

The November 10, 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	Chuck Short	Solicitor: Doug Miller
	Mark Kobasuk	Curt Tiettmeyer	
	Cheryl McConnell	Daryl Zornes	

November 24th Council Meeting: This meeting was cancelled due to Thanksgiving.

Veterans Day – November 11th: Mayor Cosby reminded everyone to observe this day and thank a veteran.

Planning Commission (Reported by Cheryl McConnell)

The Planning Commission met 10-29-2015 at 7pm to review an application for a proposed Verizon cell phone tower at 3910 Round Bottom Road. The district is Office Research Park – Mr. Spry said the request should be considered. A Public Hearing is scheduled for the 12.1.2015 Planning Meeting at 7pm. Letters will be mailed to adjacent property owners.

Mrs. McConnell made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$50 to advertise for the Public Hearing. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Council Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 11.10.2015 Council Checklist for \$91,512.27, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Finance Meeting – Tax Code Changes

The Finance Committee met at 6:30pm to discuss changes regarding the Municipal Income Tax. Solicitor Miller talked about various changes - one of the largest effects on Newtown's Tax Code is the timeframe a repairman can work in the Village without being subject to the tax was changed from twelve days to twenty days. Pass through entities, LLC's, partnerships and S corporations are to be taxed at the entity level, rather than the taxpayer level. Withholding rules were changed – if someone on a construction job will be working in the Village more than the twenty days, the employer has to withhold the taxes, unless they are working in other municipalities in the same day, the employer would withhold the taxes for the community they were in the greater part of the day. The minimum threshold was changed from one dollar to ten dollars. Estimated tax payments do not have to be made if they are less than \$200.

Ordinance, Second Reading Amending Municipal Income Tax Collection

Solicitor Miller talked about the changes to the tax code. The Tax Review Board consists of three people. Two members must now be appointed by Council and the third member appointed by the Mayor. The member appointed by the Mayor is allowed to be a Village employee. After more discussion:

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to accept the changes to the tax code, seconded by Mr. Kobasuk. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have the Final Reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 19-2015 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried.

6840 School Street – Clean-up (Reported by Curt Tiettmeyer)

Bids to clean up the exterior of the property have been received. Solicitor Miller said the mortgage has not been cancelled. Solicitor Miller will notify the bank tomorrow. Bids: Junk King \$5,022, Teasdale \$8,522.31 (estimated 5-7 tons of debris). Allgeier & Sons \$4,250.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve \$4,250 to Allgeier & Sons, Inc. for the clean-up of trash at 6840 School Street. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Village Contracted Positions – Request for Proposal/Qualifications (Reported by Curt Tiettmeyer)

The review process date is Nov. 20th for the following RFP's: Building and Zoning Commissioner, Village Engineer, Village Solicitor and Property Maintenance Inspector.

2016 Budget Requests

Mr. Tiettmeyer reminded everyone to have 2016 requests in by 12.31.2015.

Resolution Approving Contracts - Employee 2016 Health and Dental Insurance

The HR Committee met prior to the meeting. Solicitor Miller will prepare a resolution for the next Council meeting.

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

Mr. Zornes made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 47-2015 A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION AND LIFE INSURANCE, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Short seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Tiettmeyer stated the following changes: Spousal surcharge will be changed to \$75 and the employee premium will be changed to 6.5%.

Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Change Order w/Adleta Inc.

This resolution is for the Round Bottom Road stormwater drainage pipe repair for \$6,238.60.

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

Mr. Short made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 48-2015 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO A CONTRACT WITH ADLETA, INC., DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Department Report (John Knuf)

Salt (135 tons) for the winter season is being stored at the County and have been cleared to buy salt from the County at the same price.

HCSWD Grants (John Knuf)

John and Chuck will meet with Bruce Brandstetter this week to discuss grants that are available. A grant application for drainage issues on SR32 at Burger Farms will be submitted to Hamilton County Storm Water District. John will attend a training class to submit these applications online.

Ivy Hills Blvd. Street Sign

Mr. Tiettmeyer asked John Knuf about replacing the sign at the top of Ivy Hills Blvd. Mr. Knuf will follow-up with the contractor that installed the street signs in 2012. Digital pictures have been sent to the contractor. The Forest Hills School District's insurance will cover the cost since their school bus driver knocked over the street sign.

Street Signs – Main Street(Reported by Curt Tiettmeyer)

Mr. Tiettmeyer has asked the police department to survey the signs since they have to enforce the signs. He told Mr. Knuf it would be appropriate for the Maintenance Department to work with the police department since Maintenance will be responsible for all of the changes.

Election Results Update (Reported by Curt Tiettmeyer)

An announcement regarding Issue 10 – Proposed Tax Levy for Newtown Fire & EMS Services was presented. In an effort to keep the residents informed, after a few revisions, this announcement will be placed on the website.

Executive Session

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:34pm to discuss Martin Marietta. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Harten-Yes, Mrs. McConnell-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

Council reconvened at 7:47pm. The following action will be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to continue the appeal process with the Ohio Supreme Court, seconded by Mr. Harten. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to adjourn at 7:48PM, seconded by Mr. Harten. Motion Carried.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley