

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The May 11, 2021 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 (not present)
	Daryl Zornes	Fiscal Officer Keri Everett
	Chuck Short	Assistant to Mayor Becky Fairley (not present)
	Curt Tiettmeyer	Police Chief Tom Synan
	Terry Fairley	
	Sarah Williams	

POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

Read by Mayor Kobasuk

- WHEREAS, on October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, an annual observance to honor the nation's fallen law enforcement officers as "men and women of courage, judgment and dedication;" and
- WHEREAS, the calendar week in which it falls has been designated National Police Week, a time of reflection and appreciation for the ultimate sacrifices made by the exceptionally dedicated men and women of law enforcement who were killed or disabled in the line of duty; and
- WHEREAS, the Village of Newtown is grateful for the day-to-day heroism of our officers, both past and present, who have given so much of their lives in service to our community; and
- WHEREAS, members of the Village of Newtown Police Department play an essential role in safe-guarding the rights and freedoms of all our residents. Through their efforts, the Village of Newtown is a safer, more civil village and a better place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT:

The week of May 9 through May 15, 2021, is proclaimed as Police Week in the Village of Newtown, Ohio.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, we urge area residents to honor the heroism of all law enforcement officers, especially those who have given their lives so that others might live. May we always remember their tremendous sacrifice and the loved ones they left behind.

Mayor and Council thanked the police department for their service to the community. A luncheon will be provided this week for the police department.

Mayor Kobasuk and Village Council have worked hard over the past four years to bring the pay range near surrounding communities for Newtown Police.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

Mr. Fairley made a motion to approve the regularly scheduled 04.13.2021 Council Minutes. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Little Dry Run Speed Enforcement (Police Chief Tom Synan)

A campaign to decrease speeding on Little Dry Run began about a month ago. The traffic radar sign was used in this effort, along with efforts taken by Newtown police. A social media campaign alerted the public that there was a speeding issue. On the first day, twelve citations were written. Driver behavior is definitely a problem; most of the speeders lived in the area and said they were aware the speed limit was 35mph – excuses ranged from running late for work, soccer practice and appointments, etc. Thirty-two citations were written in a week. Chief Synan said while some were not happy at the enforcement, he is comfortable with how our police officers handled the enforcement of the speed limit. Speeders were going 12-20mph over the 35mph speed limit. Mr. Carroll thanked Chief Synan and the department for their efforts. Mr. Carroll said his frustration is that this is a safety issue with many pedestrians walking on a sidewalk literally next to the roadway. ODOT is expected to perform a traffic study to see if the speed limit can be reduced from 35mph to 25mph.

Engineering Update submitted by Bruce Brandstetter

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- A third option is being considered with access near Village Drive.
- Information to follow.

3. **Church Street North Paving (20045)**

- BCI is in the process of scheduling the Pre-Construction Meeting. Police and Fire will be included.

4. **Moundview Park (20078)**

- Soil absorption test scheduled for June 30, 2021 at 10:00am.
- Test results will determine if either aerobic system per the existing or mound system.

5. **Short Park Improvements, Phase I – Trail Improvements (21041)**

- The scheduled Bid Opening is May 19 2021 at 10:00am.
- All three proposals received from Contractor's exceeded \$50,000.

6. **Short Park Parking Lot and Soccer Field (21041)**

- BCI's proposal for the survey and design phases for the lower Lot Paving and Soccer Field is attached.
- BCI will start survey the week of May 24th.

7. **Municipal Building Parking Lot**

- BCI proposal to assist in obtaining quotes attached.

8. **MRF/OPWC Applications**

- Small Governments submission for Church Street South was received by OPWC on 4/7/21.
- Final announcement for funding scheduled for 5/13/21.

9. **Turpin Lane Drainage**

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

Special Council Meeting: Tues. May 25th at 6:00pm via Zoom to approve Short Park Trail Bid.

Council Meets Resume in Person: Beginning June 8th, Council will resume meeting in-person at 6:30pm.

Valley Asphalt – April 21st Public Hearing (Report by Mayor Kobasuk)

Many residents attended the meeting via Zoom and voiced their concerns about air quality issues. Ohio EPA is expected to make a decision on the permit in about sixty days. Newtownohio.gov gives residents instructions on registering an air quality complaint. Mr. Carroll attended the meeting via Zoom and said the EPA didn't give any indication they thought there was a problem with the permit. Mayor Kobasuk is working on a permanent air monitoring station in the Village for continuous air monitoring – the current permanent air monitoring station is in Batavia and doesn't pick up air quality issues in Newtown.

ODOT Road Improvement Project (Report by Mayor Kobasuk)

Applications to OKI are due June 4th. A 10-20% match is required by OKI. ODOT currently estimates the project at 8 million dollars, excluding the bike trail connection to Lake Barber. The Village's match would be \$800,000 to 1.6 million dollars for the OKI application. In talking with ODOT, it is thought best to defer the OKI application to 2022 and focus on OPWC in hopes of getting assistance with matching funds. ODOT will break down the project into sections and present to the Village. Mr. Brandstetter said he will get with Fred Schlimm to discuss OPWC funding and their opinion on which one the Village should apply for first. OPWC funding usually has to be spent in a two-year period.

ODOT will pave SR32 from the Beechmont Levy to Round Bottom Road, Spring 2022. In 2027, ODOT plans to pave from Round Bottom Road to Clermont County; at which time, Mr. Brandstetter suggested having the road widened from Round Bottom to the Clermont County Corporation line.

Council Reports

Short Park Committee Report (Ms. Williams)

Ms. Williams and Mr. Brandstetter met on 4/22/21 at 10am; other members were unable to attend. Meeting minutes from the meeting were emailed to Council of the revitalization of Short Park. Topographical survey needs to be approved. Changes to the park layout were discussed.

Mr. Tiettmeyer said the committee agreed BCI should move forward with evaluating the ADA compliance. After this work has been completed, a consultant may be considered for ADA requirements. First priority is trail improvements. Size of the soccer field is still being considered. Placement of the basketball courts are still being looked at – first we need to have the topographical survey done. The ability and cost to have an Irrigation system for the soccer field is also being investigated.

Legislation

Resolution, NatureWorks Grant to ODNR

The State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks Grant Program. The Village of Newtown desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks Grant Program.

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

Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 12-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NATUREWORKS GRANT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. Seconded the motion. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ms. Williams-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Agreement w/BCI – Short Park Improvements

Agreement is for professional engineering services related to improvements to Short Park, specifically the parking lot (\$6,000) and soccer field (\$6,800). This includes fees for the topographical survey previously discussed.

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Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-2021 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH BRANDSTETTER CARROLL, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO IMPROVEMENTS TO SHORT PARK. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ms. Williams-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Carroll-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

New Business

Council Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve Council Checklist dated 05/11/2021 for \$206,709.14, Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley