

Mayor Cosby said he was unsure of the cost to be incurred by Berding Surveying, but would talk to Gerry Berding and bring figures back to the next council meeting.

Mr. Short rescinded his previous motion.

Mr. Short made a motion to move forward, pending the financial arrangement with Berding Surveying.

Mr. Tiettmeyer asked why Council would be voting without final numbers. Mayor Cosby said he is looking for a vote to see if Council is behind this before he reaches out to Gerry Berding. Mr. Kobasuk said Council has been given new information and thought it best to think it through since there is no urgency with Bob Slattery dropping out. Mayor Cosby said he just wants to take the temperature of council regarding moving forward with the annexation process.

Mr. Harten said he is definitely in favor of learning of the costs to be incurred by Berding Surveying. Mr. Harten told Mr. Short he is uncomfortable with his motion that he doesn't want an open-end to continue to go down that road.

Mr. Short rescinded his second motion and amended it to read:

Mr. Short made a motion for Mayor Cosby to proceed with obtaining an estimate from Berding Surveying so Council will have more information at the 4.9.2013 Council meeting. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Kobasuk asked that the minutes reflect the amount of \$92,067, which has been spent thus far on the annexation. Mr. Kobasuk said, "there is no way we are ever going to recoup those tax revenues from the annexation." We would have to tax \$9.2 million dollars in wages at the 1% rate to compensate for the \$92,067 that has been spent. Mr. Kobasuk said he is opposed to spending additional money and does not see the economic justification to the Village from doing this. He said doing the annexation doesn't really affect the Eastern Corridor and feels it's a bit disingenuous to keep talking about the Eastern Corridor being stopped by the annexation. Mr. Kobasuk said he is opposing the motion due to the cost.

Mayor Cosby said, although, we have no written opinion, people are of the opinion this will help in working the Eastern Corridor. He said, "As it stands right now, ODOT does have a route that can go by and large around Newtown, except for the eastern tip." Mayor Cosby said he does believe the annexation and Eastern Corridor do go hand-in-hand.

Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-No, Mr. Burns-No, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cosby said he will have the numbers from Berding for the 4.9.2013 Council meeting.

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 3.26.2013 Checklist for \$51,530.47, seconded by Mr. Zornes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Village Municipal Center Update

Mr. Tiettmeyer, Mr. Russell, Mr. Spry and Mayor Cosby recently met with Dick Krehbiel, Roth Partnership and discussed ways to challenge D.E.R. to discuss ways to reduce the costs. Mr. Tiettmeyer reported they are working diligently on ways to reduce costs without degrading quality, but will assist with budget making more money available to spend on renovations for the police department.

Resolution, Extending Date w/D.E.R. Development Co. LLC

Both the Village of Newtown and D.E.R. Development Co. LLC wish to extend the time for awarding and executing a contract for the Village Center Project, at no additional cost to the Village. Mr. Tiettmeyer said this will take it out to around thirty (30) days, which will allow us to continue negotiations.

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

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 12-2013 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING A DATE FOR AWARDING AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT, 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, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Waterproofing Town Hall Basement

This is a motion to approve additional steps to waterproof the basement, which were not in the original scope prepared by Mike Spry, Brandstetter and John Russell. The steps include injections where two pipes enter the basement and repair/reposition the current gutters above the front porch. Jaco Waterproofing submitted a bid for the injection part of it, which was recommended by Mike Spry. Jaco will guarantee no leakage. Two bids were submitted for gutter repair. Cost to do both steps will not exceed \$900.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$900 for the aforementioned two steps to waterproof the basement and repair the front gutters. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 3.12.2013 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Zornes made a motion to adjourn at 7:29pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Compensation. 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.

Mayor Cosby called the Council meeting back to order at 7:48pm.

Ordinance, 2013 Salaries Village Personnel

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Harten. Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-No, Mr. Short-No, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have a First Reading on an ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR VILLAGE PERSONNEL. Mr. Harten seconded the motion.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have a Second Reading at the 4.09.2013 Council Meeting. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-No, Mr. Short-No, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes.

Maintenance Update (Mr. Dickerson)

The fountain's pump motor is currently being rebuilt for \$350. The motor had a bearing and internal switch failure. Mr. Kobasuk contacted Mr. Dickerson regarding cracks on Ivy Hills Lane. Mr. Stenger, Brandstetter Carroll came out and assessed the cracks with Mr. Dickerson. The Newtown Maintenance Department will seal the cracks, as they are normal stress cracks. This will be done once the weather is warmer. Several trees need to be removed: one on Crawford \$345 and two in the s-curve \$830. Mr. Kobasuk said Mr. Dickerson was very responsive with addressing the cracks and the neighbors were very appreciative.

Fountain Landscaping

Mayor Cosby said the landscaping issue at the fountain has been brought to his attention. He asked Mr. Dickerson where he was in the process addressing this issue. Mr. Dickerson said Councilman Tiettmeyer had asked him to look into various landscaping options. Mr. Dickerson said he would like to meet with Mr. Tiettmeyer to present his findings. Mr. Kobasuk said this sounds like a park's committee issue. Mr. Tiettmeyer said he is more interested in the cost, but is happy to hear Ron's proposal and it should go to the parks committee.

Full-time Maintenance Position

Mr. Short made a motion to hire Ryan Meckstroth as full-time Maintenance Technician, subject to all pre-employment procedures. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Kobasuk asked who was involved in the interviewing process. Mayor Cosby was ill and unable to participate. Mr. Short and Mr. Dickerson first assessed the candidates before bringing Mr. Zornes in on the second interview. Mr. Zornes is chair of the Human Resource committee.

All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the February 2013 Receipts for the Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for \$6,570.72. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

LMFD Fire Board Update

Councilman Kobasuk gave the following report. Mr. Kobasuk is a member and president of the Little Miami Fire District Fire Board. Fire Chief Tom Driggers will be retiring April 11, 2013. Mayor and Village Council are invited to attend his retirement luncheon Thursday, April 11th from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Fairfax Fire House located at 5800 Wooster Pike. Assistant Fire Chief Terry Ramsey will be promoted as the Fire Chief and Captain Terry Timmers will become the Assistant Fire Chief.

Mr. Kobasuk addressed the question regarding naming of the Fairfax Fire Station, asked by Mr. Harten. A simple plaque about 24" x 30" will be dedicated to Fairfax's past mayor Ted Shannon. The dedication service will be Saturday, April 6th at noon.

The Fairfax Station came in \$75,000 under budget, plus the amount of \$100,000 for the property sold to Skyline. The Fairfax Station has a message board and the Fire Board has discussed purchasing a message board for the Newtown Fire House. The message board would be located on Main Street. Mr. Harten said Newtown Planning Commission would need to approve the message board. Mr. Burns thought it would be a huge bonus and good way to reach residents with Village-related messages. Mayor Cosby said Planning Commission conditionally approved Wags Park digital message board and due to some issues, Planning Commission may have to revisit the board at Wags Park. Mr. Harten said it would need to Mr. Kobasuk asked Council if they would like a message board to be located on Main Street at Fire House. Mr. Kobasuk will notify the Fire Board.

Parks Committee Update

The following report was given by Brian Burns, Parks Committee chair. At the last meeting, the committee discussed planting a groundcover where the brush has been removed on the hillside. The maintenance department will remove the remaining brush. The park restrooms are now opened for the season. Other topics of discussion were: lights at the Municipal Parking Lot, playground equipment for Short Park and landscaping for the fountain. Mr. Dickerson is working on new software for the cemetery and future expansion. The committee also discussed a public-private venture for the Lake Barber property.

Mr. Tiettmeyer asked where the \$35,000 stood that had been set aside for Short Park playground equipment. Mr. Burns asked that we hold off for now until we see how the partnership with MVCA works out.

Based on the committee's recommendations, Mr. Burns will meet with Solicitor Miller regarding the MVCA football field at Short Park. Mayor Cosby suggested that the committee move forward, openly and with caution, as far as a joint venture with MVCA, in regards to giving up rights to the park. In an effort to expand their facilities, MVCA is interested in building an athletic complex (football field with stands) at Short Park. Mr. Burns said they would lease the property from the Village of Newtown, creating a 1.5 million dollar capital expenditure. MVCA would utilize the field and the public would be able to use the track and field for public events. Mr. Burns feels this would create a more public-friendly environment for the school and residents. MVCA has stated to Mr. Burns that they would be forced to relocate the school outside of the Village if something can't be worked out. MVCA prefers to stay in the Village of Newtown. A proposal nor has a contract been exchanged, per Mr. Harten. The committee directed Mr. Burns to discuss with Solicitor Miller what the next step would be, so the Village would be in a position to receive a proposal from MVCA.

Lake Barber

Solicitor Miller said the lease has been worked out with Mr. Evans. Plans for the parking area have been received. The Village has demanded a walkway from Round Bottom to the park area. Mr. Burns will meet with Solicitor Miller to follow-up on unresolved issues.

Planning Commission Update

The following report was given by Joe Harten. At the 3.25.2013 Planning Commission meeting, a site plan for the new dental office was approved. The Newtown Planning Commission has been holding their regularly-scheduled monthly meetings the last Monday of the month. Due to Newtown Mayor's Court being held the same day, the regularly-scheduled meetings will take place the last Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

Police Department

Mr. Harten has compiled an informational sheet comparing the cost difference and benefits of full-time vs. part-time positions for police officers. This sheet was given to Mayor and Council. The Safety committee will review this information at their next meeting and bring their recommendations back at the next meeting. Finance will then take recommendations under advisement.

Martin Marietta Mining Issue

Anderson Township's Board of Zoning Appeals will once again decide whether or not to approve a proposed underground mine at their April 4th meeting. Solicitor Miller said, at this point, he is unsure how they will proceed, as this may be decided in Executive Session.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley