

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The October 11, 2022 regularly-scheduled 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)	Solicitor Emily Supinger
	Terry Fairley (excused)	Fiscal Officer Keri Everett
	Daryl Zornes	Assistant to Mayor Becky Fairley
	Peg Quallen	Police Chief Tom Synan
	Jerry Schwab	
	Jeff Drescher	

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. Short made a motion to approve the 09.13.2022 regularly-scheduled Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Drescher. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Engineering - October 7, 2022 Monthly Council Report submitted by CT Consultants

1. Short Park Projects:
 - Parking Lot:
 - i. Added 57 spaces, which includes 3 ADA Spaces.
 - ii. Contractor was DJ Drew Company. Contract amount is \$138,275.00.
 - iii. Construction began week of 7/18 with site layout and heavy construction began the following week.
 - iv. Project complete week of 9/26.
2. Lake Barber Trail Pedestrian Crossing (Round Bottom & Valley):
 - 2 pedestrian heads and crosswalk is being proposed on the south leg of Round Bottom and Valley. No intersection lighting is proposed.
 - The field design & direct contract with Capital Electric option was selected.
 - i. CT completed schematic design showing proposed locations.
 - ii. Capital Proposal: \$17,996.00.
 1. Estimated installation mid to late December
 - iii. Curb ramps installed as part of connecting trail construction
3. 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
4. 2022 OPWC & MRF Applications:
 - OPWC Application due September 23, 2022 at 2:00 pm - COMPLETE
 - MRF Application due August 31, 2022 at 2:00 pm - COMPLETE
 - CT met with the Village in May to discuss strategy.
 - i. OPWC: Submit Church Street
 - ii. MRF: Submitted Church Street
 - iii. Future MRF: Round Bottom Road Bridge – awaiting bridge inspection report from Hamilton County Engineer's Office. Bridge report was expected from Hamilton County Engineer's Office in August, 2022.
5. McCullough's Run
 - Meeting with Emily occurred on 6/8. Title was ran on 3 properties. No evidence of an easement found for the creek. In order for the Village to complete work on the creek, easement will be needed. Village has indicated that they will make necessary repairs and obtain the necessary easements. Village has authorized CT to proceed with investigative work, starting with a field visit to determine the amount of wall that is need of repair.

- CT to put together high-level preliminary construction costs for 3 options:
 - i. Option 1 – Repair necessary sections of wall – approximately 850’ of the 1,000’ of wall
 - ii. Option 2 – Remove wall and construct an earthen slope
 - iii. Option 3 – Remove wall and replace with new wall.
- Upon completion of preliminary opinion of construction costs, meet with Village and meet with Jones Hatchery to review need for easements to perform work.
- Next steps include:
 - i. Determination of which option to proceed.
 - ii. Necessary field work for design and easement preparation
 - iii. Design
- Original estimate was for 500’, could require additional length.

6. Pavement Condition Ratings:

- It is our recommendation to develop a new 5 Year Street Program. The previous pavement study was performed in 2016 and segmented the streets into 4 categories; mill and resurface, crack seal and pavement repairs, crack seal and no work. We agree with these categories, with the exception of potentially adding another, reconstruction. The pavement study did not include pavement condition ratings, which would apply a condition score to the improvement category. This allows you to build a 5-year street program. If requested, CT could provide a proposal to complete a Pavement Condition Study and Recommended 5-Year Street Program. It is estimated that this cost is \$10,000 - \$12,000. Having a 5-Year Street Program and Pavement Condition Ratings assists with planning, costs and funding applications. Additionally, this work would be completed utilizing GIS data. We would begin to building a database of Village infrastructure that we would also incorporate with Hamilton County Stormwater District information.

7. SR 32 – Little Dry Run to Corp Line

- This section of SR 32 has silt berms located on each side of the road for portions of its length. The silt berms can be as high as 12” or 18” and should be removed in order to let the storm water to drain to the roadside ditches. CT to develop opinion of construction cost and options for the silt berm removal, including:
 - i. Milling of silt berm (if feasible) and restoration
 - ii. Conventional excavation and restoration

8. SR 32 & Church Street

- CT to investigate an alternative to the existing dry wells at this location to alleviate storm water ponding at this intersection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

TOPIC: Church Street Apartment Complex

Resident Matt Sherman, 3414 Church Street asked for clarification on the potential project. Mayor Kobasuk said it is his understanding that Hills Properties is currently involved in other projects - Sunset Property Solutions may be looking at other developers since Hills is not able to move forward with the project.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor’s Report

CIC Meeting

The CIC approved the transfer of parcels at Short Park along the driveway with a \$30,000 consideration to MVCA.

ODNR Letter – Lake Barber

ODNR previously contacted Mayor Kobasuk requesting to enter into an agreement making Lake Barber a fishing lake under the state of Ohio regulations – where they would stock the lake. ODNR was informed that Lake Barber had recreational rights of two land owners. ODNR’s legal department advised not to pursue a fishing agreement at Lake Barber because of the recreational rights that Mr. Hall and Mr. Evans have.

Forest Hills School District

Forest Hills School District has been analyzing and reviewing the possibility of combining schools and reviewing a concept to reimagine the configuration of the school district. Mayor Kobasuk wrote a letter to Forest Hills School District and received a response from Larry R. Hook, Superintendent and Linda Hausfeld, President of the Board of Education, who will meet with Mayor Kobasuk on Friday, October 14th.

Rumpke Contract Extension

Mayor Kobasuk suggested moving ahead with the two-year renewal since it is lower than the contracted amount.

Mr. Short made a motion to accept the two-year extension with Rumpke, Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Fundraiser for Playground

Mayor Kobasuk informed Council at the last meeting of a request for the Village to donate funds towards replacing new playground equipment for the entire community to use located behind the First Baptist Church. Council was asked to think about it for discussion – Ms. Everett said the Village Budget cannot support donating even \$500 this year – she said next year is a possibility and could be worked in the budget. Discussion was tabled for possible consideration for the 2023 Budget.

Village Projects

Mayor Kobasuk said Maintenance Supervisor has done a really good job this year in getting many projects resolved: the Lake Barber Trail is really nice with new pavement in various sections – the extension on the Connecting Trail is completed with signs up, he managed the paving in Ivy Hills and SR32 in front of the country club and the basketball poles will be installed tomorrow.

Council Members Report:

2022 September Finance Packet

As part of the audit compliance, Mr. Schwab made the following motion:

Mr. Schwab made a motion to accept the September 2022 Finance Packet presented to Council. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Municipal & PD Parking Lot Paving 2023

Bids from Koehler & Day Blacktopping Inc., JK Meurer Corp and JCS Jamison Construction Solutions, Inc . were received to pave the Municipal Building and Police Department parking lots in 2023. All bids submitted were close - Chuck Morgan and Chuck Short recommended going with Koehler & Day Blacktopping Inc., who recently did an outstanding job for the Village paving an additional 230' at their cost on the Lake Barber Connecting Trail. The quote from Koehler Day is valid until July 2023.

Mr. Short made a motion to approve \$24,300 to Koehler & Day Blacktopping Inc.- paving to be done in 2023 and will come out of the 2023 Village Budget. (\$23,100 + \$1,200 for line striping) Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried. (A resolution will be presented for approval at the 11.08.2022 Council Meeting.)

Maintenance Technician

Mr. Short made a motion to hire Justin Goins as a part-time maintenance tech, pending background approval. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Solicitor's Report (Solicitor Supinger)

The Zoning Code revisions are 99% complete – once completed it will first go to the Planning Commission, who will then make a recommendation to Village Council.

LEGISLATION

Resolution, Budget Commission – County Auditor

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

Ms. Quallen made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 41-2022 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes. Motion Carried.

New Business

Council Checklist

Mr. Schwab made a motion to accept and approve the 10/11/2022 Checklist for \$294,790.75. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Well Pump – Short Park

The well is up and running; however, Cooper Electric emailed Chuck Morgan asking for additional funds since they ran into trouble that was not expected while running the wire/conduit. \$9,579 was previously approved by a motion – the \$2,100 additional they are asking for would take it over the \$10,000 mark. Council was made aware of this previously via email from Mayor Kobasuk .

Mr. Short made a motion to approve \$2,100 to Cooper Electric. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Short made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:23pm, per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) to discuss the sale of property and Section 121.22(G)(1) to discuss the hiring of a Village official. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes. Motion Carried.

Council reconvened at 6:46pm; no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

New Village Corporation Signs

Mr. Short thanked Becky for sourcing and ordering the new corp. signs – they look awesome!

Police Department

Mr. Drescher said he has a few things but Chief Synan left the meeting. Mr. Drescher said he would like to know the status of the police cruisers – they are being wrecked too much with another recently wrecked. One cruiser has not been marked on one side for four months - he said it looks bad and would like to know what is going on. Mayor Kobasuk said he would look into it and get back with Mr. Drescher.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn at 6:48p.m., seconded by Ms. Quallen. Meeting Adjourned.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley