

The August 23, 2005 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Mayor Tracy Hueber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Councilmember Present:** Doug Evans                      Ken Pulskamp  
Tracy Hueber    Greg Thomas  
Mark Kobasuk

**Councilmembers Absent:** Debbie McCarthy

**Assistant to the Mayor:** David Krings

**Solicitor:** Doug Miller

**Fiscal Officer:** Keri Everett (Absent)

**Police Chief:** Daryl Zornes

**Lieutenant:** Tom Synan

**Street Commissioner:** Charlie Siegel

**Street Commissioner Charlie Siegel:**

- 1) **Valley/Church Update:** The first course of pavement was done yesterday at rush hour. It had to be done at this time due to equipment problems. According to Dave Stenger, Brandstetter & Carroll, they will be back in about one week for final paving and they will choose a more convenient time other than rush hour.
- 2) **Roundbottom/Main Intersection:** Things are progressing, they have done some of the access driveways and the access roadway to Village Auto that is fully paved. All of the curbs are in except for the one at Village Lube and they are working on that today. At the intersection, final paving will be done in a couple of weeks and they are planning on doing this at night.
- 3) **Car Alley:** Brown Paving was contracted to do the alleyways in the Village. They did a fine job, especially off of Leonard Street. Four or five large water puddles have developed, I have brought these to Dave Stenger's attention and he assured me that he would get those taken care of. I have marked them by circling the puddles with orange paint.
- 4) **Hamilton County Engineers:** I have sent in a request for our salt purchase for this year.
- 5) **Truck Upgrade:** I need to upgrade one of our one-ton trucks, it's been over ten years. I have an estimate and have managed to get the price down where we are not paying one cent more for this truck than we did back in 2003, exactly same price. However, accessories have increased, i.e. salt and snow pack, which is the blade and the salt spreader and the hydraulics for the dump body. The total increase for the truck is \$591.00 more than it was back in 2003 and this is fully equipped. They offered us \$10,500.00 trade-in on the truck that is little over ten years old. This should assure Council that we do take care of our equipment and do proper maintenance to get the most out of our equipment, which I will continue to do. My Committee Chairman has the bid on that and I'm sure he'll bring that up later.

**Mr. Evans:** Charlie, I've seen the price of salt is going up anywhere from six to ten dollars.

**Mr. Siegel:** Last year we paid \$33.57 per ton. That's one thing maybe Dave Krings could look into the possibility of having a Salt Barn. We average 540 tons per year, which costs roughly \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00.

**Mr. Evans:** You'll never be able to buy as cheap as what you can get it from the County.

**Mr. Thomas:** Let's just stick with that.

**Mr. Siegel:** I just thought it was maybe something you wanted to look into, it doesn't cost a thing to look into it.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** Well, it does actually Charlie, we pay him by the hour.

**Mr. Siegel:** Oh we are, I'm sorry I didn't realize that.

**Mr. Evans:** Charlie, where the trucks go out SR32 where they did the paving last year, before they get to Ameristop or between Ameristop and the Circle "K", they hit the branches. I brought that up last year and Bruce assured me he would have the responsible person trim them. I don't know if I need to say something to Bruce, but the branches are definitely hitting the trucks.

**Mr. Thomas:** We got an answer from Bruce, he said they have done what they are going to do and it's our responsibility now. If we want to do something about it, we'll have Charlie get an estimate.

**Mr. Siegel:** We also have a couple of gas main valve boxes that need to be raised up there. We've been on them for several months and they have yet corrected these.

**Mr. Evans:** What about the road part that needs to be fixed?

**Mr. Siegel:** CG&E is supposed to be doing it.

**Mr. Evans:** Whoever did the road is supposed to.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** That's Sunesis.

**Mr. Siegel:** The State is solely responsible because they are the ones that contracted the work to be done, it's their highway and they contracted the paving to be done. It's just something that's being shuffled around.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** You're actually wrong there. That was done through our contract for widening SR32.

**Mr. Siegel:** The final coat of paving was done by Barrett, which was contracted by the State.

**Ms. Hueber:** You and your department did a great job preparing Moundview for the 5K Race and it looks really nice. I just wanted to "thank you."

**Assistant to the Mayor, David Krings:**

- 1) **Health Plan Review:** We have been accepted by Humana, they provide health services to the County. We've also been accepted by Anthem, which is the one through the Center for Local Government. Center for Local Government is a bit higher than what I had anticipated. The Humana is about in-line. The thing that complicates it right now is that the County has bid out and has received bids from Anthem, Humana and United Healthcare, the current provider for Newtown. United Healthcare is considerably higher than the other two. The other two are very close, so they are negotiating between the two right now. I wanted to let the County make their decision which should take another month. I don't want to get in a situation where I might recommend going with the County, that is Humana and then a month later have them decide that they will go with Anthem. I'm still confident there will be significant savings to the Village and then comparable if not better plans for the employees. It's just going to be a little time before it plays itself out. The good news is neither Humana nor Anthem said they would refuse our group.
  - 2) **Tax Credit Program:** At last Council meeting, Mr. Brokamp, Attorney in Fairfax presented Council with information regarding the Tax Credit Program. I met with him and Greg Kathman, HCDC to review this information. In order to take advantage of that program, we would have had to organize in Newtown a "for-profit" entity that would be working with developers in just this part of Newtown. At that point, we had five days to put together the "for-profit" entities, run it past you guys and get it all set up. It was impossible, couldn't do it. HCDC has agreed to follow-up on this program and it may be we could form a "for-profit" subsidiary of the Development Company and be ready for the next time in one year when the next round of Tax Credits become available.
- Mr. Evans:** HCDC couldn't like be that arm for us?
- Mr. Krings:** They are not a "for-profit" entity. They are "non-profit." But they can form a "for-profit" subsidiary and we talked to Mr. Brokamp about perhaps working with the Development Company and setting up that "for-profit" subsidiary.
- 3) **E-Check Building Purchase:** Not a whole lot has been done. We have found out who the owner is, I have a phone number. I had a strategy discussion briefly with Doug Miller and I will make the initial contact within a week to discuss a possible option-to-buy.
  - 4) **Personnel Policies:** I don't have a handout for you tonight. I had a technology breakdown this afternoon. I will get a first draft of the first section over to Doug Miller for review so we can begin sharing it with Ken's committee and ultimately with Council.
- Mr. Evans:** When is HCDC coming back in here and interact with us to find out what we're going to do? They have our money, right?
- Mr. Pulskamp:** I know we passed the Ordinance last meeting without the contract.
- Mr. Evans:** Can you find out please?
- Mr. Krings:** Yes sir, I can.
- Mr. Pulskamp:** What is the status with MSD and the Maintenance Building?
- 5) **MSD and Maintenance Building:** Next Monday, Charlie and I are meeting with Bob Campbell, head guy with MSD and one of his Chief Deputies, someone from Kokosing and we will be on-site. Somebody had explained to Campbell that there wasn't damage to the actual drain fuel, just the distribution box and the system would be functional once they finish fixing the distribution box. I said, "that's not so." I told them I saw a five-foot section of pipe that had been unearthed by construction equipment. Charlie has been working with people from Kokosing who have seen other pieces of pipe and they know that even if the pipe is intact, which I doubt. Everything is compressed which would kill the system as well. Bob agreed that made sense, we'll get them back out here and hopefully get it all done. This has been a frustrating thing for all of us.

**Chief of Police, Daryl Zornes:** We have a new Part-time Officer, Charlie Wilson to be sworn in. He is certainly not new to Law Enforcement, Charlie has thirty-plus years in Law Enforcement.

**Vice Mayor Hueber performed the swearing-in for Officer Charlie Wilson.**

**Mr. Wilson: (right-hand raised)** "I, Charles R. Wilson, do solemnly affirm that I will support the Statues of the United States of America, in the State of Ohio and the Ordinance of the Village of Newtown. I will faithfully, honestly and solely discharge of duties as a Police Officer of which I am about to enter."

**Solicitor, Doug Miller: Transfer of Land with Meridian,** This is where Bruce had worked out a deal giving them the acreage behind their building and they are giving us the corner. Once thing they said Bruce had promised them that had not been done was that we would have the property staked that they are receiving. They don't want a full survey, just the corner staked so they can see exactly where it is. I will go ahead and get that done, I just wanted to let Council know. It has been surveyed for the cut-up, they just would like somebody to go out and set the stakes. I'll call the surveyor and have them do it, there will be some charge. Title exam will be done.

**Councilmember Debbie McCarthy:**

- 1) **Website:** I had a meeting with Sue, the webmaster with MATCHA Design Inc. I passed around the contract as Council requested, it's pretty much self explanatory. To redesign the total website, she is going to charge us \$3,000.00 and in doing so, she will waive her hosting fee for one year. I'd like to get this approved tonight. I will give Go-Zap-It thirty days notice.

**Ms. Hueber:** Doug, do you need to take a look at this?

**Mr. Miller:** I quickly glanced at it, this reads to me that she is not hosting this that we have a separate host.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** That's the way I read it also, I have a lot of questions.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** But don't we? I think we do.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** Go-Zap-It hosts it right now.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** In meeting with Sue, she asked if the Devore's are still involved, because that is what is showing on the website.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** Nancy's name may still be on there from the power to change the hosting companies. Go-Zap-It is the host and web designer and webmaster right now. Deborah has in here where Sue is willing to waive the fee for the first year.

**Ms. Hueber:** Doug, can you take this contract back?

**Mr. Miller:** I can, I just wasn't sure. The other thing is I thought you were just looking to have your current website updated.

**Ms. Hueber:** She would do a total overhaul. That's why you need to look this over to make sure because it's a whole new everything.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** What I'd like to do, instead of waiting until the next Council; Doug Miller could be in contact with me and if the contract is to his liking and once he gives me the word, I'd like to just go ahead and take action.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** I have some questions for you Deborah. No where in the contract does it state how many pages, are we gonna have two pages or are we gonna have two hundred pages? The design consultations, which I agree you're allowed to have one consultation prior to the preparation of the design. Anything after that is \$35.00/hour, are you going to be able to do everything?

**Mrs. McCarthy:** She is very fast, trust me on this.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** All of the text we have to give to her in a typed format already typed and done, she will do no typing. Did you read that in the contract? Also we have to give her all the pictures and everything.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** I'm going to work with her in regards with what we can save possibly or pull off from our current website.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** I don't have a problem with changing, I just want to see in writing what she is going to do. It states nothing in here what she's going to do, it basically states what she is "not" going to do. I would like to see the contract saying, "our web page will be up to fifty or sixty pages, it doesn't state anything."

**Mr. Miller:** That's the flavor that I was getting Ken and again, I just glanced at it, but it's like what exactly is she doing?

**Mr. Pulskamp:** Right, we have nothing spelled out here as to what we're getting.

**Ms. Hueber:** Okay, then write this down on here what we want to have in her contract and then Deborah you can work it out with her, right?

**Mr. Evans:** We don't want to have the same problem we had before.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** I know that, but I don't want to keep dragging this out as well.

**Ms. Hueber:** It's the first time we've got it, the first contract we've received.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** Yes, I know that Tracy, but for five months we've done nothing with the website and prior to that.

**Ms. Hueber:** That's why we don't want to make a mistake this time. So let's get the contract right then nobody can complain afterwards like we've done for the past year. I think that's fair.

**Mr. Evans:** Debbie, one other question. We all do realize we need to change and we appreciate you doing this, my only question is "does Sue have a last name?" I read the contract and couldn't find anybody's last name. Does she have a company or is she an individual?

**Mrs. McCarthy:** I believe that's her last name on top, "MATCHA".

**Mr. Kobasuk:** It looks like she is "Incorporated."

**Ms. Hueber:** Why don't we have her come to the next meeting. Ken, you get whatever you guys want added to the contract. Doug can do it and she can come and answer any questions and then we'll approve the contract at the next meeting.

**Mr. Kobasuk:** I think that's best Deborah. I know you want to get this done, but we need time for Doug to look it over. You're going to avoid problems by having it all spelled out.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** The only thing is, I don't want to keep Go-Zap-It dangling. I don't want to keep giving her stuff to continue charging us more money.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** We're paid up through the end of September. We have to provide all text typed and photos already taken. With Go-Zap-It, we just called her up and she did the text and typed it all up and she took the pictures.

**Mr. Miller:** How can she type it up if she doesn't know anything about it.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** Ken, if you look at the website, things have been on there for months.

**Ms. Hueber:** What about updates, what are we being charged for that?

**Mr. Kobasuk:** I think the contract needs a little more work. Deborah, I know you're in a hurry to get this done.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** I can't believe you guys are doing this considering for two years I have been asking for this website.

**Ms. Hueber:** We can't do it in two weeks Deborah or we'll be in the same place we were last time, that's the problem. It would be stupid to make the same mistake twice.

**Mr. Miller:** I'd like to see what we're paying now.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** We had a package price originally, she did everything on that package up to twenty pages. That was for her to design, type and come down here to take pictures and all.

**Mr. Miller:** What about updates after the initial set-up?

**Mr. Pulskamp:** We need to know a few things, i.e. updating quarterly and getting the Council minutes on the website and how much is she going to charge to post those?

**Ms. Hueber:** What will the hosting fee be after one year?

**Mrs. McCarthy:** It's \$300.00 after one year, it's in her contract.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** I have no problem changing, I just want to see it spelled out to prevent problems later.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** In two weeks, we can get this done Deborah.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** Okay. So, if I give Jill something to put on the website, we won't be charged for it?

**Mr. Pulskamp:** No, there is a charge.

**Ms. Hueber:** We have to give her the Race.

**Mr. Miller:** Other than a few items, there is nothing wrong with this contract. It's not a legal decision whether this is right or wrong, "do you want to pay \$35.00/hr for this that or the other?"

**Ms. Hueber:** We don't have a problem paying for what we need to have done because what we've been paying for anyway hasn't been getting done. Like Deborah says, and it has been time. We need to have all the information here, compare it and then we'll agree. We all know we have to pay that, we paid \$2,500 before and we'll pay \$3,000 with this contract; but what are we going to pay for updates and are we going to do it quarterly? Maybe Sue wants to come at the next meeting and we'll approve it.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** The \$3,000 also excludes the hosting fee per year. We paid Go-Zap-It for the initial design and once to redesign totaling \$5,000.00.

**Ms. Hueber:** Doug, can you take a look at the contract and Mark will you give your thoughts to Doug. Then Doug can bring back a contract and hopefully Sue can be here and then we can approve it next meeting. Deborah, do you want to go ahead and tell Go-Zap-It that September will be the end.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** I feel uncomfortable about that, it's kind of leaving her hanging. Doug, should I just send her a letter or would you send the letter?

**Mr. Miller:** It probably should come from the Mayor, but I don't know what your deal is with them?

**Mr. Pulskamp:** We have no contract. It's actually quarter to quarter.

**Mr. Miller:** Probably just a letter from the Mayor that says "we're going to terminate and you are paid through September."

**Mrs. McCarthy:** I just hope she doesn't take the website completely down when she receives the letter.

**Ms. Hueber:** She won't, it will be left in limbo. There are updates, kind of like Santa was on there for that many months. That's the way it will be.

**Mr. Miller:** Is this a matter of you are not happy with what you're currently getting? Is that a function of not having a contract with them?

**Mr. Pulskamp:** No

**Mrs. McCarthy:** The prices are cheaper also with this new company.

**Ms. Hueber:** Okay, we'll fine-tune this contract per Mark and Doug.

**Councilmember Debbie McCarthy:**

2) **Property Maintenance Position:** I have received so many complaints from residents in regards to "not" having a person for this position. I think we need to seriously think about hiring Ed Foster. At least we could try him until the end of the year, for four months and see how it works out. He knows the town, he knows the law and we aren't going anywhere with this at all.

**Mr. Thomas:** I've know him for a long time, I say we could try it. I know the Mayor is not here today, but it's not like you would sign a contract with him or anything like that.

**Resident Joan Waits:** 7133 Monogahalea. As you all know, I've been on this campaign for two years and Kenny you will vouch for me. That "Miller" house is worse today than it was two years ago. I have come to every meeting. John kept saying, "I'm gonna hire somebody." April 03, April 04 and he said, "I'm really now going to really try and find somebody," six months later he fired a guy, he lasted three weeks. We have had nobody since then and we need somebody desperately. You can fix up your intersections, you can put flower pots on Main Street, but you're not getting the job done. Eddie is living here in town now, he is a retired police officer, he knows the locations, he knows the people, he has a nice personality and give the guy a chance. We have to get something done. It's not getting any better. Tom, I know you said, at one meeting you would do the job temporarily. You have too much to take care of, without worrying about the blight of these homes. We need somebody just to do that job. I don't know a whole lot about Eddie, but there's nobody else who has come forward and John can't find anybody to do it. Now we're two years into this.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** That's how I feel.

**Mrs. Waits:** Perfect example, the yellow house on Church Street, it's worse now. I am surprised that kids have not gotten in that house and started a fire. Then it will be one heck of a lawsuit.

**Mr. Evans:** Tom, what do you think? You've been spearheading this thing from the beginning. Is he the man for the job?

**Lt. Synan:** I don't think it's appropriate for me to comment.

**Mr. Miller:** If you want to discuss this, you really ought to do it in Executive Session.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** I have some legal questions I need to ask you Doug.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** I have already talked to Doug about that and we're fine.

**Mr. Miller:** I'd like to explain all of that to Council.

**Mrs. Waits:** I would just ask that you keep an open mind. This has gone on too long.

**Ms. Hueber:** Have we advertised this properly?

**Mrs. McCarthy:** It was advertised and I don't know how many times.

**Lt. Synan:** It seems to be an issue of money.

**Ms. Hueber:** For one, it's a part-time position.

**Mr. Evans:** A suggestion. We should have a date either the first meeting or second meeting in September and we should hire somebody. There are people here that have dragged their feet on

this thing and it's not right and I agree with Mrs. Waits. She's been down here plenty of times and there is only so much an officer can do.

**Mrs. Waits:** When you hire this "Compliance Officer", if you once got a place cleaned up; then it would not be a situation where you're going back and going back.

**Lt. Synan:** No matter whom you hire, that's the point of hiring a person is that the problem has been cleaned up numerous times. I'm not able to keep going out over and over and over again. You're dealing with personalities and with some people, it's just the way they live. The whole point of the Property Maintenance Code is to have someone go up there and keep on them over and over and over.

**Mrs. Waits:** Tom, I understand where you're coming from but we cannot let two, three or four homes in subdivision become deteriorated and punish the rest of the citizens by their property value going down.

**Lt. Synan:** The problem was that we didn't have a law for thirty-plus years. The law was put into place two years and I gave Council an update of what has been so far. We've made a lot of progress. The problem we're running into is that these are repeat offenders.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** We need to look at our budget again.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** Money has been appropriated for that position.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** Not enough money has been, we need to appropriate money. As Council, we need to appropriate enough money to do this right and hire someone that has the qualifications to do it right. Bite the bullet! If we have to spend \$150,000.00 for two years to get this cleaned up, we need to do that.

**Lt. Synan:** It was my recommendation from the beginning when I came up with the Property Maintenance Code to include it all, leaves, junk and everything. A lot of your communities have what they call, "Code Enforcement Officer", who goes around and does all of this stuff. It's not really a job this department should be doing, but Council would have to empower that person to be able to issue citations to court and that kind of thing.

**Ms. Hueber:** If we just create position, we need to come up with a dollar figure.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** Council needs to appropriate that money and if we need to pull it from somewhere else to do this and clean things up, that's what we'll do.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** First of all you guys, the money that has been spent; sorry Mr. Krings, but money was not appropriated for him. Money was not appropriated for HCDC that you guys just hired. Money for Property Maintenance was appropriated, if we want to go higher we need to wait until after first of the year. I don't know where you guys think all of this money is going to come from.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** The money is there, we just need to re-appropriate it.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** Ken, our officer's put aside taking their 3% raise because of money being tight. Everytime we turn around, this Council is spending money.

**Ms. Hueber:** No they didn't.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** They ended up getting more than the 3% raise, plus officers. The amount of money being paid out to Mr. Krings has more than saved this Village, at least twenty times over already. He is going to be such a benefit for us and such good money well spent. Just like our officer's salaries.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** I said, "the money was not appropriated for him."

**Ms. Hueber:** Just like we can find the money for this position. We just have to decide on it and I think we can.

**Ms. Hueber:** We will go into Executive Session after this meeting and discuss what we want to pay for the position. We'll come out and ask Keri if she can find that money and if it can be re-appropriated. Then we'll properly advertise and see exactly what we need to do. The money has been the issue. That person can't be restricted to do other things and at that time supposedly somebody left here because he was delegated other jobs that were not part of that. I've heard different stories and we don't know exactly the truth why he left.

**Mrs. Waits:** If money is appropriated, let's get something done.

**Mr. Evans:** Let's set a date Tracy so everybody here knows that the last meeting in September is when we'll have a guy hired. That gives John one meeting to make sure he has his ducks in a row.

**Ms. Hueber:** Right, we can run that same ad in the paper. We can have a dollar figure, we'll make sure Keri has the money to appropriate. We'll hire somebody and if we have to do it, we'll do it.

**Ms. Hueber:** What about the Secretarial position, has anybody heard anything?

**Mrs. McCarthy:** I've asked.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** By the way, Becky is doing a great job.

**Ms. Hueber:** Becky is doing a great job.

**Mr. Miller:** I don't know how good a job she's doing, but she's great on the phone when I call.

**Ms. Hueber:** As long as she's answering the phone and doing the minutes.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** Her typing skills and everything else are professional.

**Ms. Hueber:** We need to get this position filled, can we as a Council shoot to have both positions filled by end of September. Maybe we need to have a meeting with Keri and John and put that together. Obviously applications have come in. There's a whole box of them. Before we interview, we need to know exactly what we're going to request of this person.

**Councilmember Greg Thomas: (Maintenance Truck Purchase):** \$40,000 has been set aside for truck and equipment and we are getting a trade-in of \$10,500.

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

Mr. Thomas made a motion to amend **ORDINANCE 30-2005 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FULLER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MAINTENANCE TRUCK, 2005 FORD F450 TRUCK**. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes and Mr. Thomas-Yes. Motion Carried.

**Councilmember Mark Kobasuk:** Nothing to report.

**Councilmember Doug Evans:**

- 1) **R.I.T.A.** will be here tomorrow from 9:00a.m. until 4:00p.m.
- 2) **Eastern Corridor:** I ran copies for everybody of this article from the front page of the newspaper the other day. Newtown is right in the middle of it, I think it's just a matter of when it happens. I think Council really needs to put some thought into what they think about what they want out of this for Newtown.

**Ms. Hueber:** Maybe we should do a Working Session for a few things and this be one of them. We could discuss HCDC, Parking Lot and just have one session with just brainstorming. Sooner the better maybe set a time in September.

**Mr. Evans:** There is no checklist.

**Councilmember Ken Pulskamp:**

- 1) **Board of Trustees Meeting for Fire Department:** I attended the meeting for the Fire Department last week. Chief Driggers was here at the last meeting talking about the roof of the Fire House, the repair came in quite a bit under what that had thought. They were thinking \$1,000 to \$1,200 range and it ended up being \$900.00. Painting is almost complete over there and it looks very nice. The door is fixed. Negotiations are going well with the Union, hopefully that should be done in the next six weeks.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** Did the two of you switch spots over there?

**Ms. Hueber:** No, I couldn't go so I called him to go for me. Was Darwin there?

**Mr. Pulskamp:** Yes.

- 3) **Zicka Property:** I talked to Doug before the meeting about the green space we are trying to obtain. Other than that, we can go to Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

**Councilmember Tracy Hueber:**

- 1) **Kokosing:** I did talk to Kokosing, Charlie we need to talk with them soon because they will have that seeded and I want to hold off if we're going to have to redo that thing. I'll call him in the morning and tell him we have issues so if you could measure it. I told him I wanted to set up a meeting with John, you, and myself to go over the exact contract to make sure everything was done.
- 2) **May of Newtown:** Some cities put this type of map out and free to people. I thought it was something we could consider later if we don't want to spend the money now. It would be of Newtown telling a little bit about the Mayor, Fire Department and list all of the businesses. The back of it has a map of all the major streets. We could actually pay for this through advertising of businesses and balance out our costs. I thought it was a classy little thing to do.

**Mr. Miller:** Typically the Map Company does that with the Village's cooperation and they sell the advertising and don't charge the Village anything for it.

**Ms. Hueber:** That would even be better.

**Mr. Pulskamp:** Becky, "Thank you" and Doug for putting together the picnic this past Sunday.

**Mrs. Fairley:** You're Welcome!

**Anderson Township Little League:** My name is Debbie Blanford, I apologize for being late. I'm on the Board that represents Township Little League. I have a short proposal for Moundview Park. There are some improvements we would like to make to the field and thought this would be a good time since it's now off-season for baseball, but we need your permission. Little League in Anderson is seven years old, we are totally a volunteer organization. We have sixty-two teams, 815 kids and they are only from Anderson and Newtown. That's a pretty large organization for a group that is quite young. Basically, our permit for Moundview expired July 31<sup>st</sup> and in years past we have made an effort to make improvements to the field. We've done little steps, but basically the best time to make improvements to the field is the Fall when there is nothing going on. If you have looked at the field lately, the weeds are always a big problem and part of the reason is the dirt currently there is just regular dirt, not baseball diamond dirt. The baseball diamond dirt helps to prevent weeds from growing as rapidly, it has a little bit more of a sand-base to it. We would like to get your permission and get our permit to go ahead and get it started for 2006 now. That would allow us to do field improvements and then in the Fall we would like to go and kill the weeds again and re-grade the field if possible. I don't know if you're aware, but we put in a French drain in 2004, which took a lot of the water that comes off of the hillside and kept it from going into home plate. We also put in a grass infield, which we would like to re-seed for it to get a little bit thicker and in better condition but mother nature has never been real kind to us. We figure if we can get on this in the Fall, we could get a jumpstart for next year. We'd also like to re-grade, there's a little bit of water issue at the first baseline and that's because it comes off that field. If I can get a professional in there to re-grade, that will help and if we can add the diamond dirt to help reduce the weed growth. Little League is proposing to do that at our costs, we just need your permission. Last year we sent in a proposal that we would like to put up a sign recognizing businesses that help maintenance with the field. The unfortunate thing is our permit

doesn't ever start until March and so that doesn't give us much opportunity to get a head start before practices and games start going. Practices start in March and the season goes until the end June, beginning of July. So we have never really been able to be proactive in trying to make the field better and hoping since this is the off-season that we could take the opportunity this year and really get a jump start and really make it nice. It would be good for Newtown, Little League and be great for the kids because that's basically what we're here for and we're just hoping for your permission to do that.

**Ms. Hueber:** Do you have all of that listed in a proposal?

**Mrs. Blanford:** I can put in a proposal, I talked to Debbie the other day and told her this was basically what we'd like to do and she asked me to come to the meeting tonight.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** We did approve the sign by the way, as long as it has nothing to do with alcohol, tobacco or obviously drugs. Council did approve that.

**Mrs. Blanford:** Actually that's in our lease agreement.

**Ms. Hueber:** Did that go through Mike, Deb? It has to have a Zoning permit.

**Mrs. Blanford:** Before we would ever go to the expense of creating a sign is put what it would say in writing to you all.

**Mrs. McCarthy:** Wasn't that going to go on the fence?

**Mrs. Blanford:** It would be a banner and go on the fence only, kind of one of those instant signs that you could hang. Basically it would give credit to businesses that would be willing to help, kind of a "good neighbor" thing. Right now, the field is all green there is no base pads.

I would like to approach businesses for them to donate services or materials so we could really jump on this in September. This is the perfect time to make some real improvements.

**Ms. Hueber:** If you can draw up a proposal and give it to Doug Miller then we could get that approved. It is best to have everything in writing of what you're going to do, then Doug looks it over for legal issues. As soon as he approves it, then you can start beating the streets.

**Mrs. Blanford:** Thank you. We truly loved the field at Short Park and would love to be back there one day.

**Ms. Hueber:** We don't have a problem with you leasing that one again, we just want to get it set-up. It should all be done in the Spring and should be seeded soon. If we have the whole thing seeded and then I talk to you about you cutting in the bases, would that be something you would be interested in?

**Mrs. Blanford:** Absolutely.

**Ms. Hueber:** Okay, we'll have the whole field seeded, you cut the field in and do the way you want.

**Mr. Evans:** There is room for another field also at Moundview on the upper level for little kids.

**Ms. Hueber:** We could work on that one as well.

**Ms. Hueber made a motion to adjourn for Executive Session to discuss Personnel. All Aye. Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes, Mr. Thomas-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes.**

**Council meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 9:04 p.m., no action taken.**

**Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to approve advertising for Property Maintenance Enforcement position, to be advertised in the Forest Hills Journal and Cincinnati Enquirer, amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adjourn Council meeting. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.**

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