

The October 25, 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) Chuck Short
Joe Harten Curt Tiettmeyer
Mark Kobasuk Daryl Zornes

Solicitor: Doug Miller

Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett

Police Chief: Tom Synan

November 10th Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day; therefore, Council will meet on Thursday, November 10th at 7:00pm.

Council Meetings (November and December)

Typically, due to the holidays, the second meeting in November and December are cancelled. Council will determine if the November 22 meeting will be cancelled at the November 10th meeting. Cancellation of the December 27 meeting will be discussed at the December 13th meeting.

Meet Your Local Candidate: Thursday, October 27, 2011 (6:30 to 8:00pm) at Town Hall

Employee Christmas Party: Council discussed and agreed to have an Employee Appreciation/Christmas Party – Wednesday, December 7th at Ivy Hills Country Club. Ivy Hills submitted a quote of \$1,076.40 for 60 people; this includes the 20% club service charge. Mr. Kobasuk said he realizes it is for the employees, but as a councilmember, he doesn't need a party. Mayor Cosby said we are being very frugal with the party and it would be a nice gesture for the employees. Mr. Tiettmeyer said he thinks there is nothing wrong with the Village having an Employee Appreciation Dinner for the employees. Mr. Short said the Civic League will discuss possibly co-funding the event at their November meeting. FYI: Fairfax Council adopted an ordinance authorizing an amount not to exceed \$2,000. They also give gift certificates to their full-time employees. The City of Blue Ash gives an Employee Appreciation Luncheon, as well as a honey-baked ham certificate to the employees.

Resolution Approving Change Order w/JK Meurer

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

MR. SHORT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 29-2011 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO A CONTRACT WITH JK MEURER CORPORATION, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Discussion

This Change Order is for the 2011 Paving Improvements Project for Debolt Road. The black top was failing at the end of Debolt Road, explained Mayor Cosby.

Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes (Mr. Burns-Absent) Motion Carried.

Maintenance Department (Mr. Dickerson reported)

The Drake Street Bridge project is on schedule for completion. Maintenance recently repaired a few components of the leaf-vac and is now operational.

Checklist

A check for \$40,820.97 to JK Meurer needs to be added to the 10-25-2011 Checklist, stated Mr. Tiettmeyer.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 10-25-2011 Checklist for \$95,162.10, which includes the amended amount of \$40,820.97. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Employee Appreciation Dinner/Holiday Gathering

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion for an amount not to exceed \$1,100 for an Employee Appreciation Dinner/Holiday Gathering to take place at Ivy Hills Country Club, Dec. 7, 2011 at 6:30pm. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Structural Engineering Assessment

At the 9-27-2011 Council meeting, a motion was made to move forward with the RFP process to have a structural engineer evaluate the current Town Hall building and the current fire house across from Town Hall. RFP's were sent to five different companies; we received three responses. Curt Tiettmeyer, John Russell and Keri Everett opened and reviewed the proposals last week. The recommendation is to move forward with Advantage Group Engineers for a bid of \$2,000, which covers both buildings. Advantage submitted the lowest bid; they also have several engineers on staff and have done work on churches for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Mr. Kobasuk wanted to make sure the assessment includes cost estimates on doing the necessary repairs for renovation.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to move forward with negotiating a final contract with Advantage Group Engineers to provide engineering services for the two buildings. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Municipal Income Tax Collections

Mr. Tiettmeyer presented a spreadsheet showing Municipal Income Tax Collection/Expenses for 2007-2011 and Mayor's Court Collections for 2008-2011. This will be presented and discussed monthly. To date, 2011 is showing the Village is in better shape than the previous four years. Ms. Everett said she was told Hydro Systems new employees are already here and operating in the Village; therefore, we are already seeing the benefit of those new employees. Mayor Cosby asked Ms. Everett to look into the new employees Mr. Evans has working at the old Forshee building on Round Bottom Road. Mr. Tiettmeyer said the spreadsheet clearly shows the work Mayor and Council did to support Hydro Systems staying in the Village has been meaningful to the Village. Solicitor Miller said those that moved in this quarter should be filing their first payroll taxes by the end of the month.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 10-11-2011 Council Minutes, seconded by Chuck Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.

HR Committee Update

The committee met this evening; Mr. Zornes will email the changes to the personnel practices to Ms. Everett. Additional work remains to be done.

LMFD Fire Board

Mr. Kobasuk reported that the new fire house is over 95% completed; finishing touches should be completed November 1. The project came in under budget; \$75,000 was moved to the Fairfax station, leaving \$5,000 for contingencies. Mr. Kobasuk said the new fire house is very impressive and encouraged everyone to take a look at the new building. The LMFD will have an Open House once they get settled; date to be determined. Based on a conversation Mr. Kobasuk had with the LMFD Fire Board and MSA Architects, MSA drew up a plan where a new Newtown Government Center could be located next to the new fire house at the old E-check site. Mr. Kobasuk presented this drawing to Mayor and Council for review. (Drawing will be held at Town Hall for review)

Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for September 2011 Receipts; total \$9,941.14. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving Mutual Aid Agreement

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to have a Second Reading of a RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to have the Third and Final Reading at the 11-10-2011 Council meeting. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Discussion

Solicitor Miller said the issue he discussed at the 10-11-11 Council meeting has been changed so we are good to go with the agreement.

Planning Commission Opening

Resident Jim McNulty has come forward with interest to serve on the Planning Commission. This will be replacing Chuck Short's seat.

Mr. Harten made a motion to approve Jim McNulty as the citizen-representative to the Planning Commission. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Job Creation Tax Credit Program

As stated at the 10-11-2011 Council meeting, Planning Commission met 10/24/2011 and discussed the Job Creation Tax Credit Program. Although, there was not a full quorum, John Russell, Mike Spry, Joe Harten and Solicitor Miller discussed the program and agreed to proceed with the next step going to the Finance Committee for review. Mr. Harten reported that members of the Planning Commission would be willing to help as a committee to work through the issues if the Village does engage in an attorney to perform the work. At the 10-11-2011 Council meeting, Solicitor Miller said establishing the program would be for new jobs only, not for job retention like the Hydro Systems program.

Resolution Agreement w/Robert Slattery

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

Mr. Harten made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 30-2011 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT J. SLATTERY, DESLATT, LLC. AND SLATTS DEVELOPMENT, LLC, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion.

Discussion

Solicitor Miller said Mr. Slattery was concerned because we have an oral agreement with Little Miami Inc. for development issues along the river; Mr. Slattery is okay with this agreement, but doesn't want the Village to change the agreement without his okay.

Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes (Mr. Burns-Absent) Motion Carried.

Martin Marietta Mining Issue

All the briefs have been filed; Judge Ruehlman has scheduled an Oral Argument on our appeal for November 3 beginning at 10:00am at Hamilton County Courthouse - 1000 Main Street, Room 300.

Lake Barber

Solicitor Miller is waiting on the drawings. Mayor Cosby and Mr. Tiettmeyer have a meeting tomorrow with Jay Stoehr, Robbins Flooring to discuss an easement then all of the engineering can be done, instead of just part of it.

Mr. Harten made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, seconded by Chuck Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.