

Mr. Brandstetter: (Continued)

- Riverhills Curbs: (Photos Attached) We were asked to take a look at replacing the curbs in River Hills and starting a program. It's really an off-shoot from the pavement management study we did last year. Replacing the curbs was in the pavement study at 100% replacement. We did not have the storm inlets being taken out, but I think they should be after looking at them. I'd don't think you'd be happy patching the curbs, that concrete is forty years old.
- We also did prices for repairs in Ivy Hills. I think where we're headed is that we put it all on one program. The first phase we looked at is from Monongahela from Scioto to River Hills and then Scioto Drive itself. The existing asphalt is in pretty good condition; we paved that not too many years ago. To do a full curb replacement and I think that is what should be done; it's been patched twice. We estimate the full curb replacement at \$25.00 per foot and that would do the restoration behind the back of the curb and also do the asphalt restoration in front of the curb. It is not new driveway aprons, but we believe you can meet the grades and the driveway aprons and still make a drain. We would reconstruct the storm inlets and there are fourteen of those. All together with other costs, engineering fees and advertising you are looking at about a \$200,000 project. Taking those same numbers and construction numbers and rolling them into the lineal footage of the rest of River Hills subdivision, I took the liberty to save Phase II and Phase III; you've got about another \$265,000 worth of work and subsequent phases on the curb. I'd say you could do this in two to four years depending on your funds.
- Ivy Hills Ct. Repairs: Dave Stenger and Charlie Siegel have looked into installation of some drainage and curb improvements for Ivy Hills Court. We obtained three quotes from R.A. Miller, Prus and Ford. The quote range was \$15,000 to \$19,000; R.A. Miller being the \$15,000, they were at the site at the time. Our thoughts are if you are going to put together a bid package for River Hills, you might as well roll the Ivy Hills project in it together and get it out on the streets. I think you can put this out to bid to where you can approve the bid in February and the contractor can start as soon as the weather breaks. You'll get your best price at that time of year. It would be tough to get any kind of grant for this project. You can't get CDBG grants because the income is not low enough.
- Drake Street Bridge: This would be something to apply for grants, especially if you can put a partial ban on it; it's along a state route.

Mr. Evans: Bruce, the extra paving that was done before the 5K race on Church Street, how is that coming?

Mr. Brandstetter: As far as I'm concerned, that cost will come off the top of his final quantity. I mean, his final pay request minus that amount is how much you would pay them.

Mr. Evans: It's been discussed?

Mr. Brandstetter: We discussed it at the time and sent a letter out that day. No one has argued with it; Mike Wylie wasn't real happy about it. They've had plenty of time to object to that issue.

Mr. Evans: So, it goes through Miller?

Mr. Brandstetter: Right, it would have to go through Miller. They are the general contractor.

Mr. Evans: Miller, hasn't really done any extra work there?

Mr. Brandstetter: No. We'll do final quantities Doug. The sidewalks might get higher and driveways might get lower, but there are no significant change orders. What we will do is agree on final quantities, what they would be paid if that paving had not taken place and then we'll deduct it from their final bill. I'm not saying they won't kick, scream and argue and I'm not saying they may not try to file a lawsuit; but you've got to do what you've got to do.

Mr. Brandstetter: (Continued)

- Traffic Signalization:

Mayor Hammon: Bruce, are we going to see the Interconnect this year? What's the status of that?

Mr. Brandstetter: When Cinergy became Duke Energy, they did not allow us to use the hard wire interconnect on the poles. The project was out to bid by O.D.O.T.; while it was out to bid, Duke contacted O.D.O.T. and they pulled the job. We're now putting it together with a radio interconnect, a frequency wireless, instead of hard wire. They bid things quarterly, then it will go the first quarter of 2007, with O.D.O.T., on the wireless. Three or four months ago, we did a test with Charlie, then from our office, a supplier that Radio Interconnect and O.D.O.T. were here and it works. Technically, I'm the wrong guy to ask, it's just a replacement for hard wire.

Mayor Hammon: Does the \$10,500 include Ivy Hills Lane?

Mr. Brandstetter: Yes, that is fine if you want to include that in the package.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Resident Dale Myers: I want to thank Ken for having a flag replaced that I had told him about.

Resident Barry Phillips: 3526 Crawford Lane. Is tonight the third reading for the Crull subdivision parking issue?

Mr. Pulskamp: Yes, I was going to bring it up.

Mr. Phillips: I just wanted to go on record again as having said I am totally against any amendment to that. The "No Parking" signs went up and should have stayed up. It is an issue of property valuation and a safety issue. I have also had people park in my front yard. The alleys that are between Main Street and Crull were paved not too long ago; I believe while I sat on Council and I think to the tune of about \$80,000. They were paved so those residents could have access to parking behind their homes and they've not been used. When I bought my house, I paved what is a paper street so I could have sufficient parking and not have to drive through on gravel or grass to get to my garage. Those alleys were paved and the no parking should be enforced.

Randy Smith: 7493 Pinehurst Drive. I simply want to report to Council that all nine schools of the Forest Hills School District were recently rated by the State of Ohio; all nine once again received an excellent rating. I want to thank the Village of Newtown for your support and I want you to know that so you can take pride in the public schools that serve our community.

Resident Joan Waits: 7133 Monongahela. I'd like to know why the intersection of Round Bottom has not been landscaped?

Mayor Hammon: We're working on it. We're trying to create the foundation. Doug has asked me to take over roll from it; so the ball is in my court to try to push things forward.

Mrs. Waits: I've heard a rumor that Meridian gave a nice check to the Village for the landscaping.

Mr. Pulskamp: Not to the Village.

Mayor Hammon: No, they have not.

Ms. Hueber: They are forming a foundation, but you have to legally for the foundation properly in order for the funds to be released so the Village isn't liable.

Mrs. Waits: Christmas is coming and it's been that way for how many months?

Mr. Evans: We're doing it without any taxpayer's money and that's the hard part. Meridian can't give it to me, Kenny or Curt. They have to give it to a non-profit organization. It can't be John and it can't be the Village. A foundation has to be set up.

Mrs. Waits: How long does that take?

Mr. Pulskamp: As of the last meeting, Doug Evans was going to go ahead and have his company begin some of the work with no money in hand with no expectations, just to get it cleaned up. Part of the Council didn't want to move ahead because they had not seen the final plans and I believe Doug has the final plans with him tonight to show everybody. Doug, is something still going to happen to start on the project even though the foundation is not set up?

Mr. Evans: I think we can.

Mr. Pulskamp: We all want to get it done also. It's going to be incredible when it is completed.

Mrs. Waits: Thank you.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp:

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to have a Third Reading of an ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE 21-2005 PROVIDING FOR LIMITED NO PARKING AREAS IN THE CRULL SUBDIVISION. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-No, Mr. Cosby-No, Mrs. McCarthy-No.

Mayor Hammon: Due to the action of Council, the no parking will be instituted December 15, 2006. There will be no parking in Crull subdivision at that time. It goes back to the no parking signs.

Mr. Pulskamp: No parking anywhere and we start enforcing all the rules. I want to clarify so it is on the record. We are going to start enforcing the rules and there will be no exceptions. Done.

Ms. Hueber: I would like to make sure that a letter goes out explaining the vote and now that what they thought they all were happy with is now retracted, because now they are going to be confused because we were going to do the striping to where they could park there. Now it is back to the hard core, no parking, which is due to the vote.

Mr. Cosby: I'd like to go on record that I have spoke to a few people down there and their response was less than desirable. That is that this Council is not representing their views and the Council is going to go ahead and do what they want to do anyway. They are not happy with the striping and they are not happy with the no parking. Basically, they were left with the option of really not being heard and not being represented. That's the reason for my vote and why I voted against it.

Mayor Hammon: Everyone I talked to when I spent time down there, said yes it is not the best, but it's certainly acceptable.

Mr. Kobasuk: That's not what I heard John.

Ms. Hueber: Even the Thornberry's were happy with it.

Mayor Hammon: I talked with the two people who had shown up here and spoke out and they said they could accept it and work with it.

Ms. Hueber: Everybody that showed up was accepting of it; which was the Thornberry's, the people next door to me.

Mr. Cosby: That's fine; I'm not here to argue one way or the other. I'm just going on record.

Ms. Hueber: Okay, but can we make sure that a letter goes out? If I have to hand deliver it to every one of the neighbors; let's draw up a letter stating what this was and that it's in effect so that when they get tickets they know why and they're not confused. They sat here in a couple of meetings when we told them we were trying to do the striping and that yes they could park in certain areas so now it's all gone and back to the original thing. They need to know this.

Mayor Hammon: This is how Ragland Road is painted. The parking area has been striped off so people know exactly. This is nothing new to the village.

Mr. Kobasuk: You're not striping other streets, to my knowledge.

Mayor Hammon: Yes we are. We're going to stripe Edith and every street in this town for the edge of the roadway is going to be striped.

Mr. Kobasuk: When did you decide that?

Mayor Hammon: When Charlie and I talked. To define the edge of the roadway, if it doesn't have a curb, that's going to be the edge of the roadway.

Mr. Kobasuk: The first time I heard that was from Ken.

Ms. Hueber: The officers have to have an edge of the road; they can't just guess.

Mr. Kobasuk: You haven't done that up to this point.

Mayor Hammon: No, but every other community has Mark.

Mr. Kobasuk: Why don't you bring it up Council some more? The first time I heard of this was from Ken tonight, striping all of the streets.

Mayor Hammon: I've talked about that before.

Mayor Hammon: I've talked about it for streets without curbs: Edith, Jefferson and Ragland are already that way.

Mr. Kobasuk: Have you talked to those people in those neighborhoods? About striping?

Mayor Hammon: No. It doesn't have anything to do with parking and no parking Mark.

Mr. Kobasuk: I understand that. I'm just asking if you've talked to the citizens?

Mayor Hammon: It's going to define the edge of the road so we can clearly define where people can and cannot park. There is not supposed to be any parking on Jefferson, I believe. I can't quote you the law, but I do believe that. It's the same way when you go up to Edith Street, there are sidewalks out and there are parking pads and then there is the drive, the roadway. The roadway will be painted.

Mr. Kobasuk: I just think you ought to talk to these people before you do this. Talk to the community; people ought to be brought on board before you do these things and tell them what you're doing and get some input. You haven't done it for years have you? I don't see white lines up on Edith right now.

Mayor Hammon: No, there is not. They were never painted Mark.

Mr. Kobasuk: That is a shame.

Mayor Hammon: Alright Mark. We'll get it in the newsletter.

Mayor Hammon:

- CRA: Catherine Fitzgerald put together a flyer and book for the CRA. The flyer is for the newsletter and the book is for everyone to look at and then give to Mike Cornette since he is the administrator for the CRA.

Mr. Kobasuk: Do we have the board formed for this?

Mayor Hammon: No.

Mr. Kobasuk: Making any progress on that?

Mayor Hammon: I'm still trying to get a couple of people Mark.

Mr. Kobasuk: What is the opinion from legal counsel on councilmembers being on the board? Wasn't that an issue?

Mayor Hammon: We'll have to ask Doug Miller. Catherine got a rule from the state to the law and ask Doug to go ahead and be the legal counsel for us in interpreting. At this point and time, I don't know if he has an opinion or not.

Mr. Kobasuk: What people are you considering for the board?

Mayor Hammon: I've been trying to work on Mark McConnell. I appoint two and Council appoints two.

Ms. Hueber: Have you talked to Barbara Greve? She is a resident and a business owner. Does she need to write a letter or can you stop in ask her if she is interested?

Mayor Hammon: As far as I'm concerned, you can make a nomination to put her on the board and put a vote to council.

Mr. Kobasuk: Then council needs to get together and get some names.

Mayor Hammon: Then the Planning Commission appoints one and then the five members appoint two additional members.

Mr. Kobasuk: We've got to get this going; without the board we can't do anything.

Mayor Hammon: Doug Miller, have you looked at Catherine Fitzgerald's information about the state rule appointing councilmembers as board members?

Solicitor Miller: I didn't do any formal research on it, my response would be that if you can avoid having councilmembers on the board, I would avoid the situation. Because you have a bit of a conflict of interest because council is responsible for the village budget, yet this is a board that reduces taxes and affects the money coming in. It's kind of like the same complaint that the Supreme Court had when the mayor was running Mayor's Court that he deals with the budget and the fines that he hands out. That's why we went to the Magistrate's system. If you are deadest on having a councilmember on the board then I will do the formal research.

Mr. Kobasuk: We just want to get somebody.

Mr. Evans: We just want to get it done and would only use a councilmember as a last resort.

Mayor Hammon: (continued)

- Hamilton County Storm Water: This is where we agreed to pay out of the general fund, the assessment put on us. I think it went from \$14,000 to \$17,000. They gave us basically one week to make a decision on how to do it between council meetings. I think we ought to discuss whether we want to keep paying it or do you want to put it as an assessment on property taxes so we have it on record so next year we won't get surprised.

Mr. Pulskamp: We're looking at about \$5.00 per partial/house.

Mayor Hammon: It might be a little more.

Mr. Evans: I'm on this committee with Bill Brayshaw. Let me see what I can do.

Mayor Hammon: You can look into the fees; but we need to decide whether we want to keep paying for it or do we want to charge the residents.

Mr. Evans: I'd rather not charge the residents. I think the residents get charged too much for things now.

Ms. Everett: There are two methods of collecting the Storm Water Service Fee. 1) The community pays the entire fee or 2) the property owners are charged a share of the fee. In 2006, the village paid \$15,063. John and I had to make a decision for 2007 because they didn't give us enough time to bring it to council. The fee for 2007 will be \$16,100. I want to discuss it so that when it comes to 2008, we're prepared to make a decision before I get this fax asking which method of collection we choose.

Lieutenant/Acting Chief Synan:

- I was invited to go out to the Police Academy recently by a friend of mine who is the head guy. I took a class on putting together a citizen's police academy where this particular place will give us some grant money. Jim Vontz and I are working on that. They have two brand new driving simulators; they are \$250,000 each. They offered training us for free and said we can use the equipment when we want. Officer Vontz and I went out about a week ago and these things are amazing. You're in this virtual world that is around you. When you're doing 60 mph, everything around us is going 60 mph. The only thing we have to pay is to rent it; which is \$25.00 per hour and usually you get charged per person. I've actually invited the fire department to come and take a look because it has about fifty vehicles you can use, including a fire truck. We want to do this because some of our guys have had a few problems keeping the cars on the road. I'm trying to first of all, increase safety; secondly, hope to help us with car insurance by reducing accidents. The main purpose of the simulator is to teach good judgment. They have programs where your tire blows out, where you're hit by another car if you don't pull far enough off the road. We're going December 7th, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for mandatory training. I am inviting the fire department and would like to invite the council to come out. Mayor, you're welcome too. I've talked to Madeira and Terrace Park and we're actually going to swap training. We won't charge for the use of Officer Vontz and they have agreed to give us free training.
- Ordinance for Computers: Officer Orso has put together a package for computers and he is here to answer any questions.

Mayor Hammon: Tax Code: Doug Miller has asked that we hold off until the next council meeting; he has not heard back from R.I.T.A. We need to pass it for the end of the year so everyone needs to plan on attending the December 12th meeting.

Ms. Everett: I also put some information in your packet from R.I.T.A.

Mr. Pulskamp: I've been meaning to ask you for that information Keri; that's very good information. I think that is something that we as council need to discuss. There are so many residents not paying any income tax whatsoever and I don't think that is fair. It's a burden to the rest of the residents that are paying tax.

Councilmember Tracy Hueber:

- Recycling Award: Charlie and I attended the luncheon and I want to present the plaque tonight. The plaque is made out of 100% recyclable material. Hamilton County provided a nice luncheon and we were recognized along with one other city. Our actual gross recycling went up 35%, just with advertising in our newsletter and delivering the recycling bins out to the residents. The last time we won was in 2001.

Ms. Everett: Another thing that has helped is we started paying to pick up people's scrap tires. I think we're paying \$2.00 to dispose of it and I am able to use that for that report and it counts towards our recycling. Charlie takes the tires over to Tire Discounters.

Ms. Hueber: Todd Portune was there; the City of Cincinnati is probably one of the better recycling cities in the State of Ohio. In the past, Charlie has bought some railroad ties made from recyclable material with the money we were awarded. The money has to go back to buying recycled materials; in the past, Charlie has purchased benches, garbage cans, picnic tables, etc.

Police Officer Kent Orso:

- Computers for Police Department: Basically, the village records management system for the police department is InterBadge, Version 5.5. That version is being phased out to go to Version 5.8; the 5.8 is a major change to the system. We have to actually purchase a new server. We have to purchase a new operating system and an application called Microsoft Sequel Server in order to make all this happen to move to the 5.8. Since you have already paid for the maintenance agreement with EmergiTech in 2006, we're asking that we be allowed to use the Mayor's Court fund. There is a certain amount of money put away in the Mayor's Court fund to pay for computers that are actually acting as support of the Mayor's Court. We're asking for a new server and new software, they roughly come to \$12,000. The software we're buying comes with a three-year support agreement so that the work stations are covered. We're already currently paying a maintenance agreement with InterBadge each year to keep that program running. In the area, we are recognized as one of the six departments that are moving our data up. We're doing data pushes from our InterBadge up to the State of Ohio. We're using as much electronic as possible to make it happen and we'd like to keep this program at the top level.

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

Ms. Hueber made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 21-2006 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM THE MAYOR'S COURT COMPUTER FUND, 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.

Ms. Hueber: (continued)

- New Police Uniforms: Another part of upgrading for the police department is uniforms and badges.

Lieutenant Synan: We split this up into two phases also. We were too into the winter season so we are only getting two uniforms for full-time and one for part-time. The department designed and approved a new patch. The patch has been ordered and we'll put them on the new uniforms. We also looked at how the money was spent in the past and we used to buy coats that were about \$150 each and they were only made for the winter. The uniform committee went out and looked at coats with multi-uses. Now we have a winter coat that is also a rain coat and also can be used as a windbreaker for the spring. Sgt. Shawn McBreen and Officer Jim Vontz found that for \$88; so we were able to save a lot of money by going to different vendors. We're ordering from a major police apparel company; which is Galls and because we did they are willing to give us 5-15% off of the entire purchase. We're about \$1,000 under budget because of the way we did this and we're figuring our cost next year should be around \$2,000 to \$3,000 to finish the winter uniforms and then get summer uniforms. I did speak to Keri and I'd like to upgrade boots and things like that. These guys have not gotten boots for several years. I'm going to take the rest of the money, I've talked to Keri; I probably will drain that fund all the way down and make sure everyone has equipment and boots.

Ms. Hueber: The police department has done a great job forming committees and doing their research on the police cruisers, computers and uniforms in a cost efficient manner. I commend you for that.

Lieutenant Synan: Thank you.

Ms. Hueber made a motion for the police department to purchase uniforms and boots with funds taken from the police department uniform line; amount not to exceed \$4,131.37. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. (Mrs. McCarthy not present at table when vote taken.) All Aye. Motion Carried 5-0.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp:

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to have a Second Reading to enter into contract with United Methodist Church for parking. Mr. Cosby seconded the motion.

Mr. Pulskamp: John, are you going to talk about taxes regarding the information Keri received from R.I.T.A.?

Mayor Hammon: We've got people coming into the village working for weeks at a time and unless we see them we don't know they're there. Those are the things we need to clean up. Doug, how long do you have to work in the village before we go after you?

Mr. Miller: I believe it is twelve days a year. That was one of the changes in the new law if I remember correctly.

Mayor Hammon: I think there are a lot of ways we can increase our taxes. I don't like 100%, I can see 50%.

Mr. Pulskamp: Well, a \$300,000 increase to our income tax. I've been thinking about this for months and actually I've been talking to a lot of residents. Everyone I talk to pays taxes to this village and they are very upset that we issue a 100% credit. There is probably 20-25% of this village that is not paying tenant's taxes to this village. It's something we need to look at; if it is not a full percent credit, maybe do a half-credit and collect part of it. The other day there was an article in the paper where beginning 2007, Indian Hill is giving zero (0) credit.

Mr. Miller: It used to be pretty rare and fifteen years ago, some of the smaller communities picked it up. Now some are giving a partial credit, I think Sharonville is one.

Mr. Evans: We have ongoing expenses and repairs to be done in the village to keep property values up for the residents to do pay taxes. Like Bruce said, there aren't many grants available. Whether you work or live here, you're benefiting from the services. There's plenty of people that rent here and get free garbage pick, free snow removal and don't pay an ounce of taxes. People that might work somewhere else, they're still benefiting from our fire and police.

Mayor Hammon: Our permit process informs us of vendors coming in and doing work. When we did away with it for siding and windows and home improvement, we don't catch anybody who does those in the village.

Mr. Evans: John, you're talking about a mosquito bite instead of going out there and getting a great big fish.

Mayor Hammon: I think you're under estimating a number of people that comes in to work.

Mr. Miller: The way it reads, a company that comes in would get taxed. If the employee is working twelve or fewer days then they would not withhold anything.

Mayor Hammon: It's alright, we can all disagree and come up with something different.

Mr. Evans: That's why we're here John; we're going to disagree.

Mayor Hammon: I just think there are other ways we can tighten it up.

Ms. Everett: I don't think we just have to pick one way.

Mr. Pulskamp: We know this is a big fish right here. This is \$309,000 that this village can start collecting; that we're not collecting. I'm not going to pick by areas, but I'd be willing to bet the Ivy Hills area that probably 60-70% of the people that live in Ivy Hills don't pay any income tax to the Village of Newtown because they work outside the village. They work in downtown Cincinnati in higher career jobs somewhere and we're giving a 100% credit towards their income tax.

Mr. Evans: But they are paying property taxes.

Mr. Pulskamp: The entire village is paying property taxes.

Ms. Everett: Wait a minute; those property taxes don't help our budget too much. You help the fire department's budget, but you do not help our budget that much.

Mayor Hammon: We only collect \$190,000 in property taxes in this village. It's very very small.

Mr. Pulskamp: It's going towards the Forest Hills School District is probably getting the majority of it. Then there's all of the other levies that are taxed on to Hamilton County; does not come back to this village.

Mr. Kobasuk: We don't want to give people an incentive not to move into Newtown.

Mr. Pulskamp: I'm not saying that, but I think we give them enough incentives to move into Newtown because for a 1% income tax.

Mr. Kobasuk: I think is a pretty hot issue and people might consider looking elsewhere.

Mayor Hammon: That's a true statement Mark. I've received phone calls from people who are looking at property and they ask if we're going to do that. That's a deciding factor for them.

Mr. Kobasuk: These people are paying taxes somewhere. I pay a lot to the City of Covington and my wife pays to Cincinnati and we get a credit, but we are paying the taxes to some entity. People at Meridian are paying taxes and all of those employees don't live here so you are getting a benefit from that end. I'm just afraid we're going to make it disadvantageous to come to Newtown.

Mr. Pulskamp: I'm just saying it's something we need to look at; whether it be a 100% credit or a 50% or 25% credit.

Mr. Kobasuk: Why don't we tighten up on people you mentioned Mayor, like selling the Christmas trees, they aren't paying any taxes.

Mayor Hammon: Keri and I have worked diligent; we've turned companies up that have been here for four years. Two Fish Apparel is a classic example; I happened to see their ad for personnel in the paper and that is how I discovered they were in business. They're an embroidering company in the village.

Mr. Pulskamp: It's something I'd like to see go to committee and investigate further.

Mayor Hammon: We have been working to catch as many people as we can.

Mr. Pulskamp: Like Doug said we're getting all of these bills all the time. There's \$500,000 worth of work that needs to be done in River Hills and \$20,000 worth of work that needs to be done to Ivy Hills, just on the one little street. All this money comes from somewhere.

Mr. Evans: It comes down to do we want to raise it up to 1.5% or do we want to go after the people who owe us the money that haven't been paying and the people that get the credit for the 1%. Personally, I would vote against raising the tax from 1% to 1.5% and I would vote for getting the businesses and residents that aren't paying. The third thing I would say, whether it's a 50% credit to soften the blow on the 1% because they're still benefiting from the services here. I'm sure plenty of my neighbors will cuss me out, but that's all right. That's how I feel about it.

Mayor Hammon: If you worked in Cincinnati would you feel the same?

Mr. Evans: John, I pay taxes on fifty different things. I'm not happy paying taxes period, but I do my fair share all the way around.

Mayor Hammon: But, you work in a community that doesn't collect an income tax.

Mr. Evans: I don't know John; I pay taxes to Georgia and to all sorts of places.

Mayor Hammon: Not your personal income tax, unless you're working there. We've learned from Mark, he works in the city and he doesn't want his income hit 1% because he's already paying 2.1%.

Mr. Kobasuk: You still don't want to make it a disincentive for people to come here. You want them to move in and develop the area. The condos are selling and subdivisions.

Mayor Hammon: There is a fine line we have to consider. Our competitors like Anderson Township have no income tax and that is a selling point. In their brochures that is the number one selling point, no income tax. I just think we need to be aware of that. I think rental license is one of the answer to collect from those renting here that aren't paying taxes. They're not going to pay no matter what you do. We need to line up the things we've talked about and do them.

Mr. Pulskamp: On tie-breakers, what kind can John vote on?

Mr. Miller: Motions.

Mr. Pulskamp: It was a motion to have the third reading of an ordinance.

Mr. Miller: But that is voting on the ordinance itself.

Mr. Pulskamp: Okay, he can't vote on any ordinances.

Mr. Miller: Ordinances or resolutions have to be passed by the majority of council. He can break ties on motions.

Councilmember Doug Evans:

- **Checklist:** I need to make three adjustments that are additions to the checklist.
 1. Fifth Third Bank, for \$23,818.96 for escrow funding for the purchase of three police cruisers.
 2. Hamilton County Development Company for \$1,836, the monthly fee for economic development service contract. (I think they should start listing things they have done.) I'd like to know how many people are using the CRA also.
 3. Debbie McCarthy for \$31.38 - reimbursement for garland from Michael's.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve Checklist dated 11/28/2006 including the three additions mentioned above. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Evans made a motion to suspend the rules for supplemental appropriations. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Evans made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 22-2006 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RECONCILING THE BUDGET AND AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion.

Ms. Everett: All this is doing is moving the money to one line; the money is in the fund, to pay for the computer equipment.

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

Mr. Evans made a motion to suspend the rules to accept the amounts and rates from the Budget Commission. Mr. Pulkamp seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Evans made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 23-2006 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AMOUNTS AND RATES DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulkamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. Motion Carried.

Solicitor Doug Miller:

- Personnel Practices: Keri had prepared a list and sent it to me and I've been through it. I did not have a chance to make the changes but I did have some questions. Do you want me to come up with something and come back to you for review? The vacation and grievance procedure needs to be reviewed. I also have a question on comp time. You offer it to the police department but not for other employees.

Mr. Kobasuk: Why don't we.

Mayor Hammon: We don't give comp time anymore?

Ms. Everett: No.

Mr. Miller: We didn't offer it to anybody and the police officers, about five or six years ago, they had some particular reason they would like to have it.

Mr. Kobasuk: Why doesn't everybody else have a reason?

Mr. Miller: They lose a lot of time that would be time off because of going to court. Sometime they just want the time so council said okay and there's a cap on the accrual.

Mr. Kobasuk: How do other municipalities handle comp time?

Mr. Miller: They probably pretty much allow it to some point.

Mr. Kobasuk: So we're a little bit behind the curve on that?

Mr. Miller: I don't know that we're behind the curve; nobody's really ever asked for it.

Mayor Hammon: It should be generic across the board.

Mr. Miller: I'll try to get this to you so you can have a chance to look at it before the next council meeting. You don't necessarily have to pass it at the next meeting, but we do need to get it done.

Mr. Pulkamp:

- Center Island: We'd like to do something at the island; Doug Evans has the final plans. There was a question at the last meeting about not proceeding.

Mr. Cosby: I thought we as a board should approve it in a formal manner; that was my point.

Ms. Hueber: Then let's look at it and vote on it.

Mr. Cosby: The way I see it, it's village property and we're following proper steps.

Mr. Pulkamp: Right, would everybody like to look at it so we can move this on?

Mr. Cosby: I'd like to look at it; do we need to vote tonight?

Ms. Hueber: If we're going to start on it, everybody was complaining about it.

Mr. Evans: I have copies for everyone.

Mayor Hammon: A motion to adjourn?

Mr. Pulkamp: So we're not doing anything with the island?

Mayor Hammon: I wouldn't.

Ms. Hueber: So it's going to sit there another two weeks and Doug won't be able to do anything to the island.

Mr. Evans made a motion to adjourn council meeting at 9:08 p.m. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion.