

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The February 8, 2022 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Mark Kobasuk, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Members: Chuck Short (Vice Mayor)
Terry Fairley
Daryl Zornes (excused)
Peg Quallen
Jerry Schwab
Jeff Drescher

Solicitor Emily Supinger
Fiscal Officer Keri Everett
Assistant to Mayor Becky Fairley
Police Chief Tom Synan

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Mr. Fairley made a motion to approve the 01.11.2022 Regularly Scheduled Council Minutes and 02.25.2022 Special Council Minutes, motion was seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor's Report

- WinterFest: In the past, the Newtown Business Association sponsored WinterFest from 2010-2018. The Newtown Business Association dissolved 3/29/2019. A group of residents are working to resurrect this event that many came to enjoy. The prior Council authorized \$4,000 for the event; this amount was never used. Mayor Kobasuk asked Council to consider authorizing \$5,000 to this group to help get WinterFest up and running again.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to contribute \$5,000 to WinterFest 2022; motion was seconded by Ms. Quallen. All Aye. Motion Carried.

EPA Air Monitoring Grant

Southwest Air Quality will partner with Newtown applying for a \$30,000 grant to purchase additional air monitoring devices.

CT Consultants

Mayor Kobasuk, Chuck Short, Terry Fairley and Keri Everett recently met with CT representatives to review current Village projects.

MVCA Traffic Plan

Chief Synan, Lt. McBreen and Det. Bischoff recently met with MVCA authorities to discuss solutions for school traffic that backs up Church Street. MVCA and Newtown Police are committed to continuing discussion until a plan and solution is decided.

Council Members Reports

2022 Project List (Mr. Fairley)

Mr. Fairley spoke to the 2022 Project List – CT Consultants will submit their fee for each project. At which time, considering the final 2022 Budget, projects will be prioritized as to what project will take place.

2022 Budget (Mr. Fairley)

Mr. Fairley and Ms. Everett are working to finalize the numbers on the 2022 Budget items, Revenue is expected at 2.1 million dollars – Mr. Fairley said we will plan for the worst and hope for the best.

CT Consultants – Monthly Council Report

1. Moundview Park Septic System Upgrade:
 - CT reviewing soil info provided by BCI.
 - CT will provide a proposal for EPA coordination and scoping of project by 3/1.
 - i. This may be a multi-step coordination and proposal process depending on what our initial feedback from the EPA provides.

2. **Little Dry Run Safety Improvements Review**
 - CT is meeting on-site on 2/7 to review the existing conditions (weather dependent).
 - CT has reviewed the speed data received from the Village.
 - CT will submit a proposal to prepare recommended safety improvements within the corridor and speed reduction request to ODOT by 2/16.
3. **Short Park Projects:**
 - Parking Lot:
 - i. Existing survey data has been received from BCI.
 - ii. CT to submit proposal to prepare construction drawings and bidding documents by 2/11.
 - Basketball Court Resurfacing:
 - i. CT has reviewed the existing bids and will prepare a specification for rebidding and provide to the Village by 3/4. This work will be performed at time and expense under the terms and conditions of our contract.
4. **Lake Barber Connecting Trail**
 - CT has requested drawings from BCI. BCI has indicated that they are 90% complete. It is our opinion that BCI should complete the design and submit to the Village. At that time, CT can assist the Village in putting the project out to bid.
5. **MVCA:**
 - Eliminate left turns out of site and force towards SR 32.
 - Possibility of Short Park Road Extension to provide one-way in and one-way out.
 - ODOT offered use of drone to review traffic during peak hours.
 - This causes an issue during the school peak hours. At first glance we do not believe that there is a simple and economical fix.
 - We see 2 options:
 - i. Village work with School to make adjustments – work through trial and error and help to minimize backups as best as can be done.
 - ii. The Village and/or School perform an in-depth
 - We would recommend a Traffic Impact Study be completed prior to 300 more students being added to campus.
6. **2022 Paving Improvements:**
 - It is CT's understanding that the Village will be paving:
 - i. Municipal Center Parking Lot
 - ii. Police Department Parking Lot
 - iii. Fire Department Parking Lot
 - iv. Lake Barber Trail Sections
 - v. Short Park Upper Parking Lot
 - If the Village needs assistance, we can provide as needed.
7. **2022 OPWC Applications:**
 - OPWC applications will be due in September, 2022. CT will setup a meeting in May to review potential submissions.
 - CT will review 2021 applications.
8. **Eastern Corridor – ODOT**
 - CT to review ODOT plan and estimates and circle back with the Village on other possible funding sources for pieces of the plan.

Village Solicitor's Report (Solicitor Supinger)

- **Zoning Code Update:** The Village previously entered into a multi-stage contract with McBride Dale Clarion – a new Comprehensive Plan was adopted by Council in 2021. Liz Fields is currently working on revising zoning code changes – Ms. Supinger, John Russell and Mr. Stoker have been meeting every 2-3 weeks to review the changes/draft. Changes will ultimately be submitted to Planning Commission for review, which then will be presented to Council for final approval.
- **Soccer Club Appeal:** Ms. Supinger is working with Gerry Stoker on language for a conditional use – he will then send them a letter advising them of the restrictions of the permit and the need to get a site plan review for Planning Commission before they move forward with their plans. The Soccer Club told the court their first practice schedule will begin at 5:00pm.

LEGISLATION

Resolution, CT Consultants

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

Mr. Short made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-2022 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CT CONSULTANTS AS VILLAGE ENGINEER AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Then and Now Payment

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

Mr. Short made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 08-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING A THEN AND NOW PAYMENT OF \$59,446.00 TO FULLER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TRUCK. Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, CT Consultants - Parking Lot Short Park

Engineering fees related to the Short Park Parking Lot and Expansion Project are proposed at \$10,100.00.

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

Mr. Short made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 09-2022 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE SHORT PARK PARKING LOT PAVING AND EXPANSION PROJECT. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance, First Reading of Appropriations Year Ending 12/31/2022

Council wishes to adopt permanent appropriations for the year ending December 31, 2022.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to have a First Reading of AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

New Business

Council Checklist

Mr. Fairley made a motion to approve the 02.08.2022 Council Checklist for \$260,207.27. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council

HCDC is charged with convening the Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) to monitor the compliance of active enterprise zone agreements and community reinvestment area agreements. Formation of the Hamilton County Council is a legislative requirement of the program as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85. The annual TIRC Board meeting will take place in June/July. Every municipality/township participating in the enterprise zone program or community reinvestment area within townships must formally designate two (2) representatives to serve on the Hamilton County Council. TIRC members must be approved by the local legislative authority and reside as residents of the community. Mrs. Fairley assists Gerry Stoker, CRA Housing Authority by facilitating the annual process of reporting to the Ohio Development Services Agency. Mr. Stoker will also attend the TIRC meeting. (Mr. Tiettmeyer and Mrs. Fairley have served as representatives for the 2018, 2019, 2020 cancelled due to COVID-19 and 2021 TIRC meetings.)

Mr. Fairley made a motion to appoint Mayor Mark Kobasuk and Becky Fairley to serve as Newtown representatives. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Fairley made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:42pm, pursuant to O.R.C (Section 121.22(G)(1) of the O.R.C. to discuss the compensation of Village employees. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes. Motion Carried. (Police Chief Synan and Ms. Everett were invited to attend.)

Ms. Short made a motion to reconvene at 7:23pm; no action taken.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn at 7:23p.m., seconded by Mr. Fairley. Meeting Adjourned.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley