

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance

The March 12, 2024 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:	Terry Fairley Jerry Schwab Peg Quallen Jeff Drescher Tracy Boone Sarah Donohue	Solicitor Emily Supinger Fiscal Officer Keri Everett Assistant to Mayor Becky Fairley Police Chief Tom Synan
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Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. Schwab made a motion to approve the regularly-scheduled 02.13.2024 Council Minutes. Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Anderson Township Fire and Rescue, Chief Richard Martin, II

Chief Martin has been in the fire service with Anderson Fire for 40 years, August 2024, he will have served as Fire Chief for eight years. Chief Martin said Anderson Fire & Rescue are happy to serve the Village of Newtown and its citizens. His goal has been to give the citizens of Newtown the exact same care that is provided to Anderson Township and will accept no less! He said he is blessed to have the incredible people that care about their job serving Anderson Township and the Village of Newtown. Chief Martin said he is available anytime should anyone have any questions or need assistance. Anderson Trustees and Administrators have been reviewing the contract with the Village of Newtown. The contract expires at the end of this year – discussions between Anderson Township officials and the Village of Newtown officials will take place in the near future.

Engineering Report dated 03.01.2024, submitted by CT Consultants Engineering

1. Church Street – No Update
 - Estimated Construction Cost - \$358,000 (2023 Estimate)
 - Grant funding was awarded through the Hamilton County Municipal Roadway Fund (MRF) for Church Street resurfacing work - \$98,360.00. I spoke with the county about the time of the expenditure of the funds. While there is no specific deadline for expenditure, the County would like the funds used by the end of 2024.
 - OPWC funds have been sought for the project, but the application has failed to be funded for two years.
 - The Village will need to determine if they would like to fund the balance of the project from local revenue, continue to apply to OPWC or other sources, or forfeit funds.
2. Little Dry Run – Awaiting Funding Notification
 - Little Dry Run is an MRF approved funding street. MRF funding was applied for in the amount of \$175,000. A 50% funding match was applied for- the total project estimate is \$337,000. We expect funding to be announced by the end of January or early February. The project would resurface Little Dry Run from SR 32 to the Village Corp Limit.
3. McCullough's Run
 - The Application that was made to Hamilton County for Funding through a special program that utilizes a balance of ARPA funds for storm water projects for \$214,900 was awarded. You should be receiving the grant agreement next week for consideration. This grant will require the project to be bid and funds to be obligated by the end of 2024.
 - The Nationwide Permit Application was submitted on December 11, 2023 and has been approved as of January 25, 2024.
 - CT is completing the documentation for easements required for the project. Bid Documents will be compiled and ready for completion after the grant agreement is approved by the Village.
 - Village staff is working to remove vegetation prior to environmental concerns coming into play.
4. Moundview Park Sanitary Sewer
 - A State Capital Budget Request was submitted, and a presentation was made on December 5, 2023, in support of the project.
 - While the Cincinnati Business Committee did not recommend the project for funding, State Representative Baker has included the project as a priority from her office. I have also reached out to Senator Wilsons office to promote the projects inclusion in the Capital Budget. Announcement of inclusion in budget will not be until late May or June
 - Direction from the Village is required to proceed with bid documents prior to notification or wait until a funding announcement is made.
 - Awaiting notification from OEPA if the timing of the work to await funding from the State Capital Budget is adequate.

5. Eastern Corridor Project – No Update
 - ODOT presented an update specific to the Village of Newtown at the June 2023 Council Meeting. A meeting was held with ODOT, OPWC and Village on August 28th and September 7th to discuss additional funding options.
 - The first phase would include adding a turn lane on SR 32 from Little Dry Run to East Corp Line:
Based on current estimates, the Village would apply for the following dollar amounts:
 - Total Project - \$4,765,000 (\$3,790,000 for Construction and \$975,000 for ROW)
 - OKI: May 2024, 80% of Construction and ROW – total \$3,812,000 (\$3,032,000 for Construction and \$780,000 for ROW)
 - OPWC: September 2026 - \$758,000 (construction dollars only)
Which leaves a budget shortfall of \$195,000 for ROW acquisition. OPWC will not pay for ROW if applying for LTIP funds (most likely source of funding).
 - CT has begun coordinating with ODOT initiate the process of applying for OKI funds in May 2024. If OKI funding is not received, the Village and ODOT do not need to move forward with the project.

6. Drywells at Round Bottom and SR32
 - The application made to Hamilton County for funding of to address the issues with the drywell was awarded for \$150,000. You should be receiving the grant agreements next week for consideration. This grant will require the project to be bid and funds to be obligated by the end of 2024.
 - We have begun compiling information necessary to determine the proper method to improve the drainage. A site visit with the Hamilton County Engineers and village staff was held to review the dry well on County property on February 27, 2024.

7. Signal Improvements
 - Application was made to ODOTs signal timing and phasing program for to improve the 6 interconnected signals in the Village. This program was recommended by ODOT and Hamilton County Engineering Staff. This is a free program for those that apply if it is approved by ODOT staff. We are hoping to hear from ODOT within the next month on if they will move the project forward.

Audience Participation

Below discussions pertain to a lawsuit filed by Chief Tom Synan on March 8, 2024 – defendants: Mark Kobasuk, in his Individual and Official Capacities and the Village of Newtown, Ohio. (The mic at the podium was not working properly; therefore, recording was inaudible at times.)

Bill Devore, resident of Newtown, 3517 Debolt Road. Mr. Devore said he has known Chief Synan for 30 years. Chief Synan has served the United States Marines, 30 plus years with the Newtown Police Dept, HC Swat Team Leader and Founder of Hamilton County Heroin Coalition. Mr. Devore said allegations of the lawsuit are embarrassing and asked that Mayor Kobasuk tender his resignation.

Ed Wolfer, resident and business owner, 3458 River Hills Drive. Mr. Wolfer referred to an article about Tom Synan, Newtown, super hero Police Chief carrying a 50lb. machine gun, 25 lb. missile – Mr. Wolfer said he lies and lied 35 times in a letter accusing him of a felony. Mayor Kobasuk told Mr. Wolfer his three minutes had expired and to please take a seat.

Curt Cosby, resident, 7010 Ragland Road. Mr. Cosby served as Newtown Mayor from 2008-2015 - said he had a good working relationship with Chief Synan for many years. He said it's disappointing, according to what he has read, the issue has been ongoing and doesn't want this to become the face of the Village. He supports Chief Synan 100% and asked that this be rectified or something will have to be done.

Nancy Devore, resident of Newtown, 3517 Debolt Road. Ms. Devore has lived in the Village for 35 plus years and in the past has served the Village of Newtown in various capacities. Ms. Devore agrees this issue is embarrassing for the Village, for Mayor Kobasuk and past mayors. She said this could have been avoided and asked Mayor Kobasuk why he didn't act upon a statute that allows the process of allegations being brought to Council for a hearing for them to decide.

Pam Simmons, resident of Newtown, 7028 Ragland Road. She said while Chief Tom is great, she is not here to talk about that! Ms. Simmons asked why we purchased the piece of equipment, Mowermax. She said the amount seemed excessive when other options are out there. Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Morgan said this piece of equipment replaced a 1992 piece of equipment that was inefficient. There are 30 types of attachments that go along with the Mowermax, which will be helpful cutting down the honeysuckle at Lake Barber. Mr. Morgan told Ms. Simmons she was mistaken when she said ODOT took care of maintaining SR32 – SR32 is not ODOT's responsibility – he and Newtown Maintenance staff maintain SR32! Ms. Simmons said she would come take a look at the Mowermax at the Maintenance department. Mr. Morgan said by the way, the County is also purchasing a Mowermax!

Jeff Hubbard, resident Drake St., spoke in support of Chief Synan saying he knows him to be fair and personable and possesses what we need in a chief.

Jason Bailey, 3493 Miljoie Drive. Mr. Bailey is a resident and has worked at Meridian Bioscience since April 2009. On his first day, when having lunch with his boss at Main St. Café – his boss introduced him to Chief Synan and said he is always representing the Village and always willing to talk to anyone on any topic. Mr. Bailey said it's a shame our tax dollars are going for this dispute when it could have been resolved peacefully.

Robert Turpin Fisher, born and raised in Newtown for 56 years. His father, R. Turpin Fisher served as Mayor from 1976-1979. Ben Jenks was Police Chief then Daryl Zornes. Mr. Fisher said it wasn't until Tom became Chief that training and the level of expertise with the police officers were escalated, solely because of Chief Synan's SWAT training. Mr. Fisher said he understands Mayor Kobasuk forced Chief Synan to no longer dedicate time to Hamilton County SWAT in 2017. Mr. Fisher said he feels Newtown police are better trained than the Hamilton County Sheriff's department, due to Chief Synan's SWAT training. Mr. Fisher told Mayor Kobasuk based on what he has read of the accusations, he needs to step down, that he is the problem.

Darla Pollister, resident in the Hermitage, Lot 31. Ms. Pollister spoke of an issue with a neighbor over a dog and a neighbor being abusive to other neighbors - anytime she needed to talk or had to resolve an issue, Chief Synan or Newtown Police were there, along with the County. She can't understand why this is going on with such a good man, whom she backs. The issues don't need to go on any further and told Mayor Kobasuk she agrees and that it is time for him to step down.

Linda McClellan, resident at 3494 Miljoie Drive. Ms. McClellan said she arrive here in Newtown, living at Shademoor – her late husband George McClellan was the caretaker at Shademoor. At that time, there was a lot of crime at Shademoor which didn't get better until Tom became Chief. Her son got into a little trouble as a teenager, there was no arrest and he went on to be in the Honor Guard. Tom Synan has supported this community since she has been here since 1993. We see him at the local coffee shop and it would be a loss losing Chief Synan. She told Mayor Kobasuk she recalls meeting him before she voted for him as Mayor and feels very disappointed, she voted for a man that would jeopardize the career of an amazing policeman. Ms. McClellan said if Mayor Kobasuk cannot apologize and ask for forgiveness for putting Chief Synan in this situation, then he definitely should resign.

Eileen, resident in the City of Cincinnati – she lost a 43-year-old daughter, six years ago in May to Fentanyl. By accident, she met Chief Synan at the local coffee shop – he was very compassionate and comforting in such an ugly situation that had occurred. She said to try to get rid of Chief Synan as Police Chief and as a community leader would be a real crime for everyone.

Shannon Beckett said she is a resident of Newtown and is in favor of Chief Synan. Chief Synan has helped many with addictions and life issues. *(Unfortunately, the remaining portion of her recording was inaudible for transcribing.)*

NO PARKING ZONES – RIVER HILLS

Stefani Blankenship Wright, 3345 Scioto was present to voice her concerns about the ordinance on tonight's agenda establishing NO PARKING ZONES in River Hills Subdivision. After more discussion, Mayor Kobasuk said a meeting will be set up with Ms. Wright and others, including Street Supervisor Chuck Morgan and Chief Synan and Lt. McBreen. Tonight, a First Reading only will take place until the matter can be looked into further.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor's Report

Council Members Report:

Ohio Division of Liquor Control

Mr. Fairley made a motion to not have a hearing to transfer liquor permit to All About the Taste LLC from Lobsta Bakes of Maine Bistro LLC., Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Hamilton County TIRC Tax Incentive Review Board

Two Representatives are required to be residents of the Village of Newtown (one must be a resident and one a village official. Becky administers the CRA process and assists with annual reporting for the CRA Housing Officer and has served as the resident member for many years. Mayor Kobasuk has served on the board with her for the last few years. The meeting is usually held in June.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to appoint Keri Everett and Sarah Donohue to serve on the 2024 TIRC Board. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

February 2024 Finance Packet (Mr. Fairley)

The 2024 Budget has not been passed so there is nothing to measure against at this time. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to accept the February 2024 Finance Packet presented to Council. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission Update (Mr. Schwab)

February 29th, Planning met to discuss 6748 Main Street, Tru Life Development, owner requesting a modification to the previously approved, along with the approval of the exterior façade of proposed single family attached townhomes and to create six attached townhomes. These changes that were presented were suggested by Planning Commission at the last meeting which thought the changes would bring individual charm.

March 28th, at 6pm., Planning will meet to discuss a conditional use for 3603 Church Street, known as Lobsta Bakes – this is to expand current location.

Annual District Advisory Council Meeting (HCPH)

Mr. Schwab also attended the annual meeting today and enjoyed the lunch provided – it was so good – he offered to attend next year's meeting also. Housing nuisances, food safety, lead hazards, reduction out-fill compliancy were discussed. Two members were elected: Eric Map (5-yr term), Max Miller (3 yr. term).

Maintenance Report for March

Peg Quallen asked if there were any questions in the report included in everyone's packet. Ms. Quallen said our Maintenance department staff members do an excellent job and seems to be very busy for having only three guys.

Summer Fest (Ms. Boone)

Ms. Boone said Summer Fest is scheduled for June 15th – last month, Ms. Boone submitted a grant application to the Hamilton County Community Based Event Grant for \$25,000. A small focus meeting will be held on Thurs. 3/15/2024 at 8:15am and a Planning Meeting on 3/21/2024 at 6:30pm to help the project move forward.

Winterfest (Ms. Boone)

This annual event will be held December 14, 2024. The committee met with Tri-State Running Company and the Timing Spot to look into the possibility of adding a 5-K Walk/Run – which would be family-friendly and fun and also kick off the Winterfest festivities this year. The plan would be to use the bike trail vs having to close additional roads for the event. She asked Council for their consideration so the committee could proceed. Council approved the event. Next meeting will be in April.

One Ohio Recovery Foundation is using \$51 million dollars in settlement money for grants – the registration portal opened March 4th – applications for grants are open April 2 thru May 3rd. Ms. Boone will pursue these possibilities.

Metro Bus Stop (Ms. Donohue)

Ms. Donohue and Mayor Kobasuk met on January 23, 2024 with Cincinnati Metro to discuss the feasibility providing Metro bus service to Newtown. There is a survey on the website: newtownohio.gov for everyone to participate so Metro can make a decision. It would be an off-shoot of the 29-Express Bus which goes downtown Monday-Friday during rush hour and back. A few routes would come through Milford, come through Newtown and then back through Mariemont, then downtown.

Village Solicitor's Report: No report was given.

LEGISLATION

Ordinance, Appropriations for Current Expenses

Mr. Fairley made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Drescher. Motion Carried.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to have a Second and Final Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 07-2024 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024. Mr. Drescher seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance, Rules of Council

Section 731.45 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the legislative authority of a municipality shall determine its own rules - Council desires to adopt Rules of Council to govern Council matters and meetings.

This ordinance is an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety and general welfare for the citizens of the Village of Newtown. The ordinance has the three-minute limit per person and makes the meetings more orderly.

Mr. Fairley asked if the rules stated that the mayor should adjourn the meeting for disruptive behavior and if there is a clause for procedures if the meeting becomes disruptive. Solicitor Supinger said there are provisions for disruptive members during public participation – there isn't a specific rule on taking a recess, but it does default to Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary procedure if there is not a specific rule on point – so that would fall under Roberts Rules.

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 08-2024 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES OF COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Boone seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ms. Boone-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Fairley-Yes, Ms. Quallen-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes. Motion Approved.

Ordinance, Building Rules for Municipal Center and Police Station

In order to provide for the efficient and orderly operation of Village facilities and ensure the safety of Village employees, Council desires to adopt Building Rules to govern the use of the Municipal Center and Police Station.

Mr. Fairley has questions before bringing forth the Ordinance. Previously, via email, he made Mayor, Council and Solicitor aware of an ongoing issue where a specific employee continues to be targeted by a resident. Before moving forward, Mr. Fairley wants to discuss to make sure the Building Rules have teeth because for some reason, the Mayor's Assistant has become the target of this individual. Mr. Fairley stated he wants all employees to feel safe in their place of work. Just this past week, this individual came into the building....yelling out her name, then went down the hallway towards the back, that is off limits to the public, continuing yelling out her name.

Mr. Fairley recently spoke with the administrator at Fairfax and they are building a foyer adding keyless entries with a door remote buzz-in kit for safety reasons. The employees here have been way too vulnerable for too long in this building.

Mr. Fairley made a request to Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Morgan to look into a system for the employees to here at the Municipal Building to have the same ability of buzzing-in visitors. Mr. Fairley said the unit should be installed on the exterior glass door so the staff can see who they would be buzzing in the building. Mr. Morgan agreed and said the employees should know who is coming into the building.

In light of the recent event and a few past instances of those attending Mayor's Court, Mr. Fairley told Mr. Morgan he needs to work on ordering and installing a sign for the hallway that states "**DO NOT ENTER – EMPLOYEES ONLY.**" Mr. Fairley said he strongly advocates for a buzz-in system – and supports a keyless entry system to update the buildings. Mayor Kobasuk asked Chuck to move forward with a buzz-in system for the Municipal Building.

Mr. Morgan said he will look into the buzz-in system and his goal is to get slide-card entries on every building the Village owns. Mr. Morgan said "keys" are very antiquated and we need to get with the times! He said we should have the slide-cards Cards can be canceled out when people leave that should no longer have access to the buildings. Mr. Fairley asked Mr. Morgan to look into the cost and bring it back to Council.

Mr. Fairley asked to table the ordinance for further consideration of more specific language. Solicitor Supinger said to table the Ordinance indefinitely so we can take it from the table for more consideration.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to table the Ordinance for Building Rules (Municipal Bldg/Police Dept.) indefinitely. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ordinance, Easement Agreement

The Village of Newtown intends to make improvements to McCullough's Run for which the Village requires an easement from SP Property Holdings, LLC. (Jones Fish) for the McCullough's Run project.

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

Mr. Schwab made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 9-2024 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SP PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms.-Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance, Establishing NO Parking Zones – River Hills

Mayor Kobasuk read the First Reading of an ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ZONES WITH THE RIVER HILLS SUBDIVISION. Discussion will be continued at the 4/9/2024 Meeting.

Resolution, Amending Police Compensation Policy

Council desires to amend the policy to make it consistent with current practices and expand the policy to apply to *all* Village employees.

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-2024 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S POLICE COMPENSATION POLICY. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms.-Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Grant Agreement w/Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

The Village was awarded \$214,900.00 in grant funds by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners for the McCullough's Run Remediation Project – Remediation project.

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

Ms. Quallen made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 08-2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RELATED TO THE MCCULLOUGH'S RUN REMEDIATION PROJECT. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms.-Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Grant Agreement w/Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

The Village was awarded \$150,000 in grant funds by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners for the Round Bottom Road Stormwater Sewer Improvement Project.

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 09 -2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RELATED TO THE ROUND BOTTOM ROAD STORMWATER SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. Ms. Boone seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms.-Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, A&A Lawncare & Landscaping, Inc.

Services are for grounds maintenance for the Flag Spring Cemetery and the Fire Station Lot – for 2024 – amount not to exceed \$32,060.00.

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

Mr. Schwab made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH A&A LAWNCARE & LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE FLAG SPRING CEMETERY AND THE FIRE STATION LOT IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. Ms. Quallen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms.-Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Agreement w/ATLL

Agreement w/Anderson Township Little League is for the use of baseball fields at Moundview Park. Season begins March 18th thru June 22nd (Monday-Friday 5pm to 8pm) (Saturday 9am to 3pm)

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

Mr. Schwab made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 11-2024 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DEBRA-KUEMPEL FOR HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES. Ms. Boone seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms.-Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Debra-Kuempel

This contract is with DeBra-Kuempel to provide HVAC preventative maintenance services at the Fire Station, Police Station and Municipal Building. Amount is \$7,751.00 per year.

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

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 12-2024 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DEBRA-KUEMPEL FOR HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES. Ms. Boone seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms.-Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

New Business

Council Checklist

Mr. Fairley made a motion to approve the 3/12/2024 Council Checklist for \$197,356.61. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Fairley made a motion at 7:08pm to enter into Executive Session under O.R.C. 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending litigation with the Village Solicitor, Emily Supinger. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Fairley-Yes, Mr. Schwab-Yes, Ms.-Quallen-Yes, Ms. Donohue-Yes, Mr. Drescher-Yes, Ms. Boone-Yes. Motion Carried.

Council reconvened – no action to be taken.

Mr. Fairley made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm, seconded by Ms. Quallen. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley