

Mr. Smith: The case has been heard four times by the Supreme Court and four times they rendered an opinion that said the system is unconstitutional, but they didn't provide a remedy. They left that to the legislators and they have ignored the Supreme Court. The only thing I can do is come back with a plan that is the most efficient. That is in my control and I do get to see the way the district spends their money in trying to maintain excellent schools. Nobody wants to lose the excellent school rating. The system needs to change. Everybody is in agreement that something is wrong, but you can't get enough people to get a majority to make any motion to fix it. I want to thank you for your generous amount of time, I am asking for your vote. I'm not going to ask you for Council endorsement, but I guess you don't even do that for the fire taxes. I would ask for your help in communicating information. We're trying to do the right thing and I ask for your support.

Assistant to the Mayor, David Krings:

- The Mayor appointed an Ad-Hoc Parking Committee, there are four residents and three Councilmembers and I am chairing the committee. We're having an organizational meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. here at Town Hall. Leo Honnebrink has volunteered to advise the committee. We'll be looking at who we should have come in and talk to us, what tours if any that we should be taking and what the ground rules may be. My personal opinion is this is a meeting of the committee, a public meeting, but a meeting of the committee. Residents are Dale Martin, Darwin Brooks, Shirley Torrence and Heather Patton. Councilmembers on the committee are Tracy Hueber, Doug Evans and Mark Kobasuk. The Mayor has set the objectives and there are only two conclusions that would not be acceptable to the Mayor, one is that all parking is allowed in all places. The second is that no parking is allowed in any place. Anything between those extremes is acceptable for the committee to come back.

Mayor Hammon: Every street has a representative on this committee. I have talked to everyone and they are willing to work on this issue as best as they can.

Chief of Police, Daryl Zornes: No report.

Street Commission, Charlie Siegel:

- Church Street Update: For the past two days, they've been unloading pipe and already messing up traffic something awful. They will start the actual digging in the street tomorrow morning to being installation of the storm pipe for storm sewers.
- Ragland Creek: Storm pipe needs repair and I had to get the right-of-entry signed in order to go onto their property. Today, I acquired a second signature, which completes what I need. I'll get some estimates and hopefully they will present this at the next Council meeting.

Resident Jim Baker: 3523 Crawford Street. Next door to me is a Newtown Mower Business. Not one of you here would want this located next to you. It's a mess! They moved in with mowers and three wrecked cars. I feel that my property rights have been violated. I live quietly and don't bother anybody. This business in a residential area has me torn up. Here, you have a man who doesn't observe the laws and puts his business where he wants to put it believing the Village can't do anything to him. I feel you should do something to protect my property. If you don't, then I say everyone of you Councilmembers should retire.

Solicitor Doug Miller: Sir, we're aware of the situation, it's being investigated and we're gathering evidence together so we can go after him.

Mr. Baker: I have pictures and I think I have a picture of a man handing him a check. I have license numbers.

Mr. Miller: Sir, can I see you in the back for a minute?

Mr. Baker: Sure.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp:

- Charlie advised us it is time to re-stripe the main roads and that is always done through the county. We got an estimate of \$3,500.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion not to exceed \$3,500 from Hamilton County for striping center lines in Village. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Ms. Hueber was not at table to vote.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp: (continued)

- There is a pipe along East Plum that has collapsed. There has been an ongoing problem for about two years. There is a big low spot in the pavement itself, approximately thirty square yards. Charlie got an estimate to replace the pipe and get the pavement for \$4,500. We've quite a few residents complain that after so much rain, it actually does start backing up to their property also.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to approve an amount, not to exceed \$4,500 for Rack Seven Paving to replace pipe and repair the pavement. Mr. Cosby seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Ms. Hueber was not at table to vote.

Councilmember Doug Evans: Checklist for 4/11/2006

Mr. Cosby: I have a question on the checklist. Surveying on West Plum and all, I guess that was approved sometime last year?

Mayor Hammon: Basically, it was approved to do the alleyways and then we got the question on West Street is the west boundary line of the Village. We had actually approved \$3,100 months ago, maybe three or four months ago. It was \$1,800 additional to do the streets.

Ms. Everett: The first amount was approved last year.

Mayor Hammon: On my authority of \$5,000, I wrote it so he could get it done. I had to get it quickly so it would be part of that contract. So I put the work order out for that amount.

Mr. Pulskamp: Curt, to answer your question, I believe the \$3,100 was approved last fall.

Mayor Hammon: Yeah, that was the alleyways.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve Checklist, dated 4/11/2006. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Evans: I want to thank the Civic League for putting on a great Easter Egg hunt at Short Park. There was a great turn out. Another positive thing about Newtown.

Councilmember Mark Kobasuk: I have no report.

Councilmember Curt Cosby:

- Soccer Team - Moundview: I received a call from Rosemary and one of her sons is coaching a little kids soccer team. They want to practice in the area at Moundview, beyond the baseball field, down at the bottom. I don't see a problem with it, I wanted to run it by Council to see what you thought.

Ms. Hueber: What's the fee?

Mr. Cosby: I didn't quote them a fee. I wouldn't think you would charge them a whole lot. It's just some little kids, probably one night a week.

Ms. Hueber: Like John said, we really have to stick with a fee.

Mr. Cosby: Well, we're \$15.00 per hour, so I guess I'd see what the needs are.

Ms. Hueber: We haven't come up a fee structure yet.

Mr. Cosby: Actually, I think Debbie had come up with a fee structure of \$15.00 an hour. That's not what we charge Jack, if we did that, he'd be paying over \$700.00.

Ms. Hueber: Is SCSA paying \$15.00 per hour per team?

Mr. Cosby: I believe they are.

Ms. Hueber: Then we should start calculating from here on out.

Mr. Cosby: My question is, does anybody have a problem with those little kids practicing down there?

Mrs. McCarthy: No.

Mr. Pulskamp: As long as we have a contract like everybody else.

Mayor Hammon: When you're charging somebody, you have to reserve the field. If they want to show up and take their chances, I don't think you can charge them.

Councilmember Curt Cosby: (continued)

- Moundview Blacktop: Some of the blacktop has started to crumble. Charlie, you've probably noticed it.

Mr. Siegel: I've brought that up to Council several times, several times.

Mr. Cosby: Now that I have taken over Parks, I think we should get estimates to get that fixed.

John said there might be a water issue, at least behind the ball diamond with the spring that comes through up there. If that's part of the cause of the blacktop breaking up, perhaps we need to look at how to better channel that water to keep that from occurring in the future.

Mr. Siegel: It's just old age.

Mayor Hammon: Seems like we've done that in the fourteen years.

Mr. Cosby: Charlie, I'll get with you on that.

- Restrooms for Short Park: I am going to tour some restrooms if anybody on the Park committee is interested in going.

Councilmember Debbie McCarthy:

- HR Committee: David Krings and I are currently working on the personnel practices. The Clerk of Courts position, we've done interviews and we have decided to run an another ad. That's where we stand with that position. We haven't done anything yet.

- Yard Sales: Tracy, could you just remind people that they need permits for yard sales when you do the Newsletter.

Mr. Pulskamp: Deborah, what's the status with the Human Resource committee for salary ordinance? That was actually due April 1st.

Mr. Miller: Let me put it this way, they thought they had it ready for tonight and then they gave me a copy of it and I wasn't happy with it so I'm going to get with Deborah and anybody else who wants to this coming week.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp: (CRA)

Doug, have you reviewed the CRA's and are they ready to go?

Mr. Miller: Yes I reviewed it and I have an ordinance. Exhibit A is the housing survey, but I also added to that because I thought the maps in there were important. I made that part of it also, I kind of felt like that was part of the housing survey.

Mr. Kobasuk: I just want to make sure Exhibit A is defined so that down the road we don't have a problem. I'm just asking you if Exhibit A, referred to in Section III is going to satisfy that as being designated.

Mr. Miller: I added more to the Exhibit A. What you got was the application. Included in that was the legislation. I took the application and made Exhibit A, the housing survey, the maps and the written description of the CRA. So, it is in Exhibit A..

Mr. Pulskamp: Are there two ordinances Doug?

Mr. Miller: Two.

Mr. Kobasuk: Are we going to look at these first?

Mr. Miller: I don't have a copy for everybody, that was the whole idea of getting one of those so you would have the pictures and everything.

Mr. Kobasuk: I just thought you told me you had changed the ordinance a little bit from what is in here.

Mr. Miller: I changed it to match what is in the application that they gave you as far as the description of the property.

Mr. Kobasuk: And I was asking to read it before we vote on something this important. You don't have enough copies?

Mr. Miller: I have enough that you can have one.

Ms. Hueber: Doug, I know you checked into with me having property, what is your opinion on that for me to abstain from voting?

Mr. Miller: I checked with the Ethics Commission and they didn't think it was a problem, they would leave it up to me. Particularly with the larger area, if you want to argue that, everybody has a conflict because you would be potentially reducing your own taxes. When the area is sufficiently large, it'd be like voting to reduce your Village income tax to .5%. You have to be allowed to do that or you could never do it because everybody would be subject to that tax. The issue is you have a smaller area there, I don't see it as a problem but to avoid any appearance of impropriety, you may want to abstain.

Ms. Hueber: I'll just abstain.

Mayor Hammon: Remember, the Public Hearing is scheduled for two weeks from now, before the next Council meeting, at 7:00 p.m., for re-zoning the Miljoie land, the Ryan Home project.

Mr. Miller: Nothing has changed on that Mark, except Section II.

Mr. Kobasuk: It looks good to me.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Cosby seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adopt CRA-2, Flood-Plain Area, A Resolution IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN AND DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Abstain, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adopt CRA-1, Non-Flood Plain Area, A Resolution IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70, OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN AND DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL. Mrs. McCarthy seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kobasuk: We need to do certain things, and we're going to put this in the paper immediately.

Mr. Miller: You have to advertise twice a week.

Mr. Kobasuk: I guess within some fifteen days, we have to send it to the director.

Mr. Pulskamp: HCDC takes over.

Mayor Hammon: Catherine generally calls me Wednesdays.

Mr. Kobasuk: We should make sure somebody complies with the statue, I guess it is HCDC.

Solicitor Doug Miller:

- Solid Waste Management Update Plan: I mentioned last time and I did prepare a Resolution to adopt it. Tonight, Keri showed me the plan and it is really thick and the proposed Resolution they sent to everybody says there is an attachment of Exhibit A. I didn't think you wanted to have to attach that and then post it in five places in the Village. So, why don't I just take it back and say it's on file in the Clerk's office. It has to be acted on within ninety days.
- Executive Session: I want to request a brief Executive Session for personnel.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Council reconvened, there was no action from Executive Session.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.