

The April 26, 2011 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Curt Cosby, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers: Brian Burns (absent) Mark Kobasuk
Doug Evans Curt Tiettmeyer (absent)
Joe Harten Daryl Zornes

Solicitor: Doug Miller

Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett

Police Chief: Tom Synan

Sierra Club

Chris Curran, Miami Group (Ohio Chapter) asked Village Council for permission to have a picnic at Short Park. The Wild & Scenic subcommittee is planning a Progressive Picnic on Sunday May 15th in collaboration with CABOOM (Citizens Against Mining On Our Miami). Activities will also be at the Avoca park trailhead along Route 50 (no reservation required).

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to waive the park fee at Short Park for the Sierra Club, Miami Group (Ohio Chapter) and CABOOM, Sunday, May 15th. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Burns-Absent) (Mr. Tiettmeyer-Absent) Motion Carried.

Hydro Systems - Business Retention

Councilman Evans excused himself from the council table and joined the audience due to a conflict of interest on the Business Retention/Creation Program.

Solicitor Miller explained that the Village is prepared to offer an Income Tax Credit Grant to Hydro Systems for job creation and retention located at 3798 Round Bottom Road and expanding to 3750 Round Bottom Road.

Hydro Systems has committed to retaining approximately 190 existing employees and creating an additional 75 new jobs over the next three years with the purchase and expansion of 3750 Round Bottom Road. Hydro Systems has also committed to staying in the Village of Newtown for at least the next eight years as a part of this agreement for the grant.

Lawrence Jones representing Hydro Systems explains to council that engineers for Hydro Systems have walked the new site at 3750 Round Bottom Road and have discovered that there will be a need for additional water retention in the form of possibly a dry well. Cost estimates have come in at \$75,000. Hydro Systems is asking for this expense to be included in the credit.

Solicitor Miller explains the following computation to arrive at a figure for the credit:

\$117,000	current payroll withholding tax
\$ 22,500	new job creation payroll withholding tax (75 new jobs @ \$30,000 each salary = \$2,250,000 X 1% income tax)
\$139,500	Total payroll withholding tax

\$475,000	Tax credit plus water retention issue (\$400,000 + \$75,000)
5%	Interest
5 yr.	Tax Credit Period
\$110,000	Annual Tax Credit

$\$110,000/\$139,500 = 79\%$ payroll tax revenue credit

Solicitor Miller explains that the agreement will read a % for the credit, not to exceed \$475,000 plus interest on the unpaid credit with an amount accruing at an interest rate not to exceed 5%, to be in effect for a period not to exceed 5 years.

Solicitor Miller has been working with an attorney in Columbus (Quinten L. Harris with Bricker & Eckler) who has more experience with the tax credit grants and agreements. Council will have to hire him to complete this agreement for an amount of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Mr. Evans noted that this will set a precedent for the future and asked council if they have set up parameters for this Business Retention/Creation Program? Mayor Cosby replied that he is well aware of the precedent and the parameters will be set out of this process with Hydro Systems.

Project Status Engineering Services (Presented by Engineer Bruce Brandstetter)

1) Short Park Restroom

- Building has been delivered to construction site – should be completed by end of May
- Incorporate section of trail paving into 2011 Paving Program

2) Drake Street Bridge

- Schedule
 - Bidding May 2011
 - Construction July/August 2011 (project will take approx. 2 weeks)
- Project Issues
 - Replace deck, repair abutments as required
 - Bridge is between gas line on the east and water main on the west
 - New deck elevation to be lower than existing
 - Improved paving and drainage into Drake Street
 - Clean out siltation at culvert
 - Construction zone limits on Main Street
 - Coordinate with Police, Fire and Forest Hills School District
 - Temporary parking on adjacent properties
 - Informational meeting with the property owners
 - Guardrail alternatives
 - New bridge will life span of 25-30 years

3) 2011 Paving Program

- Scope of work

Church Street near north corporation line (MRF Grant)	\$17,000
Little Dry Run Road near SR32	<u>18,000</u>
	\$35,000
- Add section of trail paving at Short Park Restroom
- BCI requesting \$3,050.00 through bidding

4) 2012 OPWC Grant Application: Edith/Pine/Jefferson

- BCI confirmed GCWW's continued commitment on March 25, 2011
- Property owners are sending in photos/documentation of flooding and safety issues
- Funding request: 2010

OPWC	\$ 627,000
GCWW	250,000
Newtown	<u>272,500</u>
Total	\$1,045,000
- Application typically due in the third Friday of September (9/16/2011)
- BCI to coordinate with Duke Energy – Gas

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 4-12-2011 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Kobasuk. All Aye. (Mr. Burns-Absent) (Mr. Tiettmeyer-Absent) Motion Carried.

2011 Paving Program

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve \$3,050 to Brandstetter Carroll Inc. for services and associated fees for 2011 Paving Program. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Burns-Absent) (Mr. Tiettmeyer-Absent) Motion Carried.

Short Park Restroom

Mr. Dickerson reported that additional electrical cable is required; cost is \$1,293. Mr. Dickerson obtained a quote of \$5,600 to pave an additional section of the walking path in front of the restroom. The estimated cost to repave the entire walking path is \$28,000.

Salt Bid for 2011-2012

The Maintenance Department has 200 tons of salt on hand; Mr. Dickerson suggested that we order an additional 300 tons (\$21,726) from Cargill Salt. This would allow the village to order up to 20% of the original order if needed for the 2011-2012 season.

Mr. Evans made a motion to authorize Street Supervisor Ron Dickerson to order salt for the 2011-2012 season, not to exceed 300 tons. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Burns-Absent) (Mr. Tiettmeyer-Absent) Motion Carried.

Special Council Meeting

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to have a Special Council Meeting, Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7:00pm to discuss Hydro Systems business retention, as well as regular Council business. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Burns-Absent) (Mr. Tiettmeyer-Absent) Motion Carried.

4-26-2011 Checklist

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the 4/26/2011 Checklist for \$137,278.43, seconded by Mr. Harten. All Aye. (Mr. Burns-Absent) (Mr. Tiettmeyer-Absent) Motion Carried.

LMFD Fire Board

Mr. Kobasuk reported that renovations are underway at the E-check site in Newtown; project may be completed by mid-October. The LMFD is looking to purchase an ambulance and replace the suburban; \$200,000 is in the budget for these purchases. The LMFD is considering purchase the carwash on Route 50 next to Skyline in Fairfax.

Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for March 2011 Receipts. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Burns-Absent) (Mr. Tiettmeyer-Absent) Motion Carried.

Emergency Operating Procedure

Mr. Kobasuk had questions regarding the EOP and asked Solicitor Miller to review.

Public Locations for Ordinances

Ordinances and resolutions are posted in five public locations within the village. The Post Office was one of the five locations and with the Post Office closing February 2011:

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to appoint Main Street Café as a new public location for the posting of ordinances and resolutions. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Burns-Absent) (Mr. Tiettmeyer-Absent) Motion Carried.

Solicitor Miller will prepare an Ordinance for the 5-10-2011 Council Meeting.

Parks Committee

Mr. Harten said the need has recently been presented to consider discounted pricing for short meetings and long-term rentals for the Moundview Community Center. The Parks Committee will set a date to meet at the 5-10-11 Council Meeting to discuss a change in the current policy.

Martin Marietta Mining Issue

Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas Judge Robert Ruehlman will hear arguments in the Martin Marietta Mine appeals case on June 13 at 10:30am.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley