

Mr. Kobasuk asked how the annexation protects the village from the Eastern Corridor. Solicitor Miller believes we have more say as to what goes on in the village, then the township does. This is one reason Little Miami Inc. was interested in joining the annexation because they felt the village had a better chance stopping the Eastern Corridor, than either township. Solicitor Miller believes the village can stop any road unless it is designed a federal highway. There is a process for a federal highway; they can take it to court to go around the village if they get permission. The designation of the Eastern Corridor has not been disclosed.

Billboards

Mr. Kobasuk asked if any promises or deals had been made to Bob Slattery; Mr. Kobasuk read something to this effect in the paper. Mayor Cosby said, absolutely not! Solicitor Miller said he told Mr. Slattery the billboard at the Heritage on SR 50, as it currently exists, would be grandfathered-in. Mayor Cosby said he has made no deals with Bob Slattery, nor could he. Planning Commission board members are governed by specific documents. Solicitor Miller said Council approved an agreement with Mr. Slattery; the only portion of the agreement states Mr. Slattery agreed to sign the annexation and the village agreed we would not amend our agreement with Little Miami Inc. without Mr. Slattery's okay. This agreement is in writing, stated Solicitor Miller. Mayor Cosby said there are no other deals and he would not have the ability to do that anyway. Mayor Cosby mentioned a local bill board in Newtown; Solicitor Miller said the only way to get rid of one that has been grandfathered-in is when the bill board falls down or if 50% of it is destroyed then one cannot rebuild it for the original use. Mr. Kobasuk said he feels Williams Meadow subdivision will be well protected by our zoning codes and Planning. Solicitor Miller said one of the residents from Williams Meadow reviewed the Village of Newtown's Zoning Code and stated he felt it is stronger than Columbia Township's Zoning Code.

Mr. Tiettmeyer asked if the current Zoning Code covered digital signs. Mr. Harten will discuss this at the 03-05-2012 Planning Commission meeting. When Planning allowed Wags Park to install a digital message board, it was so new but the village does have the right to review it, stated Mayor Cosby.

Solicitor Miller said Mariemont went to Mr. Slattery and asked why he didn't come to them. Mr. Kobasuk asked Solicitor Miller, from his experience, did he saw anything out of the ordinary in this annexation from the documents and requirements placed by the county. Solicitor Miller said the county has been very difficult to deal with. The agreement is the same the county had with Hamilton. Only street names have been changed. Mr. Kobasuk said on the basis of trying to protect the village from the Eastern Corridor, he is ready to move forward with the ordinance approving the agreement.

Mr. Tiettmeyer asked if the liability costs stated in the agreement are additional costs or if the village is already covered. Solicitor Miller said he doesn't believe there is an additional cost to name another insurer on a policy but will check it out.

Ordinance – Road Maintenance Condition of Annexation

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

Mr. Short made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 09-2012 AN ORDINANCE AGREEING AS A CONDITION OF ANNEXATION TO ASSUME THE MAINTENANCE OF NEWTOWN ROAD, DEBOLT ROAD, MOORE ROAD, AND U.S. ROUTE 50, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Harten 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.

Ordinance Approving Agreement – Road Maintenance Related to Annexation

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

Mr. Short made a motion to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 10-2012 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS ROADS RELATED TO THE ANNEXATION FROM ANDERSON AND COLUMBIA TOWNSHIPS 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.

03-08-2012 Special Council Meeting

Mr. Tiettmeyer said this meeting is specifically to discuss arrangements with Roth Partnership Inc. He asked Council to read through the contract prior to the meeting. Three items will be discussed:

- 1) Contract that has been presented - Comments from John Russell
- 2) Decision to move forward – Allowance of \$10,000 for Space Programming
- 3) What type of things and when to communicate from architect to Council

Mr. Tiettmeyer said he agrees there should be at least one public meeting previewing the design of the proposed renovation. This will also be posted on the website.

Mr. Harten made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm, seconded by Chuck Short. All Aye.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley