

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The August 8, 2023 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	Fiscal Officer Keri Everett
	Daryl Zornes (excused)	Assistant to Mayor Becky Fairley (excused)
	Peg Quallen	Police Chief Tom Synan
	Jerry Schwab	
	Jeff Drescher	

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. Short made a motion to approve the regularly-scheduled 07.11.2023 Council Minutes and the Special Council Minutes 07.18.2023. Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Engineering Report dated August 3, 2023 submitted by CT Consultants

1. Pavement Condition Ratings:
 - Pavement Condition Ratings Complete. CT has imported into GIS and is working on separating the street conditions and proposed improvements into different categories.
 - CT met with the Village to review preliminary results. We will finalize the report and submit a list of high priority streets by 8/31.
2. SR 32 – Little Dry Run to Corp Line
 - Project did not receive Safety Funding through ODOT. CT to work with City on approach to remove silt berm.
3. Church Street
 - Estimated Construction Cost - \$328,000 (2022 Estimate)
 - Grant funding was awarded through the Hamilton County Municipal Roadway Fund (MRF) for Church Street resurfacing work - \$98,360.00
 - Our recommendation is to apply to OPWC again in September, 2023 and use the funds from MRF as a matching grant for the additional points.
4. Little Dry Run
 - Little Dry Run is an MRF approved funding street. Our recommendation is to apply to MRF in 2023 for Little Dry Run
5. Short Park Project:
 - Parking Lot:
 - Council approved funds for drilling into gravel layer to alleviate drainage during large storm events.
 - Complete.
6. McCullough's Run
 - Survey field work and geotechnical drilling work has been completed.
 - CT reviewed progress set with Village on 7/31.
 - i. CT to reach out to Jones Hatchery to discuss easement.
 - ii. CT to begin coordination regarding floodplain
 - Final approvals of the stream modifications are expected during the winter of 2023/2024 with the project being bid for construction in spring of 2024.
7. Moundview Park Sanitary Sewer
 - In March, 2022, CT presented a sanitary sewer alternative analysis for Moundview Park
 - i. Options and Cost Estimate:
 1. On-site treatment system - \$87,650 (original estimate). We have requested an updated estimate from SCS Engineers and will forward upon receipt. SCS provided updated estimate on 6/1/23 between \$48,000 to \$58,000.
 2. Connect to MSDGC sewer – would require the construction of a private lift station (owned and operated by the Village) and 2" force main - \$152,262. Estimated an increase in construction costs of 20% to 30%, our updated estimate would be approximately \$183,000 to \$200,000.

ii. Survey Obstacles:

1. In order to construct the on-site treatment system, the system must be on the same parcel as the use (building) or have an easement. The site is heavily wooded and it is unknown if the 0.5 acre parcel has any monumentation at the corners. If no monumentation exists, the parent parcel (16 acre parcel) would need to be resolved as well. Below is our recommended course of action:
 - a. One day field work – look and hopefully find monumentation for the 0.5 acre parcel and pickup other existing conditions - \$1,500.
 - b. Assuming monumentation is found, we could plat and write a new legal for the 0.5 acre parcel - \$2,500
 - c. If no monumentation is found, need to resolved 16 acre parcel - \$17,000

8. Eastern Corridor Project

- ODOT presented an update specific to the Village of Newtown at the June Council Meeting. A meeting is setup with ODOT, OPWC and Village on August 28th to discuss additional funding options. The preliminary opinion of Village responsible costs is approximately \$950,000.

Moundview Park Sanitary Sewer (Mayor Kobasuk)

- Chuck Morgan has marked utilities
- SCS is working on final design
- Solicitor Supinger is working on deed restrictions

Public Comments/Participation (5 Minutes)

Wolfer - Police Department

Ed Wolfer, 3458 River Hills talked about an article of Chief Synan and his case, as he has in the past. He held up a picture of Chief Synan and asked....”what kind of 50 lb. machine gun did you carry?” Mr. Wolfer continues to accuse the police officers of lying about the 3/30/2021 fire incident at 3910 Round Bottom Road. Mayor Kobasuk ended the participation time, as it exceeded the five minutes allowed.

Resident Tara Perkins, 7155 English Drive said Village officials have been very patient listening to Mr. Wolfer tonight, and the many previous Council Meetings. She told Mr. Wolfer she is aggravated with him and his same topic.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor's Report

Residential Gas Inspections by Southern Cross

Southern Cross has been contracted by Duke Energy to perform gas leak and corrosion inspections on inside gas piping and metering equipment. Residents will first receive a letter from Duke Energy that will include a number to call (Southern Cross) to see if an order has been created for your home address. Once the order has been created, residents will be able to schedule an appointment with Southern Cross – these inspections should take only about ten minutes.

Southern Cross technicians will be readily identifiable by wearing a Southern Cross picture ID. The technicians working for Southern Cross will be going door to door to inspect inside gas piping and metering equipment.

MVCA will be discussed in Executive Session.

Heroes on the Water Southwest Ohio Chapter

The annual event will take place at Lake Barber on 8/19/2023; the 7/1/2023 planned event was cancelled due to the rain.

Council Members Report:

2023 July Finance Packet (Mr. Fairley)

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to accept the July 2023 Finance Packet presented to Council. Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission Update (Mr. Schwab)

Planning Commission met on July 27th at 6pm. Below are two items that were discussed:

1) 6748 Main Street. Owner is requesting a Conditional Use approval to construct four single family attached townhomes. The property is zoned P-V (Planned Village), with a HO (Historic Overlay). Planning approved the request.

2) 6830 School Street (MVCA). Owner is requesting a Conditional Use approval to expand parking onto parcels 501-0002-0024, 501-0002-0010 and a proposed transfer of .3266 acres of parcel 501-0002-0008. These properties are zoned P-V (Planned Village) Access to Short Park Drive – further study – MVCA must do a street traffic study – Planning did not approve.

2022 CRA & TIF Status Reports

Mr. Schwab made a motion to approve; Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Solicitor Report Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION

Final Reading, Ordinance, Personnel Polices & Procedures

The Council of the Village of Newtown is desirous of amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual in order to amend the compensatory time policy and add policies for employee exit interviews and a wellness reimbursement program.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 12-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Mobilcomm, Inc.

The Village recently purchased two new police vehicles which required the installation of specific equipment necessary for police operations.

Mr. Drescher made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 27-2023 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING A CONTRACT WITH MOBILCOMM, INC. AND AUTHORIZING A THEN AND NOW PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,780.00 TO MOBILCOMM, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT IN POLICE VEHICLES. Mr. Short seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes. Motion Carried.

New Business

Council Checklist

Mr. Schwab made a motion to approve the 08/08/2023 Council Checklist for \$319,555.87. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Short made a motion to enter into Executive Session under Section 121.22(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code to discuss the sale of public property at 6:25pm. Mr. Fairley seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Kobasuk reconvened the Council Meeting at 6:37pm; no action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn at 6:37p.m., seconded by Ms. Quallen. Meeting Adjourned.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley