

The June 11, 2013 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 (absent)
Daryl Zornes

Solicitor: Doug Miller

Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett

Police Chief: Tom Synan

Police Department Swearing-In Full Time Officer

Police Officer Nick Davis was sworn in as a full-time officer, by Mayor Curt Cosby, as his parents, friends, fellow officers and village officials looked on approvingly. Officer Nick Davis has been with the Newtown Police Department since March 2012, serving in a part-time capacity. Officer Davis is a graduate of the Butler Tech Police Academy. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology/Sociology at the College of Mount St. Joseph. Officer Davis has been with the Newtown Police Department since March 2012.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 5.28.2013 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Kobasuk. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Human Resource Update Reported by Mr. Zornes and Mr. Short)

The committee entered into Executive Session at the 5.28.2013 meeting; no action was taken. In an effort to be prepared for the upcoming Affordable Care Act Regulations, early renewals with United Healthcare were discussed during the meeting held prior to tonight's council meeting. The committee approved changing the renewal date from January 1, 2014 to December 1, 2013. Mr. Short will work with Joy Gaines, Hylant Group to make sure this is immediately processed.

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve changing the renewal date from January 1, 2014 to December 1, 2013 for the health insurance with United Healthcare. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ordinance, Rules and Regulations for Hamilton County Storm Water District (HCSWD)

The Phase II Program, as administered by USEPA and the Ohio EPA, requires designated communities, including the County of Hamilton (the "County") and various local independent jurisdictions which own and/or operate an MS4, to develop a Storm Water Management Program under the Phase II Permit to address the quality of storm water runoff within their jurisdictions.

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. 08-2013 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY STORM WATER DISTRICT, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion.

Discussion

Solicitor Miller suggested the Village *not* opt out of the geotechnical requirements due to a few severe topography issues in parts of the village.

Roll Call: Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Village Beautification (Reported by Chuck Short)

Mr. Short is President of the Newtown Civic League. The Newtown Civic League approved to purchase seventy (70) American flags to be placed on Main Street from the fountain to Turpin Lane and on Church Street, from St. John Fisher Catholic Church to Valley Avenue. Flags would be displayed from Memorial Day to Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day. There will be no cost to the Village of Newtown for the purchase of the flags. The Maintenance Department employees will install the hardware to hang the flags, which will remain permanently on the poles.

Mr. Harten made a motion to accept the flags and clips to be purchased by the Newtown Civic League. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Update (Reported by Ron Dickerson)

A crosswalk was installed today in front of Town Hall. Ennis Flint installed the demo product free of charge; the product should last six to eight years.

The landscaping at the fountain is scheduled to be completed by the end of June, barring any inclement weather or numerous burials.

Checklist

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the 6.11.2013 Checklist for \$69,076.67. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

2014 Village Budget

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to have a First Reading on a RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2014 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to have the Second Reading at the 6.25.2013 Council Meeting. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Landfill Update: Frost Brown Todd LLC will prepare and submit a proposal to Mayor Cosby.

Lake Barber: Solicitor Miller called for an Executive Session to discuss this matter between the Village of Newtown and Mr. Evans.

Planning Commission: June 27, 2013 at 7:00pm is the next regularly-scheduled meeting.

Resolution, Change Order w/ D.E.R. Development Company

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

Mr. Harten made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 17-2013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO A CONTRACT WITH D.E.R. DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LLC, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Burns seconded the motion.

Discussion

This is for a \$2,500 credit associated with using PVC pipe in lieu of cast iron pipe for the drain, waste and vent piping for new piping being installed for the plumbing system. Pipe insulation will be installed on waste piping running to the 2nd floor for noise mitigation. Roth Partnership and Building Inspector Mike Spry have signed off on the change.

Roll Call: Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Meridian Bioscience – Enterprise Zone Agreement

Meridian will begin expanding their manufacturing capacity to a building on their main campus. This building formerly housed their research and development teams, which are now located on Valley Avenue in Newtown. The project is slated to begin around September with a construction investment of \$3M to \$4M. New jobs created will range from 10 to 20 with an average salary of \$50,000. Hamilton County Development Corporation has assisted Meridian with an Enterprise Zone Agreement. The agreement is for 50% abatement on the real estate taxes for ten years. Solicitor Miller said the school district would not be entitled to anything, unless the payroll exceeds \$1M.

Martin Marietta Mining Update

Solicitor Miller recently received notification that Martin Marietta has filed for a continuance to file their brief.

Police Department Vacancy

Police Officer Michael Wedding has turned in a letter of resignation to Police Chief Tom Synan. Officer Wedding currently holds a full-time position within the police department. Chief Synan has agreed that Officer Wedding maintain a status of an auxiliary officer, which is a non-paid position. Officer Wedding is leaving the police department to focus on his heating and air conditioning business. Chief Synan said this is a significant blow to the department. Officer Wedding will be greatly missed, as he is one to go above and beyond. Chief Synan asked Council for permission to advertise the full-time position.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve advertising for the full-time police officer position. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:29pm to discuss litigation, seconded by Mr. Short. Roll Call: Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Short-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor and Village Council reconvened at 7:41pm; no action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Mr. Harten made a motion to adjourn.