

reattaching and cleaning gutters, removing vegetation from the flat roof, etc. The structural assessment is on file in the Fiscal Officer's office.

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 12-13-2011 Checklist for \$147,386.10, seconded by Mr. Zornes.

Discussion

Mayor Cosby asked about the internet service for Town Hall and the police department. Mayor Cosby said he thought this was paid in advance. Ms. Everett said it is paid in advance; however, the amount on the checklist is the balance due for 2011. Mayor Cosby wanted to make sure this service continues to be paid in advance to avoid future interruption in service.

All Aye. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30pm. Capital expenditures for 2012 will be discussed. Departments need to have requests to Keri by the end of the year.

American Indian Artifact Museum

Mr. Tiettmeyer and John Russell recently attended a meeting in Columbus with the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission for the review of the Village's proposals for the American Indian Artifact Museum. Mr. Tiettmeyer reported that the Commission voted in favor of a memorandum of understanding with the Village, which basically states they are reserving the grant money for the Village. The Village will present the final proposal to the OCFC May 2012. Based on the final proposal, the OCFC will officially approve the project at this time. The OCFC is looking for at least one rendering of the proposed project. Mr. Tiettmeyer asked Council for permission to move forward with the RFP for architectural services. This is not asking for the ability to hire an architect. After narrowing down the process and services, this will be brought back to Council for approval to hire an architect. Mr. Russell will not serve as the architect of the project, but has agreed to continue the role of Program Manager to assist the Village through the process of hiring an architect and structuring the contract.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to move forward with the RFP for architectural services for the old Fire House (3537 Church Street) and existing Town Hall (3536 Church Street), as it relates to the application for the American Indian Artifact Museum and Education Center. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Council Minutes

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

Human Resource Committee Update / Contract for Employee Insurance Benefits

The HR Committee met 12-12-2011 to discuss employee health insurance for 2012. The following was decided:

Resolution, Employee Insurance Benefits

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

Council held off adopting the resolution to allow Council to discuss personnel compensation in an Executive Session.

Resolution, Liability Insurance for Lake Barber

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

Mr. Zornes made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 33-2011 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH THE HYLANT GROUP, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Human Resource Committee Meeting: The HR Committee will meet January 26, 2012 at 6:30pm to discuss employee salaries.

Maintenance Update

Mr. Dickerson thanked Mayor Cosby for volunteering his time helping hang the lights for the annual WinterFest event. Maintenance department is stocked with 500 tons of salt; trucks are equipped and ready for snow removal. Rack Seven repaired two storm drains; Councilman Short has the invoice. Mr. Dickerson asked for a copy of the structural assessment performed by Advantage Group Engineers Inc. He will make a list of repairs the maintenance department can perform and take care of them.

Rack Seven Paving

Mr. Short made a motion to approve \$2,700 to be paid to Rack Seven Paving for repairing two storm drains. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for November 2011 Receipts, in the amount of \$8,494.72. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Court Computer Maintenance

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the annual maintenance and support agreement for the Mayor's Court computer software for \$3,400, which is taken from the Mayor's Court Computer Fund. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

LMFD Fire Board Update

Mr. Kobasuk reported that the new Newtown Fire Station came in within budget. The Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District sent a letter to Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District regarding interest in a staging area for the bike trail on SR 32 on the Little Miami Fire District property. They are looking to receive \$200,000 for the lease of the land, which will also offset some of the station's cost.

Councilman Burns

Mr. Burns said "WinterFest" was fantastic and thanked the Newtown Business Association. Board of Zoning recently met and granted an appeal to Gardner Publications for a new ground sign. Park Rules and Fees are a work-in-progress.

WinterFest

Mayor Cosby also commented how great the WinterFest event was this year. The weather cooperated this year and the event was well-attended.

Planning Commission Update / Public Hearing

Planning Commission recently passed the series of zoning code amendments, which will now go to Public Hearing for review. Mr. Harten said the Public Hearing will be held January 24, 2012 at 6:45pm.

Resolution, Agreement w/Board of County Commissioners and Hydro Systems

Laurence Jones, Brixey and Meyer spoke to Council regarding an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Hydro Systems. An Enterprise Zone Agreement was established in 2008 for a new building, planned by Hydro Systems, to be located across from the existing Hydro Systems on Round Bottom Road. Due to the economy and realizing current growth, Hydro realized building at this location would not be the right option. April 2011, the Village adopted an ordinance executing a job creation and retention tax credit agreement between the Village of Newtown and Hydro Systems. Hydro Systems then purchased the property next door and was directed by Hamilton County Development Corporation to create a new Enterprise Zone Agreement for the newly-purchased property next door for 75% exemption for ten years. The original payroll number provided to the county was incorrect; this has been corrected, along with a few minor changes. Hydro Systems is retaining 140 full-time permanent positions, with a payroll of \$11,761,000. Seventy-five new jobs will be created within a three-year period with a payroll of 2.8 million; which gives a total payroll of \$14,600,000. Solicitor Miller said the Village had initially talked about TIFing, which we can still do but with the tax exemption, there isn't going to be as much money available for the first ten years. Hydro Systems has an agreement directly with Forest Hills School District; therefore, the Village will not be responsible for reimbursing the school district. Mr. Jones said once the payroll reaches \$1,000,000, the compensation agreement comes into place. Mayor Cosby asked about being able to TIF the property; Solicitor Miller said the Village can TIF the 25% that is not exempted.

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

Mr. Harten made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 34-2011 A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO AND HYDRO SYSTEMS COMPANY, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOTPION OF A PROJECT, WHICH WILL EXPAND A BUSINESS IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN AND CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE OF HAMILTON COUNTY, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Council Meeting Cancelled

Mr. Harten made a motion to cancel the 12-27-2011 Council meeting, due to the holidays, motion seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Martin Marietta Mining Update: Solicitor Miller will update in Executive Session in litigation.

Executive Session

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss HR compensation and litigation for Lake Barber and Martin Marietta. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Council reconvened at 8:25pm.

Resolution, Employee Insurance Benefits

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

Mr. Zornes made a motion adopt RESOLUTION NO. 35-2011 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFITS, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Publication Requirement

In the past, the Village was required to post all resolutions and ordinances in five public locations. As of 10-01-2011, there are new publication requirements. Solicitor Miller recently learned of the new publication requirements in the Am. Sub. H.B. 153 (the "Budget Bill"); eight public locations are now required. Ordinances and resolutions will also need to be placed in the newspaper and posted on the website. Solicitor Miller said a summary of the public documents may be allowed. The newspaper is required to have a government rate for publication.

Mr. Burns made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Zornes.

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