

The December 11, 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	Chuck Short (absent)
	Joe Harten	Curt Tiettmeyer
	Mark Kobasuk	Daryl Zornes

Solicitor: Doug Miller

Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett

Police Chief: Tom Synan

WinterFest

The 2012 WinterFest was the 6th annual event, sponsored by the Newtown Business Association. The event was well-attended and granted good weather this year. Joe Motz is the chairman of the WinterFest committee. Mayor Cosby recognized the outstanding job done by Joe Motz and the WinterFest committee members.

Eastern Corridor - Community Partners Committee

Andy Fluegemann, ODOT District 8 Planning Engineer and Project Manager for the Eastern Corridor Segments II-III. Mr. Fluegemann spoke to Village Council about setting up a Community Partners Committee (CPC) for Newtown. The CPC will serve as a voice from the community and will consist of 8-10 members to represent the Village of Newtown in discussions relating to technical studies, community goals and anticipated project outcomes. Laura Whitman, Rasor Marketing is on ODOT's consulting team and will be the contact person for scheduling meetings. ODOT is currently working with Madisonville for the Redbank Corridor and with Mariemont. A CPC meeting is scheduled with Mariemont for January 22, 2013 to discuss what was shown on August 2, 2012. Mr. Fluegemann said the Eastern Corridor project is a 4-lane road, not a highway. Mr. Fluegemann said ODOT is trying to define a corridor and then try to funnel it down to defining an actual roadway alignment that will fit through and enhance the community, not to be a detriment to the community. Newtown Business Association members Chuck Hertel and Matthew Cuff will represent the NBA and serve on the CPC. Mr. Fluegemann assured Mayor Cosby that by forming the CPC will not imply that Newtown is softening their official position of opposing the Eastern Corridor. Mr. Kobasuk thought forming the CPC would be a voice to represent the community, whether it is pro or con. The CPC would also complement the opposition in the communities opposed to the Eastern Corridor. Mr. Kobasuk, Mr. Short and Mayor Cosby will serve on the CPC as elected officials. Mr. Kobasuk will seek residents from various areas to represent the Newtown community. He will then contact Mr. Fluegemann to schedule a meeting.

Newtown Landfill

Mayor Cosby had expected to receive something from the Health Department by the end of the year regarding the Newtown Landfill. Mike Spry will contact Bill Hayes, an environment attorney with Frost Brown Todd LLC regarding this matter. Mayor Cosby recently received an email from someone that does not live in the village saying he was appalled at the site of the landfill and suggested Mayor Cosby ride by and take a look. Mayor Cosby suggested to Village Council to consider making a decision as to if the Village is going to continue to allow Newtown Landfill to take the landfill up to 50 feet, as they have previously stated. Mayor Cosby said he would imagine when residents from the Ivy Hills area will want to know why something wasn't done when they begin seeing trucks dumping garbage at eye level. The landfill is approximately 15 feet above grade.

Checklists

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 11.27.2012 Checklist for \$67,406.34. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 12.11.2012 Checklist for \$38,829.69. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Village Municipal Center

Mr. Tiettmeyer, John Russell and Dick Krehbiel, Roth Partnership attended the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission's quarterly meeting on 12.05.2012. The Commission approved the \$300,000 for the Newtown Native American Artifact Museum and Education Center.

Resolution, Cultural Project Cooperative Use Agreement

The Village has been approved for a grant from the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission to construct the Native American Artifact Museum and Education Center. Village Council wishes to approve the Cultural Project Cooperative Use Agreement with the State of Ohio acting through the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission.

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

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 35-2012 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A CULTURAL PROJECT COOPERATIVE USE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND TO TAKE CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS, DISPENSINGS WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. (Mr. Short-Absent) Motion Carried.

Resolution, Central Insulation Systems, Inc.

Village Council wishes to proceed with environmental remediation services for the village-owned property located at 3537 Church Street, Newtown, Ohio. Central Insulation Systems, Inc. submitted an estimate in the total amount of \$6,412.00 in accordance with the Environmental Inspection & Testing Report obtained by the Village of Newtown.

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

Discussion

Central Insulation Systems will be removing mold in one room, animal feces in the tower, tile upstairs and light fixtures in the bay area. This expense is in the budget.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 36-2012 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL INSULATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIAL SERVICES, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

On behalf of Village Council, Mr. Harten thanked everyone that has been involved with the process of obtaining the grant through the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission, specifically, Mr. Tiettmeyer, John Russell and Ms. Everett.

Employee Appreciation Gift Cards: In lieu of having an Employee Appreciation / Holiday Gathering, Council thought it best-served the employees to give a gift card to each employee. Mr. Kobasuk stated several employees were present when this was discussed in a prior finance meeting and they were in favor of a gift card vs. having a Christmas party.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve purchasing a \$40.00 gift card for each employee. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

RFP's for Contracted Services:

Councilmembers are currently reviewing the RFP's for Village-contracted services. A meeting will take place with each of the parties next week to finalize terms. Contracts will need to be renewed at the January 8, 2013 Council meeting.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 11.13.2012 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Tiettmeyer. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution, Employee Insurance Benefits

The HR Committee met last week to discuss health insurance for employees. The Village of Newtown wishes to obtain group medical insurance benefits for village employees, effective January 1, 2013.

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

Mr. Zornes made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 37-2012 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFITS, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Harten seconded the motion.

Discussion

In terms of renewal of the insurance for 2013, the overall cost increase is approximately \$7,000. The HR Committee thought it would be best to fund the employees HSA at the same level for 2013, given big changes coming in 2014, due to health reform and an overall increase.

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

Liability Insurance Meeting

The HR Committee will meet December 18th at 9:00am with the Hylant Group to discuss liability insurance.

Maintenance Department (Reported by Mr. Dickerson)

- Storm Drain Repair: Two storm drains on Ivy Hills Blvd. and one on Pinehurst Drive have been corrected and rebuilt. Other storm drains in need of repair throughout the village will be repaired next year.
- Leaf Pick-Up: Next week is the last week for leaf pick-up.
- Snow Removal: All trucks are prepped and ready-to-go.
- Water Main Repair: A water main on Jefferson/Pine Streets is currently being repaired.
- Ragland Road Drainage Issue: Mr. Kobasuk asked for an update since the creek bed has been dredged out. Mr. Dickerson said the area had some leaf buildup last week from the existing trees. Maintenance cleaned this area out last week, along with the area on the hill north of the creek. Mr. Dickerson said the recent dredging of the creek and clearing the brush by Rack Seven is expected to temporarily decrease the flooding of this area. The Village has applied for a grant for this ongoing water issue.

Little Miami Fire Board Update

Mr. Kobasuk reported the grant for the bike staging area has been denied. Allen Freeman told Mr. Kobasuk a key element was the opposition of Anderson Township, both written and oral. The TID somehow collected money from Anderson Township so some of the money was theirs and Anderson wanted trails done before Newtown obtained funding for the bike staging area.

The Fairfax Fire Station is on schedule to be completed January 2013. The project is under budget and the real estate issue with Skyline has been worked out. The Fire Board has agreed to look at property valuations in January or February and review the budget to head off a possible tax increase. Mr. Kobasuk said he is pushing to look at the revenues to see if the budget can be cut before going to the voters. The Little Miami Fire District operates the Newtown and Fairfax fire departments on a 12.25 mill levy.

Community Partners Committee (CPC)

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to form a Community Partners Committee with respect to the Eastern Corridor Project. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Emergitech Maintenance & Support Agreement

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to renew the annual EmergiTech Maintenance & Support Agreement for \$3,420.77, which comes from the Mayor's Court Computer Fund. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ordinance, Declaring Personal Property as Surplus

The Council of the Village of Newtown desires to dispose of two used Dodge Charger Police vehicles that will not be needed for Village purposes upon the purchase of two new vehicles. The used items shall be sold to Amberley Village for \$18,500 each.

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

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 26-2012 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS, AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSITION, 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. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. (Mr. Short-Absent) Motion Carried.

Police Cruisers Purchase

The Council of the Village of Newtown is desirous of acquiring two new 2013 Dodge Charger Police Cruisers.

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

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 38-2012 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH KEY CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE, INC. FOR POLICE CRUISERS, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Resolution, Contract w/Mobilcomm

The Council of the Village of Newtown wishes to purchase new equipment for two new police department vehicles.

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

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 39-2012 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOBILCOMM FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT, 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. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. (Mr. Short-Absent) Motion Carried.

Village Municipal Center and Police Department Renovations

Roth Partnership presented the Finish Boards for the Village Municipal Center and police department renovations and landscape drawings for the front of the new Village Municipal Center.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve Landscaping by Don Gilb, Drawing No. 2 with further landscape design changes. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley