

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance**

The April 26, 2022 Special 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  
Peg Quallen  
Jerry Schwab  
Jeff Drescher

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

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. Fairley made a motion to approve the 04.12.2022 Council Minutes, seconded by Ms. Quallen. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Firehouse Station 22 HVAC System Options

Tom Wellman, DeBra-Kuempel spoke to the inefficiency of the current HVAC system that is 11 years old and would cost \$13,000 to replace one of the compressors. This system runs at 50% capacity and may cool somewhat with temps to 80 degrees. This old unit has been nothing but a problem; last year, the Village spent around \$6,000 renting portable units to keep the firefighters and building cool. The old system is 18 tons; the suggested new efficient unit, either Carrier or Trane would drop to 15 tons, which would also sufficiently cool the building. The new unit will have its own gas heat and will not run off of a boiler and will only run when needed. The firehouse has eight zones and each maintain their own temperature. The new Carrier unit suggested by DeBra-Kuempel comes with a 5-year warranty on the compressor and 20-years parts and labor. Council asked if DeBra-Kuempel will look into an extended warranty. The cost of the new unit is \$50,000 - \$10,000 credit on a part we had ordered for the old unit that has not come in; therefore, we will be looking to spend \$40,000 for a new and more efficient unit. DeBra-Kuempel received cost estimates from Carrier and Trane. York and Daikin have not responded with a quote. It will take about 24 weeks for the Carrier unit to come in – DeBra-Kuempel will rent to the Village, at a minimal fee, portable a/c units should the temps warrant to assist the current system operating at 50%. DeBra-Kuempel’s professional opinion is to go with a new unit and not repair the existing unit that has been inefficient and costly to maintain. Assistant Fire Chief Bob Herrlinger told Mayor Kobasuk, the fire department appreciates him and Village Council making an effort to correct the issue.

**Mr. Zornes made a motion not to exceed \$50,000 to replace the current HVAC unit with a new Carrier unit or other vendor if better pricing and time can be obtained. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

CT Engineering March Report (Mr. Short)

Engineering - April 26, 2022 Monthly Council Report submitted by CT Consultants

1. Short Park Parking Lot:

- Adding 57 spaces, which includes 3 ADA Spaces.
- Project advertised for construction on 4/6 and bids were received and opened on 4/21 at 11:00 am. Summary of bid results below:

BIDDER	TOTAL BASE BID
The DJ Drew Company	\$138,275.00
Majors Enterprises	\$148,920.00
Roberts Paving	\$159,759.20
J.K. Meurer	\$162,145.00
Rack & Ballauer	\$180,582.90
ZSR Contracting	\$248,946.26

- CT is following up with references for the DJ Drew Company.
- CT had previously recommended that the Village request a 120 extension to the funding.

## 2. Lake Barber Connecting Trail

- Drawings received from BCI on 3/23.
- Plans were reviewed and a modification to the typical section was made. Plans were sent out on 3/29 to Westside Paving, JK Meurer, Queen City Blacktop and Cincinnati Asphalt (all 4 companies expressed interest in the project).
- Bids were received on 4/15 from Westside Paving and JK Meurer (also attached).
  - Westside Paving - \$86,570.00
  - JK Meurer - \$86,000.00
- CT has begun coordination with Westside and JK Meurer to value engineer the path connection to try to reduce the bid price to less than \$50,000, otherwise the project will need to go out to a public bid.
  - JK Meurer has been receptive to bid changes. Westside Paving has not returned calls or emails to date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

#### Mayor's Report

##### Lake Barber Duke Energy Easement 2020 (Mayor Kobasuk)

Duke Energy gave the The Village of Newtown \$217,000 for the easement – the Village added \$100,000 with \$117,000 in the park fund. After \$7,500 from Family Motor Coach for purchase of land and \$5,000 from a Duke grant for the trail, Total Lake Barber Available balance was then \$129,500. 2020 Expenses were \$14,520 and 2021 Expenses were \$3,780 brought total Lake Barber 2022 available balance to \$111,200. This amount will cover some of the expenses of the Connecting Trail and the Parking Lot expenses. No taxpayer dollars will be used.

##### Lake Barber Trail Extension Bids (Mayor Kobasuk)

Drawings for the Connecting Trail were received from BCI on 3/23 as part of their final work for the Village. Bids were received on 4/15 from JK Meurer \$86,000 and Westside Paving \$86,570 – both were over budget. Bids need to be rejected due to being over budget and outside of the Ohio law.

**Mr. Short made a motion to reject the bids for the Lake Barber Connecting Trail Extension from JK Meurer \$86,000 and Westside Paving \$86,570 due to being over budget and outside of the Ohio law. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

##### Resolution, JK Meurer – Lake Barber Connector Project

CT Consultants worked with JK Meurer to value engineer the path connection to try to reduce the bid price to less than \$50,000. JK Meurer submitted an estimate to CT Consultants for \$54,000 - \$4,200 with Newtown Maintenance doing the clearing and the headwall, brings JK Meurer's total estimate for the project to \$49,800. This estimate eliminated the headwall and testing - the project was reduced from BCI's 12' design to an 8' walkway. The connecting trail will link people in the Village from the sidewalk at the carwash on Valley to Lake Barber going to Edwards Road. This will be a nice addition to the Village – people on the bike trail can bike to the lake. Mayor Kobasuk said Solicitor Supinger is fine with proceeding with the JK Meurer bid.

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-2022 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH JK MEURER CORPORATION FOR THE LAKE BARBER CONNECTOR PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Mr. Zornes-No, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes. Motion Carried 5:1**

##### Short Park Parking Lot Bids

Below are the bid tabulations for the Short Park Parking Lot. Resolution approving contract with DJ Drew Company will be considered at the next meeting, after we receive a report from CT Consultants.

Fire Station A/C Repairs Discussion took place at beginning of the meeting.

## Council Members Reports

### 2022 Budget First Quarter Update (Mr. Fairley)

Revenues to date are stable at 84.79% - spending is down and revenues are up....A Budget packet will be included in the 5.10.2022 Council information. Mayor Kobasuk said the expansion of the Motz Corporation and revenue from the Forest Hills Transportation has been great for the Village. Mr. Fairley commended the Administration and Maintenance and Police Departments for keeping their spending down.

## LEGISLATION

### Contract w/DJ Drew Company - Short Park Parking Lot

The DJ Drew Company submitted the lowest and best bid for the Short Park Parking Lot Project – amount of \$138,275.00. Council will consider the resolution approving the contract at the 5/10/2022 meeting.

### Contract w/JK Meurer Corporation – Lake Barber Connector Project

The project will connect the Lake Barber walking trail and Round Bottom Road.

**Resolution was adopted earlier in meeting after discussion in the Mayor's report.**

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adjourn at 6:54p.m., seconded by Mr. Zornes. Meeting Adjourned.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley