

The November 14, 2006 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor John Hammon, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers: Curt Cosby Mark Kobasuk
Doug Evans Debbie McCarthy
Tracy Hueber Ken Pulskamp

Mayor: John Hammon
Solicitor: Doug Miller
Fiscal Officer: Keri L. Everett
Lieutenant: Tom Synan
Street Commissioner: Charlie Siegel (absent)

CITIZEN INPUT:

Donna Brooks, Resident: Last week Darwin and I submitted a letter to Council and I wanted to make sure it became part of the record. Do I need to submit it to someone particular?

Mayor Hammon: Keri is the keeper of the record.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing is scheduled for November 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss Ivy Hills Text Amendment.

CHURCH STREET UPDATE: Paving is scheduled for later part of this week. Hopefully, the stripes will be down by the weekend and the road will be opened soon for two-way traffic.

Mr. Evans: We need to open it as soon as we can. Plenty of people thought it was to be opened months ago.

Mayor Hammon: No, a month ago. When we did Church Street Phase I, the road was completely closed. There was no effort to maintain traffic and it went for almost eight months. The effort we put out there has been extraordinary to give people the opportunity to go and somewhat come. We opened the road up and maintained almost two-way traffic at the top where there wasn't so much construction going on. We've gone over backwards compared to other projects.

Mr. Evans: Let's take five minutes to discuss it. Curt, you live up there and I've been through there a bunch of times. I think it's really wrong that at nighttime the residents aren't allowed to go both ways. Next time things need to be done differently. These guys don't work on Fridays and they work when they want to work. I started thinking about what it has cost my business; being a business owner and resident in Newtown. Why should I drive dump trucks with ten tons on unsafe roads going up and around on Little Dry Run when I'm used to just riding through there. I know it's hard on everyone; I just wanted to speak up. I'm on Council and maybe I should have thought about it more before hand; but I believe people. I know it's unsafe for the workers, but I never see workers there after 4:00 p.m. I think we could have planned things out better.

Mr. Kobasuk: I agree Doug; we could have done better. Maybe next time we can plan better and avoid these types of issues.

Mayor Hammon: The thing I heard of it is we could not establish safe conditions when they were digging. Roads were collapsing and plates were moving. A lot of times there were very unsafe conditions up there for twenty four hours. At nighttime you don't see them. I don't know how many times we've had people filing claims against us; even restricted we've had several claims filed against us for car damage.

Mr. Cosby: It's probably from lower Ragland.

Mayor Hammon: No, on the project.

Mr. Cosby: The open ditches have not been in effect for a couple of months.

Mayor Hammon: There were trenches along the edge of the road with about a foot along the curbs. We've had people go into the trenches. Buses almost tipped over; it's not been safe. I know going through it is, the confusion I've heard is when is it open and when is it not open.

Mr. Cosby: I think for local residents, we definitely need to do a better job. A lot of residents have asked why they were not given placards in their car. I think Bruce said that was discussed prior to the job starting. I know people are unhappy about it. I agree with you, after 4:00 p.m. or a Friday or a rainy day when nobody is working, at least for local residents.

Mr. Evans: I'm not against the police department. I'm not against the mayor, but when I go up there to take my kids to ride horses at Maria's at lower Ragland. I have gone through the creek and I've done it a whole bunch.

Mayor Hammon: You're not supposed to be on the road; you're not local to the construction site. You should have drove around Turpin and down that way.

Mr. Evans: John, I disagree. I have six different building lots. I've done deals and taken down houses the whole time and I've been put out because of it. I try to obey the law to the best of my ability John; but tonight, the road is paved.

Mr. Kobasuk: What is the reason we can't have local residents drive down there John?

Lt. Synan: There are a couple of reasons. One, it's unfair and we've been hearing this; the residents get privileges over other people and you can't do that. You can't separate our residents and their residents.

Mr. Kobasuk: The ones that physically live there?

Lt. Synan: They can go one way. Here's the thing, you're not going to make everybody happy. There are safety issues and you can't just look at the small picture. I got a cruiser stuck in the ditch. The thing collapsed and my car went right in the ditch. I've seen a car going 45 mph down the hill and two workers there with their head right above the road. Cars have gone through concrete that was just poured. Part of the reason this has taken so long is there are cars on the road. I know it's an inconvenience, but there are safety reasons. Lower Ragland is not the detour, no one has every told anybody to go on lower Ragland; it is not a paved road. The detour is Clough Pike or Little Dry Run Road. Hopefully, it will be done in another week.

Mrs. McCarthy: Why don't we do an article explaining to the residents all of this.

Mr. Evans: Debbie, that's a good idea. Whether we send one from the mayor or from council just telling people we're sorry for the inconvenience and explain that some things were beyond our control and explain the safety reasons.

Ms. Hueber: We can do that for the December newsletter.

Mrs. McCarthy: It should be for the website, Forest Hills Journal and the newsletter. I think the mayor and council need to address this to our residents. That's why all of us are sitting here.

Lt. Synan: The residents are not complaining as much as the outside people and they've been great. The residents should be recognized for their patience.

Mayor Hammon: The residents have been very positive about it; except for a handful.

Ms. Hueber: Let's face it, there are some places we dropped the ball. We should have learned when we did Church Street Phase I. I inherited that project and it was a nightmare. I think that was mismanaged.

Lt. Synan: If I can throw a personal opinion; I think the construction crew contributed to a lot of the confusion. The work does change everyday and they are telling people several different stories. They were told in meetings not to do it. It's a wide variety of things, construction crew, the weather, people driving on it and everything else.

Mayor Hammon: They are working a forty-hour work week there; they don't work Fridays, that's the day to make up if it rains.

Mayor Hammon:

- St. John Fisher: We need to have an easement put in for the catch basins and dry well. I have a letter from Preferred Surveying to do the paperwork to get the easement recorded for \$740.00. When previous stuff was done at the church there was no paperwork, no easement, and no right-of-way, nothing on record. When they built the church they plowed under the dry well. That's the reason it flooded up there.
- Main Street: There are two aprons with curb cuts. One is at Matt Hueber's eastern side and one in front of Graduate Services. R.A. Miller will remove and put curbs in for \$3.00 a foot, not to exceed \$1500.00. The concrete is broken and grass is growing through it.
- Christmas Party: Becky's been doing a lot of work on it and we've discussed having it at a couple of other places that didn't work as well as Ivy Hills. It will be Friday, December 8th at Ivy Hills Country Club.
- Moundview: You should have a letter from Mike Cornette about the door way.
- Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency: They are asking for three people to be identified to be able to approve the repairs of the sirens. I suggested the three be I, Tracy and Mark since they are on the fire board.

Mr. Kobasuk: John, what is the update on Ivy Hills Lane.

Mayor Hammon: (continued)

- Ivy Hills Lane: The documentation looks like it is a public street. We have gotten three estimates from \$14,000 to \$20,000. Running down spouts and sump pumps out to the street is no longer allowed by Hamilton County's code, which we adopt. They will have to put a six-inch drain pipe in on both sides of the street to capture all of the water from down spouts and replace 200' of curb and redo the roadway. Charlie has put some temporary packing in between the gutter line and where the blacktop had washed away. The highest yard is continually draining so they put a French drain and it's sitting on a spring so it's putting constant water in the street. Very similar situation on Scioto because the newer homes have sump pumps and we found one pipe that is lower than the road in the curb so when the water comes out it pumps behind the curb and underneath the street too. We found some other problems up there too. So, yes Mark we continue to work on it; I met with Tom Van Dorselaer on Saturday and we talked and he is happy with it and understands our situation.

Mr. Pulskamp: Our original plan Mark was we got three estimates and were going to try to do something this winter or fall and Bruce advised us not to because of using fresh concrete and using the salt for the winter. He advised us to wait until spring. We have a project going on in River Hills and we'll try to tie it into that at the same time.

Mayor Hammon: (continued)

- River Hills: I walked with Bruce Monday and he put together a base dollar amount for curbs up through Scioto and Monongahela; it was \$160,000, but that will go up due to the drainage problems he was not aware of. Two catch basins need to be rebuilt and some other issues. Bruce should be here next council meeting with a proposal.
- Signs on SR 32: We put signs up for Olmes Framing and America's Best Duct Cleaning. It says, "Local businesses, second right" and we put their names underneath and there is a sign in the island that says, "local businesses." Each sign with their name on it was \$75.00.
- Meeting Thursday: I am meeting with Catherine Fitzgerald and Carolyn Mosley who is the Anderson Chamber of Commerce Director. Let me know if you have any questions for them. I talked to Catherine about a week ago and she is trying to put an insert in the flyer for the newsletter and for the website. She has put a packet together for the CRA for Mike; it includes the history and actual law we passed and procedures and forms. A few weeks ago, there was an article in the paper about the FAA going out to Clermont County. There are two other government agencies looking for land and I asked her to make a contact to see if we could sell Newtown to them. One agency wanted eight acres and one wanted ten acres.
- CRA Board: Council needs to set guidelines to form the board; refer to Doug Miller with questions of who can be on the board.

- December Meeting: I would like Council to make a motion to cancel the December 26th Council meeting so we can get it on the website in advance.
- Personnel Practices: I think we need to set a working session to discuss personnel practices. We've done a lot of work; a draft has been given to Doug Miller for review.
- Income Tax Ordinance: Hopefully you'll have a second reading as a resolution for the tax ordinance. I hope you have read it and we can discuss it in the future working session.
- Nominate New Employee: I'd like to nominate Lorna Rose for the Police Clerk position at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.

Mrs. McCarthy made a motion to hire Lorna Rose for the Police Clerk position at \$16.00 per hour. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mayor Hammon: It's pending a physical. All background checks have been done.

All Aye. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Debbie McCarthy:

Mrs. McCarthy made a motion to approve Council minutes for September 12, 2006, September 26, 2006, October 10, 2006 and October 24, 2006. Mr. Cosby seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

- Fire Hydrant: Does anyone know what the metal box on the fire hydrant is for on Village Drive?

Mr. Pulskamp: It's a solar device. They're doing that all through Anderson Township. They check it periodically. I think it is Water Works doing something with the hydrants.

Mrs. McCarthy: (Continued)

- Personnel Practices: The personnel practices are done. Keri and I have been working on those since March. I am going to turn them over to Doug Miller for review. When I receive them from Doug I will turn them over to the Human Resources Committee for review and then they will come to Council. I do need to go over a few things with Doug. We would like for Lorna Rose to start November 27th and in order for us to hire her, we need to change the vacation guidelines in our personnel practices. I need for Council to do a straw vote; one of the changes in the vacation is after six months, an employee will receive one week of vacation and I would like for Council to approve that tonight.

Ms. Hueber: What was it?

Mr. Pulskamp: It was a week after a year.

Mayor Hammon: It depends on when you were hired. We had the other person turn down the job because of benefits. We also had two other candidates turn down the position because of benefits. It's been a struggle so we have to look at this. It basically says that you have to be here for six months before you get a vacation.

Mr. Kobasuk: You have to be here six months to get one week and after one year you get two weeks?

Fiscal Officer Everett: Yes that is correct; after six months you get a week and from one to seven years you get two weeks. However, if your six month probationary period and your year anniversary end in the same year, you still only get a maximum of two weeks.

Mayor Hammon: Potentially someone could stick for a couple of days and that's where it comes in for a supervisor to have the authority to approve or decline a vacation request.

Mr. Evans: Right now the way is after they work six months you don't get anything.

Mayor Hammon: Right now with Lorna being here, being hired this late in the year, she would not get anything until 2008.

Mr. Kobasuk: That's not fair.

Mr. Pulskamp: The way it was written and we wanted to change this a long time ago, if you were hired before a certain date of the year, you got one week vacation the following year. If you were hired after that date in the calendar year, then you'd have to wait, like John just said, almost a year and a half before you got any vacation. I don't agree with the six months; I'll be real honest with you, I won't vote for it. I believe it should be based on date of hire, one year from date of hire. I think these two dates in our personnel practices are a joke because I would say 95% of the businesses out there, if not more will not give you a week of vacation until after you have been there a year. It's a year from date of hire, not a year from so many dates throughout the year.

Ms. Everett: We researched several other municipalities' personnel practices and basically, if you give someone and some people did calculate it by the day, but if you give someone two weeks from one to seven years, you're basically giving them two weeks no matter how you divide it up. They get one week the first six months and one in the second six months; that is basically the majority of what is out there. Instead of us having it where one would wait one year before getting the two weeks; you can have one after the six months and the other week after the year.

Mr. Pulskamp: Who does it?

Ms. Everett: I reviewed personnel practices from Terrace Park, Mariemont and Fairfax.

Mayor Hammon: I talked to some of you about how we need to change it. Before I sat down with them, I was already out there soliciting businesses Ken, actually not government because they had said they wanted to talk to the different government entities around us and a lot of businesses do this. With our personnel practices, Lorna will not get Christmas and holiday pay.

Ms. Everett: She won't get holiday pay for six months.

Mayor Hammon: That's another issue we need to change.

Ms. Everett: That is another thing; a lot of other places just have a three-month probation.

Mayor Hammon: I think what Debbie is asking is we're going to hire Lorna and we would like to know Council's feeling about it. If this Council votes not to change the vacation she is going to turn the job down.

Mr. Evans-Yes, Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-No, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes.

Councilmember Curt Cosby:

- Moundview: Silas is ready move ahead on the door and we need to get a price on an over-hang. I'll also have Silas give us a price on the porches; they need to be replaced immediately.

Ms. Everett: Mike is going to bring me a drawing to approve in the next week.

Mr. Cosby: (Continued)

- Center Island: Do we have to form a 501C3 for a donation? A few meeting ago, Doug commented that the 501C3 takes six months to a year to approve by the government.

Mr. Evans: I have a foundation also and there are only certain things you can give it too. To my knowledge, I don't think Bill Motto can do the donation the way you are saying. He needs to give it to Greater Newtown Foundation and the Greater Newtown Foundation can do this.

Mr. Cosby: For a tax deduction, my question to Doug Miller is if Bill Motto writes a check to the Village of Newtown, is that not a deductible donation?

Mr. Evans: It's not whether it's deductible or not deductible because anything he writes would be deductible.

Mayor Hammon: This is a foundation giving a contribution. This is not a business; this is his foundation and the way I understand it, it depends on how his foundation is written.

Mr. Evans: It's governed by a strict set of rules.

Mr. Cosby: Is there anything we can do to the Center Island? It's been a year; can't we spray it with some grass seed?

Mr. Evans: We're going to start it this week and I'll guarantee it. We're going to try and get the pathways in there, back up the curbs where the trucks have run through there. We're going to put pipe underneath and try to do as much as we can; with no taxpayer funds whatsoever. We're going to go ahead and do a lot of the work so we can see things move forward until we get the rest worked out. I've talked to Bill Motto and he is still going to do this; he doesn't want to do the wrong thing. He just can't give it to John or give it to the village. It's not the easiest thing to do.

Mr. Cosby: That's all fine and good. We just can't wait a year before we start even if it is just a matter of putting sod in.

Mayor Hammon: They can give money to us, but then we have to bid it out and we will have to take the lowest bid and not the best bid.

Mr. Evans: Curt, we have some other people donating some stuff just to make it go a lot easier.

Mr. Cosby: That's all great and I'm all for it; I'm just saying if it's going to take a year, we have to do something in the mean time. We can't have that island sitting there looking the way it looks.

Ms. Hueber: I think we should be lucky that we're getting so much money and time donated.

Mr. Cosby: It's village property and as village representatives I think it should come before this table for approval. I saw the drawings you had here. I just think for everyone's protection, it should come through this table.

Ms. Hueber: Doug, just bring it to the work session so we all can be on the same page. It's highly unlikely any of us are going to kick a gift horse in the mouth; no body sitting at this table knows more about this business than Doug anyway.

Councilmember Mark Kobasuk: We covered the three issues I was going to bring up: Ivy Hills Street, the Island and the board members.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to cancel December 26, 2006 Council Meeting. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Doug Evans:

Mr. Evans made a motion to suspend the rules to move the money around to pay the bills.

Mr. Evans made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 17-2006 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERING AND RECONCILING THE BUDGET, AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Evans: (Continued)

- Checklist: Keri, where were the fire hydrant repairs?

Ms. Everett: That is the one that had to be replaced from an accident and the defendant has completely paid for it.

Mr. Evans: On the bridge inspection, is that the same amount we paid last year?

Mr. Pulskamp: This is the first time we had it done.

Ms. Everett: We already approved that dollar amount.

Mr. Evans made a motion to accept Checklist dated 11/14/2006. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Evans: Round Bottom Road/SR 32: John, you did talk to Charlie about him talking with Sunesis about some of the paving buckling.

Mayor Hammon: Charlie brought it to my attention and took it to Brandstetter Carroll to go back to Sunesis and or Barrett because it still should be under warranty.

Mr. Evans: I know Charlie knows about it.

Mr. Pulskamp: I didn't know anything about it.

Mayor Hammon: The road is off one to two inches in some areas.

Resolution for Delinquent Taxes:

Mayor Hammon: Doug, you need to do a Resolution for collecting taxes.

Ms. Everett: I talked to R.I.T.A. about what would be involved in taking people to court who we know owe us money and how much they owe us.

Mr. Cosby: For delinquent taxes?

Ms. Everett: Yes.

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

Mr. Evans made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 18-2006 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYER ACCOUNTS, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion.

Mr. Kobasuk: Have we done this before?

Mayor Hammon: No, this is to try to get the deadbeats to pay. It's for people we know who owe us and have not made a payment.

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

Mr. Evans made a motion to have a Second Reading on AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE INCOME TAX CODE. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp:

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for the curb and gutter replacement in the two sections on Main Street that the Mayor discussed, to R.A. Miller. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to appoint John Hammon, Mark Kobasuk and Tracy Hueber as contacts for the Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp: (continued)

- **Bridge Report:** You all have a copy of the report done on the four bridges in the village; just take time and read over it. Drake Street bridge is the one that we're going to have problems with if we don't do something in the next twelve to eighteen months. Bruce is working on some figures for us. It's going to be a logistical nightmare because we're going to have to get approval from John Russell or someone because once that bridge gets ripped out, for emergency vehicles getting in and out of Drake Street. They only have one way in and one way out right now. Unless, we get approval from somebody to come in and out of River Hills.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to have a First Reading on AN RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NEWTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR PARKING. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion.

Mr. Pulskamp: (continued)

- **Pipe Repair at Ragland and Edith:** Last meeting we discussed repairing a pipe at Ragland and Edith. We approved an amount for \$5,000 and the actual bill came in at \$1,533.00. There was one part that had slipped out and we were able to concrete it up and smooth it out to keep it flowing; there was a void in it.
- **Crull Street No Parking:** Is there anybody in the audience that would like to address anything with the Crull Street parking before I bring that up? I'd like to put this to rest once and for all.

Resident Tammy Thornberry: 6612 West Plum Street. I just wanted an update.

Mr. Pulskamp: At the last meeting, we had a first reading of the ordinance that would provide no parking within 30' of the intersections on all of the streets down there; which is basically state law. No parking within 30' of fire hydrants and we would white line the streets. The white lines will go the straightest pathway down the streets.

Mayor Hammon: The edge of the roadway is defined by the white lines. They'll be from one stop sign area to the other stop sign area and there will be the painted line. The signs will say no parking in the roadway and no parking between the white lines. Ragland Road is painted the exact way we're talking about.

Mr. Pulskamp: The white lines will be on the pavement, approximately fifteen feet as the driving length.

Mr. Pulskamp: Mark, do you have a problem with passing this ordinance tonight; not as an emergency, just passing the ordinance and it would go in effect in thirty days.

Mr. Kobasuk: I'd like to have three readings because of the controversy just because so many people are upset about this; I prefer we just have three readings.

Mayor Hammon: We need to get the white lines down before it gets too cold. We'll paint the edge of the roadway. If we don't take action those signs go up or nothing changes.

Mr. Pulskamp: If we can pass it tonight, then we know it will be effect in thirty days and the signs will go up. At least that way Charlie can get the lines painted.

Mr. Kobasuk: I appreciate your concerns. I just know the mistake I made way back when we did something by an emergency. I just prefer we have the three readings Ken.

Mayor Hammon: That's fine Mark.

Mr. Cosby: I agree.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to have the second reading of AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE 21-2005 PROVIDING FOR LIMITED NO PARKING AREAS IN THE CRULL SUBDIVISION. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion.

Councilmember Tracy Hueber:

Ms. Hueber made a motion to suspend the rules. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 19-2006 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE AND PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH CHARLIE'S FOR THE POLICE CRUISERS, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. Motion Carried.

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

Ms. Hueber made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 20-2006 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO THE MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN FIFTH THIRD BANK AND THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN ("VILLAGE") FOR THE FINANCING OF THREE (3) 2007 DODGE CHARGER POLICE VEHICLES, TO EXECUTE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AND MAKING CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS REGARDING SUCH MASTER-LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS 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. Motion Carried.

Mayor Hammon: Basically, we passed an ordinance to purchase the cars. That evening, Rob was back in a trial and that ordinance should not have been passed. Doug Miller was uncomfortable with it.

Ms. Everett: The only reason is because the Resolution said, "Exhibit A" and he did not know what Exhibit A was. It was the proposal saying how much they were and what the cars were.

Mayor Hammon: So he wanted us to come back and re-do it. He does not have the lease documents but he has significant paperwork to back it up.

Ms. Everett: He does have all of them, he is just asking for some changes in them.

Mayor Hammon: So that is the reason it looks like we have done it twice and we have, but the first time, it should not have been done.

Ms. Hueber: (continued)

- **Newsletter:** Becky, could you have Dick Weber and Mr. Cornette put together something for the newsletter. I'll talk to Charlie and get something from the fire and police departments. John if you can do a letter and anyone from Council can give me anything they may want in there.
- **Recycling Award:** Tomorrow, Charlie and I are attending a luncheon with the Hamilton County Recycling Program. The Village of Newtown won the small town recycling award.

Mr. Kobasuk: What is the cost of the newsletter Tracy?

Ms. Hueber: \$2,500 that includes the printing and mailing and everything. We're cutting it back to twice a year from four. We're doing it now for December and one for the summer.

Mrs. McCarthy: John, what are we doing about a letter explaining to the residents about the problems on Church Street for the website and Forest Hills Journal and the newsletter?

Mayor Hammon: All I can do is talk to them. If they refuse to do anything with it, I don't have control of the paper Debbie. That's the editor and reporter.

- **Documented Record of Properties:** Dick Weber is photographing every piece of property in the Village so we will have a record of every property.

Mr. Cosby: Why?

Mayor Hammon: So we'll have it in case someone puts in an illegal drive or additions inappropriately. That way we can go back and challenge it.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to adjourn Council meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion.

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