

The July 10, 2012 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  
Joe Harten  
Mark Kobasuk  
Chuck Short  
Curt Tiettmeyer  
Daryl Zornes

**Solicitor:** Rob Butler

**Fiscal Officer:** Keri Everett

**Police Chief:** Tom Synan

#### Village-owned Property, 3845 Edwards Road

At the June 12, 2012 Council meeting, Newtown business owner, Joe Motz talked to Mayor and Council about purchasing a small piece of property that is part of Lake Barber, which is owned by the Village. Mr. Tiettmeyer had CBRE Commercial Real Estate Services research the Edwards Road property. CBRE's report estimated land in the Village of Newtown at a current rate of \$1.00 to \$2.50 per square foot. Mr. Motz said 22,911 sq ft of the property is usable. Mr. Motz said the property is quite restricted and believes it is developable to a contiguous property owner, but does not believe there is enough property off of Edwards or Round Bottom to get access into it. Due to the setback requirements, Mr. Motz doesn't believe the property can be accessed to add an adjoining business on the side. Solicitor Butler said it is likely the village would receive a better response to list a minimum bid when advertising. Mr. Kobasuk and Solicitor Butler said the land should first be appraised before establishing the minimum bid. Solicitor Butler said it is Council's obligation to follow a fair process, as stated by Mr. Kobasuk, and suggested having a third party set the minimum bid. Mr. Tiettmeyer will check to see if a survey is needed before an appraisal can be done. If so, Mr. Motz will have the property surveyed. Solicitor Butler's office will make several recommendations of appraisers to Mr. Tiettmeyer. Mayor Cosby will authorize the amount to have the property appraised. In an effort to allow time for the bidding process, the appraisal will be presented at the 07.24.2012 Council meeting. Mr. Motz would like to be able to move forward with this project in the fall. Mr. Tiettmeyer suggested that Council be prepared to determine a percentage of the appraisal.

Executive Session: No Executive Session took place.

#### Police Department

At the 06.26.2012 Council meeting, Mayor Cosby swore-in Robert Daniel Otte as a part-time police officer. A motion approving the hiring should be made prior to the swearing-in and this was not done at the 06.26.2012 meeting; therefore:

**Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve Robert Daniel Otte as part-time police officer, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

#### Checklist:

**Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 07.10.2012 Checklist for \$59,051.47, seconded by Mr. Harten.**

Discussion: Mr. Tiettmeyer explained: The first two line items were added onto the last checklist with up to \$5,000 approved to Roth Partnership, which came in at \$4,410.45. The Cincinnati Museum Center was the exact amount authorized.

**All Aye. Motion Carried.**

#### Public Hearing – 2013 Budget

**Mr. Harten made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:18pm, temporarily for purposes of the Public Hearing for the 2013 Budget. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

No discussion took place regarding the 2013 Budget.

**Mr. Harten made a motion to reconvene the Village Council meeting at 7:20pm, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Resolution, Final Reading 2013 Tax Budget

**Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have a Third and Final Reading of A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2013 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye.**

Council Minutes

**Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 06.26.2012 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Eastern Corridor Development Team Meeting - Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm) Meeting will be held at the R.G. Cribbet Center in Fairfax. Mr. Short will attend.

Maintenance Department: Street Maintenance Supervisor Ron Dickerson reported:

Ivy Hills Street Signs Signs were installed last week; logos will be installed upon arrival. Mr. Kobasuk asked if the debris left from installing the signs would be removed. And if the posts would be touched up. Mr. Dickerson said before they come back, the concrete needs to set for a week.

Paving/Repair Work: Milling and repair work on SR 32 will begin tomorrow. Work on Leonard Street, the end of Center Street and East Plum will also begin tomorrow.

Gas Main Repair Main Street Repaving from Drake Street Bridge Project

Duke began yesterday replacing an abandoned gas main on Round Bottom/Main Street. They will also work to relocate the gas main at Drake Street. In a different phase, J.K. Meurer will repair the paving at both locations.

Edith/Jefferson/Pine Flooding and Ragland Road Area Storm Drainage

Mr. Kobasuk asked what was going on with the flooding issue on Edith/Jefferson/Pine. Mr. Kobasuk said he knew Bruce would be applying for grant money, but asked if any steps would be taken in the interim to dredge out the creek. Mr. Dickerson said, no, we left that with Bruce at the last Council meeting to clean it up and come up with some options. Mr. Kobasuk said, so the ball is in Bruce's court to come back with a plan and we're waiting for him. Mr. Short said if we get a hard rain, the maintenance department will be up there to clear the debris and make sure we are not having another flooding issue. He said maintenance is keeping a tight rein on that. Mr. Kobasuk said, so we'll protect the home owners by going up there when it rains and Bruce will come back to Council with a plan. Mayor Cosby said the village will be reapplying for grants in August. Mr. Kobasuk asked Mr. Dickerson if it was his priority if it rains to get up there to do whatever we can to protect the homeowners. Mr. Dickerson said yes. Mr. Kobasuk said he saw the pictures and was astounded. Mr. Dickerson said maintenance department checks the area two to three times a week to make sure nothing is blocking it. Mrs. Fairley asked what if it rained heavily after hours or on the weekend. Mr. Dickerson said to call him.

Newtown Mini Park / Cincinnati Bell Telephone Easement Request

Mr. Short has been in discussion with the company regarding compensation for use of village property. MSD compensated the village for an easement, so Mr. Short will talk further tomorrow with the company and report back to Council. Mr. Short said the Cincinnati Bell, as expected, pays for all permit fees and construction.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn at 7:26pm.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley