

Mr. Pulskamp: I disagree. There is room there on both sides for parking pads.

Mr. Cosby: I measured a car width today when I was down there and that car width outside of the proposed white line on West Plum, you can't park.
I've had cars come at me and I wait until I can pass.

Mr. Pulskamp: Are you going to pass two cars at 13 feet 6 inches?

Mr. Cosby: No. Are you going to pass two cars in River Hills where they park on one side of the street? I've had cars come at me and I pull over and wait for them to pass and then I go.

Mr. Pulskamp: But you can pass, but you don't have room for them to do that down there.

Mr. Cosby: If you really want to compromise, I think if you look at a 13 foot lane, which is still a foot wider than an Interstate lane; it gives plenty of room for the fire trucks. If you keep the no parking within 30 feet of an intersection, which was put on by the committee, that gives them plenty of room to turn a corner. I think you're then being fair.

Mr. Pulskamp: I disagree. I don't think it's safe to mark it 13 feet 6 inches. If we have the paving there we need to give that driving lanes the widest paving we can give.

Mr. Cosby: So what are you going to do on the 13 foot on West Street? Are you going to go back give right of way and try to extend the pavement that you're saying is not wide enough?

Mr. Pulskamp: No, not when you're going to have to do what you just said.

Mayor Hammon: We did the 20 foot right of way.

Mr. Cosby: Well, the street is not 20 feet wide.

Mayor Hammon: Actually part of the street is not in Newtown anyway because it was paved incorrectly; but we won't go down that path either. West Street is entire the Village of Newtown except 3-4 feet. It was paved incorrectly. Where it turns to Crull Street, it actually swings out into Anderson and comes back to Newtown. Not legally, but yes part of it is in Anderson. The right of way is all in Newtown.

Mr. Cosby: I'm not going to support an ordinance that says you're keeping the parking pad in place, you're just using semantics here of saying you park outside the white lines or you're going to enforce the no parking whatsoever.

Mr. Pulskamp: I disagree with you Curt. I totally resent that you think we're doing that. I'm trying to give these people places to park.

Mr. Cosby: Ken, I went down there and measured today. I'm not attacking you personally.

Ms. Hueber: I think the people in question have a place to park at that 14-15 feet. Everybody with the exception of one or two people had access to their back parking.

Mr. Kobasuk: It's too bad we can't direct this energy towards something else.

Mr. Cosby: It certainly is – I didn't bring the issue back up.

Mrs. Brooks: No. I brought it up because it hasn't been resolved.

Darwin Brooks: The issue of not parking in city right of way, what other village would afford the residents and transients to park in the yard and park in the city right of way? Curt, if you lived down there you would understand the need for some order.

Mr. Cosby: I don't live down there; all I can go off of is that I have personally talked to the people. The white lines for me is not an issue, but if you're creating the white lines and it still doesn't afford the people the ability to park outside of them then you essentially don't have anything different than the no parking strictly enforced is the way it's going to be upheld.

Mr. Brooks: Curt, it was originally laid out for parking in the back.

Ms. Hueber: The neighborhood is run down bad enough as it is; we're just trying to get it cleaned up.

Mr. Cosby: I can respect a compromise that will truly allow those people to park outside the white lines.

Mrs. Brooks: I'm just trying to clean up the neighborhood and make it safe to where a fire truck could get down my street. I feel like I'm hitting my head against the wall because we've been here so many times with this same thing over and over.

Mr. Kobasuk: I just don't want these white stripes all over the village.

Mrs. Brooks: I don't care if there are white stripes or not; the parking issue needs to be resolved.

Mr. Evans: I would go along with you and not put stripes unless somebody brought it to our attention and say they need them down there. No other areas are having the problems they are having down there.

Mr. Pulskamp: I agree with you on that; unless it becomes a problem and the residents come and say they have a problem then we look at that area also.

Ms. Hueber: I think if it is not broken, we don't fix it. This has been a problem for a long time.

Mr. Evans: This has been a problem; that's why this all started Curt. The people brought it to our attention because it was a safety issue and a junk issue. Now we've tried to fix it so everybody will be happy so people can get their vehicles through there and fire trucks can get through there. This is the best solution for it; you can't make pavement where there isn't pavement. We have to do the best with what we have right now. This is the simplest way to get something accomplished so we can say we did something; instead of sitting here and arguing.

Mr. Cosby: That's been my point. I'm saying why don't you take the smallest width of the street which is 13 feet and make that uniform through the whole neighborhood.

Mr. Evans: There's always going to be a couple of people unhappy for a little bit, but overall the neighborhood is going to get cleaned up.

Mrs. Brooks: The majority of the people are not going to be inconvenienced and if we're arguing over two or three people in a whole neighborhood, I don't understand that. I feel bad for those people, if you could make some compromise that would be nice.

Mr. Pulskamp: Less than 5% of the people will be inconvenienced.

Mrs. Brooks: To hold up the ordinance because of two or three people seems a little ridiculous to me.

Ms. Hueber: Now it is not a people thing; it's a council thing.

Mr. Cosby: With respect to you, the people that came down and packed this house that said they did not want the parking issue far outweighed the people that wanted it.

Mrs. Brooks: I just say if that was still an issue with all of those people why haven't they come back or why aren't they sitting here now?

Mr. Cosby: I'll bet you they don't there is a reading going on right now.

Mrs. Brooks: You were down there measuring the streets they must know something is going on.

Ms. Hueber: I know they are not going to be happy to get tickets.

Mayor Hammon: I talked to a lot of them when Charlie and I went down to mark it; contrary to what Curt said is most people want wider streets down there.

Mrs. Brooks: Wouldn't that be nice. People in hell want ice water.

Mayor Hammon: By the way, I did talk to Bruce and he said 12 feet is for the expressway and not for a subdivision. He talks about you've got to work within what you have when you talk about a width of a street.

Bruce Brandstetter is not coming tonight, but he does have a meeting with Water Works next Tuesday to walk the site for Ragland Road.

I would like to call executive session for personnel discipline, potential litigation.

Chief Synan

1. **Division of Liquor Control:** Every year everyone's liquor permit expires and has to renew it. The Liquor Control wants to know if the village has any opposition to anyone's liquor license; if not the renewal process will go through. We have had no complaints whatsoever so it's up to you whether you want to file an objection or not, but we don't have any grounds as far as the police go.
2. **Old Police Cruisers:** We have an attentive deal to sell both cruisers for \$4,500, which is quite a bit more than what we would have gotten in a closed bid. The \$4,500 is for both, not each. The cars are going to Cincinnati State for their Public Safety program and our cruisers will be the first police cruisers they have. It's a certified police agency; they are peace officers. They are just like a police officer only their powers are on campus. The check is in the mail.

Fiscal Officer Keri Everett

1. **Moundview Apartment:** The tenants have moved out; they bought a house. I've already had the bid in the paper. We had to advertise for five weeks; that will be up on April 6th.

Councilmember Debbie McCarthy (Nothing to report)

Councilmember Curt Cosby (Nothing to report)

Councilmember Mark Kobasuk

1. **Contract with Mike Cornette:** I talked to Mike Cornette about his contract and he agreed to a two-year contract with a 5% increase each year. We need to talk to him again because he told you 10%. I'll follow-up with him again.

Ms. Everett: This has to go in to get the Building Department certified; this is part of the packet.

Mayor Hammon: Keri, do you have a number for Mike's contract?

Ms. Everett: The first year of 2007, it would be \$28,098 per year, which would be \$2,341.50 monthly. The second year for 2008, it would be \$29,502.90, which would be \$2,458.58 monthly.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve an independent contractor agreement, effective January 1, 2007 between the Village of Newtown and Michael L. Cornette of Cornette/Violetta Architects LLC. The amount for 2007 would be \$28,098, monthly fee of \$2,341.50. The amount for 2008 of the two-year contract would be \$29,502.90 per year, monthly fee of \$2,458.58. This is for Mr. Cornette to function as the Building Commissioner for the Village of Newtown from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. Mr. Cosby seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

2. **Planning Commission Meeting:** John and I attended the meeting last night and the Planning Commission approved the lot-split and PUD development plan for the Reserve of Ivy Hills, Section III. They are going to have double garages in these units now; each unit will have two places for cars to park. There was some discussion if we would allow them to take away the parking pad of seven spaces and we said no; they are going to keep the parking pad as drawn in the development plan. The developer is Bob Krohngold and Brookstone is the new builder. There will be seventeen units.

Councilmember Doug Evans

1. **Checklist:** Does anyone have any questions on the checklist?

Mr. Pulskamp: Keri, for the R. A. Miller, how much do we left holding back on that?

Mr. Everett: I'll have to discuss that with Bruce; my numbers are different than theirs. He's saying we still have around \$20,000 as being held; I think that is mostly retainage.

Mr. Evans: Curt, did you look at the door up at Moundview; is it alright?

Mr. Pulskamp: Is it alright? No.

Mr. Cosby: I looked at it and it is not exactly what we had in mind.

Mr. Kobasuk: Why isn't it what you had in mind?

Mr. Cosby: As the Park Committee, Ken included, we wanted to have a wooden door to preserve the architecture of the building. Something came along with the lock issue that Mike Cornette required to be on the door and Silas said he couldn't find a door that would hold that kind of lock, so they went with a metal door. I'm not quite sure how decision was made; it was not made through the park committee, but it was made and he purchased the door and installed it. It's a fine job as far as the installation is concerned.

Mr. Brooks: Did Mike draw that up?

Mr. Cosby: Mike handed us a guideline of how this door had to be.

Mr. Brooks: Mike gave a sketch.

Ms. Everett: No, not of the door Darwin. That was of the porches; not the door.

Ms. Hueber: I thought Mike was overseeing anything that goes on up there.

Mr. Cosby: No. He doesn't have the authority to do that.

Ms. Hueber: Then how did it get changed?

Ms. Everett: Silas came into Town Hall saying he could not find a wood door. He came in with a choice of three metal doors. Basically, the only differences were the amount of windows in the door. He told Charlie and Mike that he could not find a wood door.

Ms. Hueber: Who gave the okay then; Charlie and Mike?

Mr. Cosby: It wasn't the park committee; I can say that.

Ms. Everett: I think they went on the fact that Silas said he could not find a wood door.

Mrs. McCarthy: The metal door isn't what we want; but with a wooden door you have to maintain it every year.

Mr. Pulskamp: You've got to maintain a metal door or it will rust underneath.

Mr. Cosby: I think Ken you brought up the question why they just didn't get a wood door and cut in the handles. At any rate the door is in; we need to pay the guy.

Mr. Brooks: Does council recognize this very issue? Unless Mike draws it up and it follows to what Mike draws up. Here we are again.

Mr. Cosby: Nobody did follow to what Mike drew up. As a matter of fact, he followed what Mike told him to do; to go get a metal door. The problem is Mike is not the decision maker in this process; it starts with the park committee and ends with the council.

Mayor Hammon: Actually it is Ken's department; maintenance of the facility.

Mr. Cosby: Either way, we're both in agreement on it; regardless of whose department it is. But I think it falls under parks.

Mr. Evans: So, it's alright to pay?

Mr. Pulskamp: Yes, he did a very fine job installing the door. It's just not what we wanted.

Mr. Evans made a motion to accept checklist, dated 3/27/2007, in the amount of \$75,213.55.

Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Evans:

2. Center Island: I did have lunch with Bill Motto today to keep this thing moving John, like I told you. Everything is fine on his end.

Mr. Cosby: When are we going to start doing some stuff on that?

Mr. Evans: As soon as he gives the money. I'm taking the drawings over to him the first week he'll be back. Doug has done some of the paperwork, right?

Mr. Miller: It's being signed maybe as we speak. It has to go through the process one more time. It goes to Columbus and then you make an application to the IRS and then you wait until you hear from them.

Mr. Miller: We have the appropriations and we're doing a change?

Ms. Everett: We're not doing a change; we're doing a transfer. The auditors are not accepting, even though I spell out transfers in the appropriations that is not acceptable to them. Every time I make a transfer I have to have a resolution.

Mr. Evans made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. All Aye.

Mr. Evans made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 07-2007 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRANSFER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007 DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes.

Mr. Evans made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion.

Mr. Evans made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 08-2007 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VILLAGE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2007 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Pulskamp seconded.

Discussion

Ms. Everett: Do you want to go through any changes? I have to make some changes.

Mayor Hammon: She did have to make some minor changes.

Ms. Everett: The reason for the hold was we were waiting on the audit to finish because they had adjustments and that is what I was waiting on. They had to do with receipts going into the Street Fund, the State Fund and the Motor Vehicle Fund. On page 1, the police department and the salary line were changed and the police and fire line was changed. The salaries went up and the police and fire went up; those were the only two lines touched in the police department.

On page 4, go to other miscellaneous, it was at 3 and I raised it to 11 and then lowered the contingencies to 192 and that is allowing for the PERS decision made on the ex-employee we had. That is to take care of that issue. Go to the Street Fund on page 6, you should see the audit adjustments. It changes our balance in each of those funds, but I did not go back and revise any appropriations. This is a change and where they want us to receive about three receipts so I thought I would give it this year to totally judge what it's going to do to the funds. It doesn't affect our appropriations for this year; they are still fine. You'll see what the audit adjustment was in all three of those funds. Mark, I know you had a question. The service department salaries are actually taken out of three funds: The General Fund, The Street Fund and The State Fund.

Roll Call: Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp

1. Personnel Practices: Where do they stand?

Mr. Miller: We met today and hopefully next time I will have something to you.

2. Salary Ordinance Spread Sheet: Debbie, can you get a spreadsheet together of 2006 salaries and what you have proposed for 2007 for the next meeting so we can easily compare them?
3. River Hills: They are working on the curb and gutters; the contractor is doing a great job with the people, cleanup and everything. I believe they are going to do all of River Hills first and then do the small section of Ivy Hills.

Mayor Hammon: Right now they are going to go down all of the Fire Lane to try and get that accomplished. That's the intent and then go do the parking sides.

Mr. Kobasuk: When do you expect them to come to Ivy Hills?

Mayor Hammon: I would say that they're not going to move the equipment back and forth up SR 32. I would guess it would probably be late. I would think the project would take no more than ten days. They're going pretty quick.

Mr. Pulskamp: You're probably looking at late May.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to have a second reading on an ordinance rescinding Ordinance 21-2005, providing for limited no parking areas in the Crull Subdivision. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion.

Councilmember Tracy Hueber

1. Police Uniforms: I need to make a motion to approve the balance of the police uniforms.

Mr. Miller: Do we buy their shoes?

Chief Synan: Yes.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to approve \$1,959.50 for police uniform allowance. Ms. McCarthy seconded the motion. All Aye.

2. Little League: Has Little League started their contract yet? I thought they maintained the infield at Moundview; it looks bad.

Mr. Cosby: I know they are planning on doing some stuff down there.

Mr. Evans: It's only been two good days of weather; it's not like they're going to be out there fixing everything in two days. I'm sure it will be done before the season; it's still March.

Mr. Evans made a motion to accept January and February 2007 monthly financial packets. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and litigation at 8:23 p.m. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes.

Council reconvened at 8:38 p.m. No action to be taken

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion.