mayor: Becky Fairley

Council Dates

Due to the upcoming holidays, the November 22 and December 27 Council Meetings were cancelled by Mayor Kobasuk. Council will meet Tuesday, December 6th at 7pm, instead of December 13th. Becky will notify the paper of the change.

Duke Energy Foundation Grant

At the direction of Mayor Kobasuk, Mrs. Fairley worked on a grant application to the Duke Energy Foundation for Newtown's Lake Barber Community Environmental Project. The application was submitted on August 18, 2016; October 18, 2016, we received the good news that the Village of Newtown was awarded \$4,000. The grant money will be used to improve the park and walking path to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of our residents and visitors. Newtown is honored to be a recipient of this grant, as Duke Energy receives as a multitude of applications throughout each year. Mayor and Council thanked Mrs. Fairley.

Newtown Station No. 22 Fire/EMS Report

Fire Chief Mark Ober presented Mayor and Council with the Anderson Newtown Contractual Update through September 2016. Jan-Sept 2016, 256 Fire/EMS calls were made in the Village of Newtown. In the first nine months, 188 fire hydrants were serviced with the tops painted red where the threads are different than Anderson's. Engine 22 was upgraded to a 2007. Three incidents were recently investigated to find that there were no problems with the runs or run-time. Discrepancies that were found with the TriTech Software, a computer-aided dispatch for police and fire, are being corrected. Mayor Kobasuk said, on behalf of the Village, we think Chief Ober and his firefighters are doing a great job protecting the residents with fire service. Chief Ober thanked Mayor Kobasuk and said the joint venture is working out excellent for Anderson as well, from the Trustees down through Administration.

Community Preparedness and WeTHRIVE! Program

Chief Ober reported on a meeting that took place today with Lt. McBreen, Council member McConnell and Becky Fairley. Chief Ober will report back to Council after the disaster plan and Village Operations Plan is revised. Hamilton County EMA Director Nick Crosley is working on a template for all jurisdictions. Chief Ober is a member of the Executive Committee and attended the EMA meeting last night with county commissioners. The Disaster Plan and Operations Plan will mimic from the county up to the state and back down to local jurisdictions. Business Continuity Planning (BCP) and Disaster Recovery (DR) prepare a business to prepare for continuing in case of a disaster. In the event of a disaster, for instance, the Municipal Center telephones would be transferred to Newtown Fire Station No. 22 or another back-up location.

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) (Reported by Solicitor Miller)

CIC Trustees: Mayor Kobasuk and Council members Tiettmeyer and McConnell met tonight to adopt the Code of Regulations. Officers were appointed: Bob Wientzen, President; Mayor Kobasuk, Vice President, Ms. Fairley, Secretary and Mr. Tiettmeyer, Treasurer. Documents for tax exemption were signed and will be filed tomorrow.

LMFRD Settlement Agreement (Reported by Solicitor Miller)

Solicitor Miller attempted to connect with the Auditor. As soon as we have confirmation, the Village will pay the money and they will transfer the fire station and we should be done. The Auditor has to get approval from his lawyer, Roger E. Friedmann, the prosecutor's office, stated Mayor Kobasuk. The agreement states LMFR's belongings need to be removed from Station No. 22 by November 30, 2016.

2017 Budget (Reported by Curt Tiettmeyer)

Department heads are to submit requests for the 2017 Budget by November 18, 2016. A preliminary budget will be presented to Council once requests have been processed.

WeTHRIVE! Update (Reported by Joe Harten)

Mr. Harten thanked Mrs. McConnell for her time and help over the past few months with the WeTHRIVE! Initiative. Mr. Harten will report back to Council once he discusses the next step with Hannah Smith.

Moundview Park Lower Field (Reported by Joe Harten)

The Village rented the lower field to Cincinnati United Premier for their 2016 fall soccer practice since we were unsure of the construction timeline at Short Park. Due to the lack of rain over the fall season, much of the grass has been obliterated. Mr. Harten talked with Gary Geis, Cincinnati United and they decided to give the Moundview lower field a break in spring 2017 and not rent out this space to give the grass an opportunity to regenerate. We will re-evaluate renting the lower field for fall 2017.

Lake Barber Lake Summary (Reported by Joe Harten)

According to Dr. Lorenz, the concentration levels in the water are higher than they normally see in lakes, but it's common to have higher concentration levels in lakes that have been mined. He recommended surveying the lake every five years, which is reasonable and effective management strategy. Regarding stocking the lake, Dr. Lorenz suggested stocking the lake with bass, bluegill, redear (sunfish species), black crappies and channel catfish. The channel catfish tend to eat the same things that carp fish eat and they are much better for the lake than carp. It is better to stay away from grass carp, which should be removed when possible. Catch-and-release has its pros and cons. Ideally, selective harvesting in a closed system is more effective. But this is extremely difficult to do when a large group of uncoordinated fishers are using the lake. Dr. Lorenz said it's best that the catch-and-release policy remain for the time being.

Council Minutes Approval

Mr. Short made a motion to approve the 10.11.2016 Council Minutes, Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Employee Health Insurance

The Village currently contracts with Medical Mutual of Ohio HAS P3000 to provide medical insurance benefits for Village employees. Each covered employee currently contributes (5%) of the premium cost toward the cost of their medical insurance. Mr. Short made the recommendation to keep the current plan for medical benefits. The annual cost to the Village with benefits staying the same for 2017 is \$129,559. Discussion to increase the employee contribution from (5%) to (10%) took place. Employees have not had an increase in health insurance in several years. Due to an ethics issue, Mr. Fairley will abstain on the following since Becky Fairley has dental and life insurance, which are included in the resolution.

Mr. Short made a motion to leave the employee contribution at 5%. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-No, Mrs. McConnell-No, Mr. Fairley-Abstain, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-No. Motion Failed.

Mr. Harten made a motion to increase the employee contribution rate for medical insurance to 10% for the 2017 plan with Medical Mutual of Ohio. Mr. Tiettmeyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Abstain, Mr. Short-No, Mr. Zornes-No, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Employee Health Insurance

Mr. Harten made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Tiettmeyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Abstain, Mr. Short-No, Mr. Zornes-No, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Harten made a motion to have a First Reading of a RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE, WITH THE AMENDED 10% IN SECTION 3-2, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Trunk or Treat: Police and Fire were present at the 2016 Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct.23rd – we had a great turn out.

Planning Commission (Reported by Cheryl McConnell)

Planning members will meet 10.27.2016 at 6pm. A Public Hearing for a conditional use for 6926-6929 Main Street will take place. Doscher's Candies is the applicant interested in purchasing the property. Retail sales will take place in the front of the building with production taking place in the rear of the building in a new addition to the building. Doscher's Candies was founded in 1871 by Claus *Doscher*, a German immigrant who arrived in Cincinnati in 1868. The company is known for the famous French chew taffy and their candy canes are still hand-made. Other business will also be discussed.

Ordinance, Second Reading of Storm Water Utility Program

At the 10.11.2016 Council Meeting, Council amended the Storm Water Utility Ordinance with a \$32.50 cap, instead of the \$25.00 cap, for the highest level of non-residential property owner.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mrs. McConnell. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Fairley read the Final Reading and made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 16-2016 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN STORM WATER UTILITY, APPROVING ITS OPERATION AND REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF A STORM WATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE STORM WATER SYSTEM WITHIN THE ENTIRE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mrs. McConnell seconded the motion.

Discussion

This ordinance shall take effect immediately, which is stated in Section 3. The fees will be realized in the GCWW February 9, 2017 billing cycle.

Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-No, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance, Approving Stormwater Billing Agreement w/City of Cincinnati

Ordinance No. 15-2016 was adopted at the 10.11.2016 Council Meeting. GCWW made changes to the contract since the last time, so we need to adopt this ordinance to account for their changes. The only changes to the contract made were to change "five years" to "sixty months", "one year" to "twelve months", added their email address, changing the person signing on their behalf, and adding our ordinance as an attachment.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mrs. McConnell. All Aye. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 17-2016 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A STORMWATER BILLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI AND VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN, OHIO, DISPENSING WITH THE THIRD READING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mrs. McConnell seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adjourn at 8:02pm; Mr. Tiettmeyer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley