

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The May 26, meeting of the Newtown Village Council took place via Zoom and called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Mark Kobasuk.

Council Members: **Don Carroll** (Vice Mayor) Solicitor: Emily Supinger
 Daryl Zornes Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett
 Chuck Short Assistant to Mayor: Becky Fairley
 Curt Tiettmeyer
 Terry Fairley
 Sarah Williams

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

Mr. Fairley a motion to approve the regularly scheduled 04.28.2020 Council Minutes and the record of the 05.12.2020 meeting which was cancelled due to lack of agenda items. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Maintenance Update: (Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Morgan)

Salt Purchase

Mr. Morgan explained past salt purchase and usage. We won't have an opportunity to purchase salt again until April 2022 – we have 522 tons on hand so we should be okay, stated Mr. Carroll.

Round Bottom Road Natural Gas Project – Lake Barber

Due to the weather, this project is running a few weeks behind. The walking trail at Lake Barber could possibly be opened mid-July. Crews will be working at night placing steel plates over the holes and will go half inch below the grade to prevent speed bumps which will cut down on the noise level for residents.

Moundview Septic System

The Village has until December 1st to provide the Ohio EPA with engineering plans as to what type of system we plan on installing. BCI will work on presenting Council with options and email them to the Mayor, along with engineering fees.

Ivy Hills Culvert Cleaning

May 22, 2018, a Maintenance Agreement between Ivy Hills Country Club and the Village of Newtown was approved. The agreement proposes that Ivy Hills will assume responsibility for periodically clearing such debris and sediment from the culvert area in order to maintain proper operation of the drainage system by and bill Newtown the sum of \$650 per clean out, subject to Newtown's approval prior to each clean out.

Mr. Morgan asked for a motion to allow Ivy Hills Country Club to clean out the culvert, as silt has built up due to the recent rains.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to allow Ivy Hills Country Club to clean out the culvert - Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ragland Road Creek – Maintenance

Mr. Morgan said due to the amount of recent rain, this creek also needs maintenance performed to prevent overflow. He will bring back to Council a few quotes; at which time, it will be determined if the maintenance department can perform the work. This creek was last dredged in 2018. The cleaning of this creek involves removing trash between the trash racks – Majors Construction did not work on in 2019 when larger drain pipes were installed.

Tree on Center Street

Mr. Morgan talked about a tree located at 6830 Center Street – the resident has voiced concern that this tree would injure someone should it fall and believes it is located on Village property. Mr. Brandstetter will review to help determine if this is on Village property and bring back to Council. Surveying the property may be necessary.

Solicitor Report (Solicitor Supinger)

Ohio Income Tax Provision: The Village is participating in litigation of Amendments to the Ohio Income Tax Provision – the case was heard by the Ohio Supreme Court - video of oral argument, conducted via Zoom is available on the Ohio Supreme Court's website.

Senate Bill 310: The Ohio State Senate unanimously passed legislation (SB 310) Title: Provide federal COVID funding to local subdivisions. This would distribute \$350 million of federal CARES Act funds to Ohio local governments not receiving a direct

distribution from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. These federal funds can be utilized by local governments to fund non-budgeted COVID-19-related expenses. The House has referred it to the committee and progressed past this point. An additional \$1.2 Billion was provided to the state for local governments under 500,000 residents. The senate is holding back on the full amount hoping Congress will allow the money to be used for less restrictive funding such as payroll and short-falls as a result of COVID-19. This is still pending – once it passes and if it stays in the same form as what the Senate passed, it will require us to adopt a resolution and our funding is determined along the same lines as our Local Government Fund and how we receive that money.

Council Meetings: The law allows council meetings to continue as they have traditionally taken place, or complete virtual meeting or a traditional live meeting can take place with participants being allowed to call in. Typically, live meetings or zoom meetings have been taking place.

Engineering Update (Engineer Bruce Brandstetter)

May 22, 2020

1. Ragland Road Culvert (17053)

- Plan to return to site when weather permitting. Says it is highest priority.
- A \$25,000 retainage is being held on Majors Pay Request.

Mr. Fairley asked if Mr. Yeager's property suffered any flooding with the recent six-inch rain. Mr. Brandstetter said not that he is aware of. Mr. Brandstetter suggested the Village budgeting to have this cleaned out once a year to clean out the area to allow the trash racks in front of the storm culvert to allow it to work as efficiently as possible, like the Little Dry Run Road Culvert.

2. 2018 Street Program (18081)

- Meeting held with Meurer on 5/15/15.
- Offered to either Mill and Pave the street or surface treat \$4,000 worth of the neighborhood.
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Council agreed it best to mill and pave the street.

3. Sidewalk Inspection, River Hills Subdivision (18085)

- Final quantities and cost to Village on 4/23/20.
- BCI met with homeowner at 3320 Rio Grande. Believes sidewalk at driveway should have another control joint.
- BCI to contact property owner at 6922 Olentangy. She thought more work was to be completed.

4. Little Dry Run Wall Lagging (19033)

- Work complete as of 5/22/20. SSRG, Village and BCI to complete final inspection.

5. 2020 Paving Program (20054)

- Work includes Harriett and Ragland Paving and crack repairs and crack sealing at Ivy Hills Place.
- Program to be advertised 5/30 and 6/6. Open 6/16/20.
- Present to Council 6/23/20.
- Bid Lake Barber crack seal as an alternate.

6. Plan Reviews and Meetings

- BCI, Village and Evans are exchanging emails on several issues. Curb and sidewalk to be removed and replaced on Church Street will be marked in the field.

7. McCullough's Run

- 2020 Activities:
 - Turpin Lane to Church St, possibly apply for **OPWC** funds to clean channel and replace sheet pile wall along Jones Fish property. BCI to review wall options to sheet piles.
 - Clean channel from River Hills to east side of Ivy Hills place, possibly in late 2020.
 - Clean from east side of Ivy Hills Place to Ivy Hills Blvd. Review after leaves fall.

8. MRF/OPWC Applications

- Applications are due late August and Mid-September 2020. Possibly consider McCullough's Run per item 7 above, Church Street North or Little Dry Run Road paving.
- Small Government funding decisions are being delayed by the Pandemic.

9. Miscellaneous

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Church Street – Mill and Repair Street Front of Brookstone Homes

Chuck Morgan asked Mr. Brandstetter about the Church Street area in front of Brookstone homes where the street has settled from them digging the trench for utilities. Sam Ho with Evans Landscaping said they planned on milling the street and repairing the asphalt. Mr. Brandstetter said he could add that to the list and asked Mr. Morgan to reach out to Mr. Ho.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Ready Line – Closing: Mayor Kobasuk regrettfully reported that Ready Line is closing business and will vacate the building by July 1st.

Future Council Meetings: Mayor and Council agreed to have one council meeting per month, unless business warrants scheduling a second meeting. The meetings will take place via Zoom until further notice.

Construction Administrative Fees – Brandstetter Carroll Inc.

Mr. Short made a motion to approve Construction Administrative Fees of \$5,000 to Brandstetter Carroll Inc. for the Phase 2 of the Little Dry Run Wall Lagging project. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

2020 Paving Program

Mr. Short made a motion to approve Engineering Services of \$8,250.00 to Brandstetter Carroll Inc. for the 2020 Paving Program (Harriet and Ragland Road Paving, Lake Barber Parking Lot Crack Seal and Reserves of Ivy Hill Pavement Repairs and Crack Seal.) Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

LEGISLATION

Resolution, Then and Now Salt Purchase

The Village participated in a salt procurement process with Hamilton County to procure salt for the 2019-2020 winter. The Village is in possession of the salt.

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

MR. SHORT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-2020 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THEN AND NOW PAYMENT OF \$25,051.01 TO CARGILL FOR THE PURCHASE OF SALT. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Purchase of 2020 Chevy Tahoe – Police Department

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. 13-2020 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 CHEVY TAHOE, THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND THE SALE OF A 2017 DODGE CHARGER AWD. Mr. Short seconded the motion.

Mr. Fairley asked if an extended warranty was being purchased for the Tahoe, like the Village did for the Dodge Chargers. Chief Synan said he wasn't sure as they have been limited on what they were able to do right now. After municipalities submitting letters of intent to Dodge, they came back saying they were probably going to make just RWD and not certain they were going to do AWD. The letter of intent stated AWD. Ford had a recall on all police fleet vehicles. COVID-19 hit and plants were shut down. Chief Synan said the department even looked into pick-up trucks and were going to hand it over to Chuck Morgan but they weren't the right type of truck plus the price is too high. There were only eight Tahoe's in the state of Ohio - this info was shared with the Safety Committee and Mayor Kobasuk, stated Chief Synan

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

Ordinance Amending 2020 Appropriations

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

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 11-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 2020 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mrs. Williams-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes. Motion Carried.

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 05.26.2020 Checklist \$200,193.49. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Memorial Day

Since the Memorial Day Parade was cancelled due to COVID-19, Mr. Short played Taps as a bugle call at Flag Spring Cemetery and Moundview Park Veterans' Memorial. Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Short for his efforts.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn at 7:18pm; Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley