

Edith Jefferson and Pine Water Runoff from River Hills

Mr. Short reported: Engineer Bruce Brandstetter will be conducting a study on the water run-off from River Hills subdivision that has been an ongoing problem for years causing the creek at the end of Edith to flood affecting resident's properties and homes and contributing to the pavement deteriorating. Mr. Brandstetter will present his findings to Council.

Maintenance Update

Mr. Dickerson reported: The fountain is now up and running for the season; submersible lights are working. The guys are working on the flower beds. Restrooms are now open at the parks.

Pavement Study Update

Information should be complete and submitted by the 03-28-2012 Council meeting.

Parks Shelter Repair

Mr. Tiettmeyer asked Mr. Dickerson for an update of the repairs to the shelters at Moundview and Short Park, now that the weather is breaking. Mr. Dickerson plans on doing these repairs in April.

Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for February 2012 Receipts. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

EMS Soft Billing (Little Miami Fire District)

The Safety Committee recently met and discussed EMS Soft Billing. Councilman Kobasuk is chairman of this committee. He presented Council with a (blacked-out) copy of a statement from a Newtown resident. The LMFDD contracts with Medicount Management Inc. to handle the billing. Medicount specializes in emergency services billing. Fire districts specify how to bill establishing their own rates. With the current process, the LMFDD bills the insurance company first billed and then the resident is billed for what the insurance company doesn't cover. Newtown residents should **not** pay out-of-pocket for EMS services.

In an effort to recoup some of the expenses incurred by ambulance transports, the majority of fire departments in this region bill their residents for ambulance transports to the hospital and they bill their insurance company. The money collected is set aside for EMS equipment i.e.: new ambulance, additional paramedics, etc. The problem arises when a resident is billed after their insurance company. Mr. Kobasuk has discussed this issue with Fire Chief Driggers. Chief Driggers said they are careful with the process and return a resident's check with a form letter indicating that a resident of Newtown is not to pay what the insurance doesn't cover. This is not always detected if a resident would pay by credit card. *If a Newtown resident has paid out-of-pocket, they are to call Fire Chief Driggers to ask for an immediate refund.* Chief Driggers will look into this issue and possibly do an audit to see if residents have paid in the past. Posting the process on the website and sending a letter to all residents will also be considered. Mr. Kobasuk will talk to Chief Driggers about sending out a letter to Newtown residents and report back to Council. LMFDD collects \$150,000 annually in soft billing. Fire Chief Driggers can be reached at (513.271.3636) or email (chieftad@aol.com).

Anyone needing emergency medical services should call 911 without worry of insurance or billing. If you are having a medical emergency, call 911 right away even if you don't have health insurance, the billing will be addressed after the emergency has been handled.

Ordinance Approving Zoning Text Amendment

Mr. Harten made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 12-2012 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. 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. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Zornes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation for annexation and 2012 employee compensation. Chuck Short 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. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cosby reconvened the Council meeting at 8:13pm. As a result of the Executive Session, action will be taken on 2012 Village Employee Compensation.

Ordinance – 2012 Village Employee Compensation

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

Mr. Zornes made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 13-2012 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR VILLAGE PERSONNEL, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Short 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. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Burns. Motion Carried.

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