

The September 24, 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 (absent) Chuck Short
Joe Harten Curt Tiettmeyer
Mark Kobasuk Daryl Zornes

Solicitor: Doug Miller

Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett

Police Chief: Tom Synan

Police Department Swearing-In Auxiliary Officers

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to swear-in Ethan Simms and Chris Roma as auxiliary officers. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Forest Hills School Levy / School Board Election

Randy Smith, Board Member of the Forest Hills School District Board of Education and Newtown resident spoke to Village Council about the possibility of the District moving forward with an improvement levy. A plan is actively being worked to possibly place a levy on the May or November 2014 ballot. The School District's 1.86-mill bond issue was defeated by voters May 7, 2013 with 4,384 votes against the issue to 3,593 votes for the levy. The proposed bond issue was for \$47 million for building improvements. The Board received some criticism for doing some improvements by a bond issue. Replacing Wilson Elementary would require a bond issue. The Forest Hills School District Board of Education has three seats available for election. Mr. Smith encouraged voters to understand the issues before voting. Please Google the candidate's name to learn more about the candidate and where they stand on the issues. The Board of Education candidates are: Forest Heis, Julie Bissinger, Tony Hemmelgarn and Rich Neumann. Forest Hills Council of PTA/PTO's will be sponsoring "Meet the Candidate Night" on Tuesday, October 15th from 7-8:30pm at Anderson High School. Also visit League of Women Voters website www.lwvcincinnati.org for more information.

Police Department Swearing-In Ceremony

Ethan Simms and Chris Roma were sworn in as auxiliary police officers by Mayor Curt Cosby.

Engineering Update – Brandstetter Carroll Inc.

Mr. Bruce Brandstetter gave the following report:

1. 2013 OPWC Grant Application – submitted 9.20.2013

A. Ragland Road Area Drainage Improvements – *First Priority*

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| Local Revenue | \$ 75,000 | (18% Village) |
| Local Revenue | 50,000 | (12% MRF 2012) |
| Ohio Public Works | <u>290,000</u> | (70% OPWC) |
| | \$415,000 | Construction |

HCSWD Funding

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| 2012 Awarded for Engineering | \$ 37,500* |
| 2013 Applied for Construction | 50,000** |

*OPWC grants do not include funding of engineering

**If awarded, apply towards \$75,000 of local revenue

Note: 2012 OPWC application had 23% local match

B. Edith/Pine/Jefferson Street Reconstruction – *Second Priority*

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| Local Revenue | \$350,000 | (40% Village) |
| Ohio Public Works | <u>525,000</u> | (60% OPWC) |
| | \$875,000 | |

Note: 2012 OPWC application had 40% local match

C. Items of Note

1. CIR Summary / Five Year CIP is due November 15, 2013
2. Integrating Committee meeting to approve project funding end of November to mid-Dec. 2013
If the district does not fund the project, Newtown would be eligible for small government funds.
3. HCSWD Project Design Agreement (\$37,500)

II. Miscellaneous

- A. Riverhills Drive street repair completed for GCWW by Adleta Construction. GCWW will have Adleta crack seal several areas with a one-year warranty.

Mr. Dickerson said Adleta acted very quickly repairing the water main break on Riverhills Drive. An inspection will be scheduled for eleven months from the date of the water main break. Any voids in the pavement will show through by this time.

The parking lot for the new Municipal Center needs to be brought up to code. Several options were discussed. Cost estimates included \$26,000 to \$29,000. Further discussion will take place at the next Council meeting.

Checklist

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the 9.24.2013 Checklist \$58,369.90. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Municipal Center Grand Opening

A Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place November 12, 2013 at 11:00am. A tri-fold flyer giving the history of the building and information regarding the Cincinnati Museum Center exhibits will be featured.

Motion Change Order No. 10 w/ D.E.R. Development Company (Total \$4,057)

Change Order is on file at the Village Office.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve Change Order No. 10 for \$4,057, seconded by Mr. Kobasuk. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Pedestrian Crosswalk

Mr. Tiettmeyer reported: Reconstruction of the crosswalk will not take place at this time, due to the cost.

Finalizing Name of the Municipal Center

After much discussion, the name of the new Municipal Center building will be "Newtown Municipal Center, American Indian Education Center."

Resolution, Accepting Amounts and Rates

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have a First Reading to approve a RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have a Second Reading at the 10.08.2013 Council meeting. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve the 9.10.2013 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Short. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Department Update (Reported by Mr. Dickerson)

Leaf pick-up has begun in the village and will continue through mid-December. Several smaller trees have been removed from the parks. Repairs to mowers and trucks will be done internally.

Storm Drains (Reported by Mr. Dickerson)

J. K. Meurer will begin work on the storm drains tomorrow.

Town Hall Meeting ~ Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00pm

A Town Hall meeting will take place to bring the public up to date on the Eastern Corridor and the impact it will have on the residents and business owners in the Village of Newtown. The meeting will take place at Miami Valley Christian Academy, located at 6830 School Street, in the Cafetorium.

Miami Valley Christian Academy – Short Park (Reported by Mr. Short)

The Parks Committee met 9.17.2013 with representatives from MVCA to discuss their intent for Short Park. Discussion regarding an athletic complex was continued. Minutes from the meeting are on file in the Village office. Once plans are finalized and Village Council has given approval to move forward with the joint venture, a Town Hall meeting will be scheduled to update the residents. Solicitor Miller then will work on the terms of the agreement, which will then receive final approval from Village Council.

Newtown Landfill

Mr. Kobasuk is working on obtaining proposals from several law firms.

Little Miami Fire Board Update (Reported by Mr. Kobasuk)

A possible 2.7 mill levy is being considered by the Fire Board. This amount would carry the fire district six to seven years out. The total mills would then be 14.7 mills. No decision has been made at this time. If the levy were to fail, Chief Ramsey would consider cutting back a night shift person at both fire stations, which would save around \$140,000. Most fires occur between 7am to 7pm. In the past, Newtown had three firefighters on night shift until the Kramer report and Village Council insisted on having the fourth firefighter on duty at night. A list of Hamilton County fire levies is on file in the Village office.

Lake Barber

Solicitor Miller is waiting on Mr. Hall to sign the agreements. Agreements have been signed by Mr. Evans.

Martin Marietta

A status conference between the attorneys and the judge will take place 10.30.2013. Solicitor Miller will update Council.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn at 8pm.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley