

The November 9, 2005 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 Present: Doug Evans Ken Pulskamp
Tracy Hueber Greg Thomas
Debbie McCarthy

Absent: Mark Kobasuk

Mayor: John Hammon
Assistant to the Mayor: David Krings
Solicitor: Doug Miller
Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett
Police Chief: Daryl Zornes
Lieutenant: Tom Synan

Mayor Hammon: Thank you to everyone who ran for the open Council seats and congratulations to those elected. Our Levy did not pass and this will create a few problems for us. I think we need to ask our Finance Committee to go back and take a look at the books and come back with their recommendations. We will need to come up with a plan and go forward with what we want to do. Greg Kathman is here to answer any questions you may have regarding the CRA. The financial review will be critical in our decision making.

Greg Kathman, HCDC: I presented you all with maps of the area a few weeks ago, the Mayor was not present at that meeting. It was my understanding that you all wanted to talk amongst yourselves and with the Mayor before coming to a conclusion. I can prepare the application if we get some policy direction tonight, if not, I can move onto some other things in the contract. I did want to emphasize that the Village makes the approval on the size of the CRA area. You put in a petition to the State to designate that area. It is possible that if the State thought you were over-reaching on the boundaries or being too aggressive, it is possible they could deny the application. That is usually rare, but possible. The other thing to consider on the CRA's, the school district generally gets 60-65% of property tax dollars. They are the main winners when property values go up and the main loser if you enact some sort of an abatement program. We have to notify the Hamilton County program. My one caution, if you are thinking about enacting it for the whole Village, they may raise some concerns or argue against it either here locally or at the state level which could cause some delay. I wanted to make these points, so that whatever the decision is on the size of the area, it has to be defensible, so we can go to the schoolboard and go to the state and defend it as being truly needed and important for the Village.

Mr. Evans: We all seem to think people in houses should have it and smaller businesses. There are other programs out there for larger businesses, but no other programs out there for the people in the homes.

Mayor Hammon: There are a lot of programs out there and we have to be careful we don't start overlapping. I asked Greg to talk about Tiff's, the Drake Street project looks like it is going to start going forward, not for sure yet, but we talked about TIFing that property to improve Drake Street. I'm assuming if we put a CRA on that, you can't TIF it back.

Mr. Kathman: Whenever you're talking about tax-incentive programs, you are talking about the increment above where it is at now. There is a baseline value now, if it is vacant land, it is what the land is worth. If it is land with a house on it, it's that. If you make some improvement, that increment is what you're talking about. In a CRA area, it would be abated, the homeowner would keep it. Basically you wouldn't collect the increment. In some sort of a TIF, it gets collected and deposited into a special fund that you could use for public improvements on the area. You can't get both, a TIF and abatement. You would have to decide which tool you would want to use.

Mayor Hammon: Without the TIF, this project will probably not go. It will cost significant dollars to improve Drake Street, curb, gutter and walkway. We have to be careful where we draw the boundaries with the CRA. We can't just say put it all over Newtown, because you have Burger Farms that will develop at some point and time.

Mr. Evans: What about the commercial areas, i.e. Meridian and other areas?

Mayor Hammon: They would fall under the Enterprise Zone.

Mr. Kathman: The CRA legislation changed in 1984 and the City of Cincinnati enacted their city-wide TIF under the older law which was a little broader and easier to implement. Since then, they have renewed it a couple of times. The other difference is the City of Cincinnati capped their dollar values at \$239,000, twice the average home value in the city at the time. Basically, if someone built a \$500,000 home in the City of Cincinnati, the first \$230,000 would be abated and the remaining \$270,000 would get taxed at the regular amount. That's how they decided not to, that half a million dollar homes didn't need the full abatement level. That is policy, the decision they made. The abatements would be on improvements. Whatever you are getting now in property taxes wouldn't decrease.

Mayor Hammon: It all comes back to what we can afford to do and what we want to do and look at the financial impact. I don't think it is major, I don't know that many of additions. I think I counted five in River Hills over the last thirty years.

Mr. Evans: This is a tool you are offering to people for them to help themselves. You're not giving them anything. I'm not one to give them something for nothing.

Mr. Kathman: One thing to consider about Tiff's versus CRA's, the CRA you would be offering some abatement for four, five to ten years. Tiff's can go for thirty years abatement for into the TIF district. Taxes would be going into the improvement fund for thirty years.

Mr. Pulskamp: We've used TIF on some very large projects in the Village and it's worked out very well already.

Mayor Hammon: We've got the schoolboard to deal with now.

Mr. Kathman: That is an issue, the change in the state law, the state tax code this summer. The personal property taxes are being phased out basically. Schoolboards are less willing to work with you on incentive programs. Now, it's just on the real estate. That's where they get all of their taxes now. They may be more reluctant to do something like that now, as opposed to a couple of years ago because of their financial situation.

Mr. Evans: I'd like to do something now.

Mr. Kathman: You can apply at anytime. Once I get some direction, I have a few weeks of work to do. I'll have to notify the schoolboard, collect some pictures and do sampling. Then it has to go to the State for approval.

Mayor Hammon: I think it should be done at a Committee meeting to sit down and hash it out instead of taking the time here tonight.

Mr. Evans: Let's do it that way, we'll have it ready by the next Council meeting.

Engineer Bruce Brandstetter:

1) Church and Valley:

- a) A couple of things on the Jurgenson contract. John and I had a meeting with the Park District last Friday. They had originally committed \$70,000 to the project, we reminded them because we delayed the project due to the sewer, they have agreed to contribute the additional \$9,500 or \$9,700. The exact amount is on a change order. They do want the Village to go ahead and send an invoice for the \$70,000. Then, they will issue another purchase order for the remainder of the money so that that is on its way and that will be taken care of. There is a change order to closeout the final construction cost on the project
- b) A few Council meetings ago, I mentioned we had encountered some water service taps that come off the water main on Church Street that the Park District wanted to keep. They have four of them and wanted to keep three in service. Water Works said we had to go out and extend them out beyond edge of the pavement. We had to go back to the water main to Church Street. There is an additional cost with that, but then there are some deducts on some quantities, but the net changeorder being \$5,023. So, I'd just like to get formal approval on that. Basically, that's an increase for the water main, water service taps extended to the main and then the deducts on some quantities.

2) River Hills and SR32: Jurgenson scheduled a mill for the upper breast of River Hills on Friday. They said they would pave Saturday or Monday. That would basically take from where the Sunesis contract left off up there at the top of the hill. You approved that.

3) Wagner Smith: They are also "Control" contractors. If you remember, Sunesis had quoted \$30,000 to put in a controller. Your existing controller is basically what they call a four-phase controller. To get the dedicated left-turn lane from River Hills, you will need to go with an eight-phase controller. We have the eight-phase controller coming in under the O.D.O.T. contract, that they are funding with the interconnect next year. In our conversation with Wager Smith, John had the idea that we could rent it for a year or eighteen months or until the work gets done. He is working up a price to do that. I also told we would give him the traffic counts down here at Church Street. That would be worth your time and money for him to come out and fine-tune the timing. That's probably the biggest complaint I have heard, just fine-tuning the signal timing. With the controller you have down here, he thinks he can get the timing down pretty good to where the SR32/Roundbottom Road would work. I just ask everybody be patient with that and we should have something for you at the next meeting, if not sooner.

4) Meridian's Landscaping: Meridian's landscaping company gave a bid of \$7,800. It's less than the \$10,000 from Sunesis. My thoughts are to go ahead with Meridian's landscaper, The Land and Tree Tending Company. Meridian is happy with them and we can pull this out of Sunesis contract. The landscaping was part of that land swap. They did also submit the price for the sign, we used the sign company who had originally put it up. The bill for the sign is \$4,056, I'll pass that on.

5) Survey Quotes on Alleys: There has been some issues concerning people's property on Car Alley and the other alleys. John asked me to get some quotes for surveying. Preferred came in at \$5,200 (\$2,100 for car alley and \$3,100 for other alleys.) Preferred is great, they do a lot of work for us, MSD and CWW.

Mayor Hammon: I don't think car alley should be done, we haven't had any complaints there. It's the other two we have received complaints on. We need to take some trees down too.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to go with Preferred for the surveying on the alleyways, not to exceed \$3,140.00. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Brandstetter: We talked about this about a year ago, a resident had talked to John about paving View Street. We had done a pavement management study and you all have made a lot of capital improvements in town, most of it is all on the thoroughfares and public roads. The real question becomes, what do you really need to be spending on all of the other village streets; i.e. River Hills, down here or Ivy Hills, some of them are fifteen years old. Paving usually last about fifteen years and curbs about fifteen to twenty-five years. What this allows you to do, Dave Stenger would go out and measure the width, evaluate them where they are now and prioritize. We would put all of the information on a spreadsheet and analyze if you had to bring all of the streets up to speed today this year, what would the cost be? It gives you a total and shows if you are looking at asphalt or concrete. You would take that number and divide by 15 for the asphalt paving, divide by 20-25-30 for the concrete curb and come up with how much you should be

spending. We've done this for Madeira this past year. It not only gives you a total of the cost, but what you could budget every year and prioritize. Then when people call you and ask when you plan to pave Valley/View, etc., you can refer to this program and it may be two to three years. Some of our city clients will work up a three year plan and some work up a five year plan.

Mrs. McCarthy: Bruce, what is the cost to do this study?

Mr. Brandstetter: It's going to be in the \$4,000 to \$5,000 range. It's fairly inexpensive. We're a big believer in crack sealing, you get more bang for your buck. When you take a street that is three-five years old and seal the cracks, it definitely gives more life to the street.

Mayor Hammon: Bruce, talk about neighborhood improvements you have seen in the past by doing this.

Mr. Brandstetter: We did a six-figure study for Montgomery County with the CDBG program about five years ago. We used to get some grant money from them for Newtown. They had us go back and look at non-incorporated area in Montgomery County. They had us compare communities back when the program started at 75, communities that had pave, curb and gutter put in with CDBG funds and neighborhoods that didn't. Then we compared what we call a social condition index, twenty years later. This is much more complicated than what you want to do here, but what it amounted to, the social condition index looked at property values, and percentage of homeowner occupied properties, percentage of two-parent households, percentage of people owning these properties with high school education. Categorically, across the board, we are expected to show that the CDBG money was well spent but it was much more than we thought. If you do get in and pave it, move the drainage, put in some curb and gutter if it doesn't have it or replace it if it looks bad, people tend to take better care of their property after we're done. People tend to rehab their homes, fix up their yards and homes sell quicker. We did a little neighborhood in Plainville in Columbia Township, which was Issue 2 money. You drive through that neighborhood now compared to three years ago before we put that curb, gutter and paving in it and it's a different neighborhood. People are rehabbing their houses. As a Village, paving the streets and doing the curbs is something you want to do. I know funding is always an issue, it does ultimately pay off. It all adds up in improving the community. When we first did the studies that you are looking at in the early to mid eighties for the City of Fort Mitchell, they used that study to justify and help plan how much tax to raise and then present it to the public to do a property tax. There are many values you can get out of a document such as this. If this is something you want to do, we can get Dave on it in December. In January you can all look at it and see where to begin. It's my experience being in the Village for twenty to twenty-five years, you have a lot of streets that will come on board about the same time, wear out about the same time. I think the worst thing you can do, Amelia did it back in the early eighties, they went out and did a bond issue and paved all of their streets at once; fifteen years later they had to do it again. If you can just budget a little bit every year, that would be the way to go.

Mr. Evans: Bruce, I agree with you. If you go to the nicer sections of town, if you keep your own stuff up then people tend to keep their property up too. If you can do this for \$4,000, like you said, I would be inclined to do it. I agree with you, if you bid it early, people are hungry and don't have the work and they low-ball prices. You get a much better deal. At the "Meet-the-Candidates" night, where strategic planning was discussed, well this is one of the first steps to take towards the "big picture."

Mayor Hammon: Give me a firm price.

Mr. Brandstetter: \$4,000.00.

Mrs. McCarthy: You don't think we should wait until we have a Finance Committee meeting to see where we stand.

Mr. Evans: It's going to save us money.

Mr. Evans made a motion to go with Brandstetter and Carroll to perform a pavement study, not to exceed \$4,000.00. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Debbie Blandford, Anderson Township Little League: I am here to give you an update on Moundview Park. Motz Turf Farm partnered with us and we spent \$3,600 and graded the entire infield. They built a berm to catch the water from the hillsides and we also put in sod for the entire infield and for the perimeter where the dirt is going to end and the outfield will start and seeded around that. That's a pretty big investment for a non-profit organization like ourselves. We're pretty proud of our improvements. Anderson Township Little League is very proud of our organization, we're going to be eight years old this spring. We would like to partner with you because fields are very precious. We have sixty-two teams this year and there are just not enough fields to go around. Anything you can do to improve a ball diamond is really important to us. We now have our permit for 2006 and thank you very much for that. We will get our lease payment to you once our 2006 insurance certificate comes through. I have recently visited Short Park and the backstop is installed and the benches are in and the grass seed is down. Looks like it is doing really well. We would like permission to use that field as well in 2006. Again, take on any field improvements that we can do to make it a better ballpark, not only for Newtown but for us as well. I was hopeful to maybe move that along, if that is possible.

Mayor Hammon: Mark has "Recreation" and this should go to his committee.

Mrs. McCarthy: Debbie, you guys did a wonderful job over there. It looks great.

Mayor Hammon: Personally, I think the grass is too young at Short Park to take any abuse.

Mr. Evans: I disagree, that is why they are there. Are there kids from Newtown on your teams?

Mrs. Blandford: Absolutely. All of Newtown is included in our boundaries and it's just a matter of how many children that you have that choose to play with us.

Mr. Evans: We need to get with Mark, he is not here tonight.

Mrs. Blandford: We are very proud of what we have just done at Moundview. It is beautiful and Dave Motz is going to keep an eye on the grass. We don't have to water it just yet, it looks like it is pretty good shape. Dave is going to roll all of the sod and come spring, we might have to add

some more diamond dirt just to get the rough edge from where the grass starts. That by far is going to be one of the best ball diamonds in this area for all of Little League.

Mrs. McCarthy: Debbie, do you have down the times you need Short Park?

Mrs. Blindfold: March 1st – July 31st. In March, we limited the amount of play there due to the grass seed being young, but we did utilize the field. We would do the same at Short Park, we're not here to tear it up. It is in our best interest for it to be a quality field. I personally think this is a very valuable thing we do and anything we have done to the fields we use, we take pride in taking care of them and not tearing them up. We're all volunteers, nobody gets paid for doing anything. They've all been certified through the Anderson Park District in how to maintain a field. We hold our managers, coaches and parent volunteers in check as far as making sure nobody does anything that is detrimental to a field. With sixty-two teams and any amount of rain, it's a huge deal to lose games and then try to make them up, especially if we have a rainy spring. To get Short Park would give me seven days with opportunities to have seven teams to fourteen teams to get practices and have games on Saturdays. That's huge when you have sixty-two teams. Anything we could do to partner with you. You've seeded the entire area at Short Park, so some of the seed would have to be killed to be turned into base pads and that sort of thing. We're happy to do that.

Mrs. McCarthy: Debbie, we'll go to the Parks committee and we'll get back with you.

Mayor Hammon: I need to add one thing, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources just sent us a letter asking us about the parks. I'm not so sure that we're allowed to lease the park to you. We need to check into that before we make any agreements and that includes Moundview Park. Their letter very explicitly asked, if we leased any part of the play field out. We do have to investigate that with them.

Mr. Evans: John, I'm going to disagree with you.

Mayor Hammon: Doug, I'm just telling you. I filled the application out, I sent certification out to them and it very explicitly asks what is leased on long-term basis?

Mr. Evans: These parks are for these residents and these kids. The more you can help and this organization is offering to help take care of it, more or less for free.

Mayor Hammon: You are forgetting that the fact that the park was built with O.D.N.R. money.

Ms. Hueber: The new park, at Short Park was designed for three uses and when you lease out the ball diamond, you are getting rid of the soccer field. We discussed that these fields should be left open for open-use to all of the kids for free, not an organization. If you' lease this out from March through August, you are also cutting out the soccer field. If you have kids using the field seven days a week, then you are limiting the functional use of the soccer fields.

Mrs. Blindfold: If I can interrupt, the Little League's usage is not during the business day. Our coaches are mostly workers, we do not start practice before 5:00 p.m. We are not using the ball diamond, except for on Saturdays, prior to 5:00 p.m. Our practice times run from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Games are always from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. weeknights. We rarely have games on Sundays, we reserve Sundays for make-up games.

Ms. Hueber: I think we are all in agreement, we want to use the fields for children.

Mr. Evans: We want the kids to be able to use it, we need to talk to Mark.

Mayor Hammon: This needs to go to committee, we need to talk to Ohio Department of Natural Resources to make sure.

Mrs. Blindfold: It took a lot for me to sell to spend this kind of money on Moundview and the selling point for my Board, because we are a non-profit organization was that we had the permit for 2006. We were hopeful that this would be us making a proposal and following through and in turn, it would not just be a one-year deal. We could every year come back and pretty much go through the formalities but assume because we have invested in this park.

Ms. Hueber: We have not argued with that and we have always leased that same field to you. But, we have questions and Mark is the chairman of the committee. Now that we have re-done some of this at Short Park, it is a matter if we want to lease out all of our stuff or do we want to keep one area just for open-use.

Mrs. Blindfold: Truthfully, we are only looking for baseball season. It is not a year-round thing, other than to hopefully in the off-season to do any maintenance that would improve it even more. I don't think that is anything different than what we currently have at Moundview.

Mayor Hammon: I am going to draw an end to this, it is Mark's committee and he will be in touch with you.

Assistant to the Mayor, David Krings:

- 1) **Court Clerk/Police Clerk and Clerical Positions:** I have completed the first draft, the task force report that the Mayor commissioned. We had some technical problems, i.e. I emailed it to Tracy and it did not get to her so I need to catch that up. Assuming that there is general consensus amongst the committee, I will have that report ready probably next week.
- 2) **Healthplan:** I prepared several spreadsheets for Ken and others. We also met with the affected employees and showed them the plans we had firm numbers on, except for one of the county plans. The employees expressed they were pleased that we were consulting with them. It was expressed that in the past, in regard to health insurance, decisions were made were without the input of the employees. Secondly, the plan that I was focusing on was not the top of the line plan from the Center for Local Government, it was the middle one. A number of employees expressed they would prefer the top of the line plan from the Center for Local Government. They also expressed a willingness to make some contribution towards that plan. I asked them to take a look specifically at how they would be affected with regard to their doctors and any particular disabilities they might have. I will get them answers as to how the particular plans meet their individual situations. I told them to feel free to call me and none have called. I take that as an indication that between the person that came from the Center for Local Government to explain the plans that they offer and the discussions that we had before, during and after the employee meeting, that their questions were answered. The

offer is still open if any more questions come up. At this point, we are starting to get down to the real decision making. As many insurance agents as there are, there is probably ten additional options. I have reviewed some of those options and forwarded them over to Ken in anticipation of a committee meeting. If more options come, I'll be happy to review those as well. At this point though, I think we really need to get down to some decision making. Ken, do you want to discuss anything?

Mr. Pulskamp: I am going to call a meeting for next week. I'll plan it with you, Mayor and any employees that would like to be there.

Mr. Krings: Again, the employees didn't agree with everything we presented, but they appreciated the fact that we were presenting it. I think your suggestion to have an open meeting was good.

Mr. Pulskamp: It's something we have been talking about for two-three years. The cost of insurance is just going up and up and it's getting to the point where this village just can not pay 100% of it anymore. We are going to have to change our plans and it may be time to enact something. The employees are going to have to be a part of it or the plan is going to have to change.

Mr. Krings: One factor that I did mention to all of you is when I was doing the research on some of these other options, I spoke to the firm that supplies the plan to the salesman who in turn supplies it to us. They said for budgeting purposes that we would have stayed with the current plan, United Healthcare that we would be looking at a twenty- percent increase in March for the renewal. Even the highest level plan for the Center for Local Government is still less than what we are currently paying.

Ms. Hueber: How many cities pay 100% anymore? I was wondering about Mariemont or Terrace Park.

Lieutenant Synan: Mariemont and Terrace Park do, Fairfax is about \$20.00 per pay check. Madeira has a reimbursement plan.

Mayor Hammon: I think there is a happy medium between the employees and the village. We need to seek out where that medium is, between the programs and all we have talked about.

Mr. Krings: I told Lieutenant Synan that we would be looking for other options and we have. We may not end up with the perfect solution but we'll come up with a better solution.

Lieutenant Synan: It was very nice to have us included. I cannot speak for everyone, some were not happy with the comment, but we do understand we have to take some portion of this. However, we also feel we did not get a raise this year, we gave it up for a reason and don't mind taking a little bit of a hit. We are at a point where we cannot take too much of a hit. We do not mind paying some.

Mayor Hammon: This will go to the committee.

Mrs. McCarthy: Dave, going back to the Clerk of Courts, you said you have come up with the first draft. How many drafts are you going to do?

Mr. Krings: It depends on the response I get from the other committee members. I thought I was going to be ready to possibly hand it out tonight. Tracy never received the copy of the draft I prepared. So far, I have heard back from the Chief of Police and he is fine with it as it is drafted. I expect in the coming days to be hearing back from Tracy and Keri. If they are okay with the way it is written, then it will be ready very quickly. If not, we will have to get together for discussion.

Solicitor Doug Miller: Now that the study is completed on the health insurance, I was wondering if we have done any comprehensive reviews on vehicle coverage, building and liability, etc. I know when I started eighteen years ago, they had just done a very comprehensive study so if not, we need to review these and see if we could get the cost down there too.

Ms. Everett: Every year when the liability insurance comes up for renewal, Daryl, Charlie and I sit down and review their section of the insurance. A few weeks ago someone with another insurance company came in and is planning to address council sometime next month.

Mayor Hammon: Mike Hanson called regarding the Drake Street development. He wants to know if we will at least look into a TIF for improving Drake Street. He wants to make sure that council is still buying into the idea of improving Drake Street. How does council feel about this?

Mr. Miller: I'm not sure we are going to be able to do it, I think the residential Tiff's may expire at the end of the year.

Mayor Hammon: Let's hurry up and do it.

Mr. Miller: You don't have time to give notice to the schoolboard. You need to give them forty-five days. It may not be a problem but I thought I heard somebody say that.

Councilmember Tracy Hueber: I know in Ivy Hills, there is no speed limit signs, but what about "no outlet" signs? Someone has asked me about the "no outlet" signs?

Mayor Hammon: I think "no outlet" streets are all private.

Ms. Hueber: I'm talking about when you go to the top of the hill and take a right. I just didn't know and I have to get back to somebody.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp: I'd like to call a Human Resource committee meeting for Monday at 6:30 p.m. Doug, Tracy and David, can you make it? We could make it a working session to discuss health insurance, the CRA and discuss finance.

Mayor Hammon: If David gets the information to us, we can also discuss personnel.

Councilmember Doug Evans:

- 1) **Island at Roundbottom and SR32:** Jerry Pfizer has prepared several different design drawings for the island area at SR32 and Roundbottom Road. He has done work for us before at no charge. The concept here is for people to be protected inside this area where they could sit down and have lunch. This would have small walls, 18-20 inches around

where people could sit and eat ice cream like at Mariemont. He has included a water feature with natural boulders and walkways with shrubs. You could have a "Village of Newtown" sign inside here. He has a few trees that would not block the view. This is the first step towards revitalizing this area with landscaping. The money issue did come up and I told him I was going to talk with Bill Motto because he was the one that came up with the water feature idea. I just want to see if he would be willing to help us with something like this. I like the idea of having lower growing trees, just to say no trees would not look right. It would be nice having a few pines and we could put lights on them. I wouldn't suggest any big wide trees.

Mayor Hammon: The concern of the businesses here is to make sure trees would not block their signs. Doug, we also talked about restricting the amount of water that would sit in the fountain area, we don't want to make it a bathtub for people.

Ms. Hueber: Why don't we call Paul Frede and have him come down and take a look at the designs, since he is the owner of most of these businesses.

Mr. Evans: You can make this look pretty nice and have green grass.

Ms. Hueber: Maybe Motz would donate fake grass for that and would be green year round and we would never have to mow it.

Mrs. McCarthy: Doug, do you have any idea how much this would cost?

Mr. Evans: The only thing I have looked at as far as cost is if we get a couple of people donate some trees. John has a 30' pine, a Norway Spruce that we have discussed taking out and I will have my people move it. The cost could be anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Mayor Hammon: It has a beautiful shape, that is the reason why I offered it.

Ms. Hueber: You could get a lot of people donate if we really ask.

Mr. Evans: If we get a committee together and maybe Bill Motto will help us a little and go to Pave Stone and see if they could donate the bricks.

Mr. Pulskamp: We did the Bicentennial Park in a day and a half with less than \$5,000 to the village. Zicka donated the gazebo, Doug donated all the labor. I brought the entire crew down from the store and planted everything. This could become a community business project. Right now I don't think we need to discuss the money, I think it needs to be the concept and get it approved.

Ms. Everett: We already have \$25,000.

Mrs. McCarthy: That would be great.

Mayor Hammon: We have talked about having the names of the mayors and their terms served engraved in the walkway. That is probably the one thing that is not done around town honoring the mayors.

2) **Checklist:** Does anyone have any questions on the checklist-dated 11/9/2005? Is that prepayment for salt for this year, right?

Ms. Everett: No that is for last year.

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 21-2005 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND RECONCILING THE BUDGET AND AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005 DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Thomas-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Hammon: Tracy footed the bill for the employee luncheon and needs to add the total to the checklist. I have her receipts for Sam's and Montgomery Inn.

Ms. Hueber: For \$161.21 to Tracy Hueber, I paid for it all.

Mr. Evans made a motion to accept the checklist dated 11/9/2005 for \$87,229.28 with the addition of a check to Tracy Hueber for \$161.21. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber and Mr. Evans abstained. Mr. Thomas-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Greg Thomas: I do not have anything report.

Councilmember Debbie McCarthy:

1) **Church Parking Lot:** Did we renew the contract for the church parking lot yet?

Mayor Hammon: Not yet. Someone needs to take charge and do a month-to-month. Who would like to deal with the church and negotiate a contract? The contract states we can go month-to-month and we need to go forward. They will have a trustee's meeting in the next week to ten days so we need someone to make contact with them. I have talked to Rev. Fletcher about it and they are willing to do it, we just need to talk to them.

Mrs. McCarthy: For the same amount?

Mayor Hammon: I have not negotiated anything, I have just talked with him and someone needs to get with them.

Mr. Evans: Debbie, you want to do it?

Mayor Hammon: I'll take it. I just spent about an hour with him Tuesday.

2) **Gazebo Repairs:** Mark and I discussed with Tri-Star Contractors for Council to go ahead and approve for Tri-Star to do the work at the gazebo, for \$1,650.00. You all have copies. Charlie apparently had given Mark a note stating that funds for restoring the gazebo could come out of the Village Beautification line, instead of the Park Maintenance line.

Mr. Pulskamp: I do not agree with that.

Ms. Hueber: Why? We have done stuff in the past from the Village Beautification line.

Mr. Pulskamp: This is more maintenance, instead of long-term improvement. It is not like we are building something new.

Ms. Everett: Well, we have one in the General Fund, a Village Beautification for that purpose.

Mr. Pulskamp: I do not think that painting the ceiling or cleaning something is something that the Village Beautification fund was set up for.

Ms. Hueber: We are at the end of the year, how much is left in the regular line?

Ms. Everett: I don't think we have enough money in the Parks line, I know the Park is running very low. I will tell you that we did get income that we did not expect from renting the soccer out. I would have to see if we can up the appropriation in the Maintenance line with that money.

Ms. Hueber: We can go ahead and approve the amount, not to exceed.

Ms. Everett: I agree with Ken that it is not a permanent thing and that is what the capital improvement is for. Once we put it in the General Fund, it's purpose was like for buying our flags that we wanted to hang up and I think we have been taking the flowers and stuff out the Beautification.

Mayor Hammon: I think winter is starting to set in if we are going to do this. Actually, this has come to the table about two and a half months after Charlie approached me about it.

Ms. Hueber: We don't have to say where it is going to come from right now, we just have to make a motion to approve it and then you can figure out where you are going to get it from. By the time it is done, you'll have it figured out. They will have to schedule it. Don't you think?

Ms. Everett: Yes, but before the work gets done. You have to be in agreeance on a P.O. where that money is coming from. If you want me to do a phone call to everybody before they actually do the work, I can do that if you don't want to wait the two weeks.

Mayor Hammon: If we can take it out of Beautification, I think they need to just get it done.

Ms. Everett: We can either take it out of the Beautification line or the Contingency line. You can give me time to see how much soccer has brought in so we can increase the appropriation in the Park fund.

Mrs. McCarthy: What do we have in the Beautification line?

Ms. Everett: \$10,000.00, but I am not sure how much of that is left. I do not have that information with me.

Mr. Pulskamp: I think we need to take it out of Contingency line.

Ms. Everett: What would your preference be? Contingency out of the Maintenance and General Fund, the Village Beautification out of General Fund or how much money we have in the Park fund and using that soccer money? Those are the options.

Ms. Hueber: I say Maintenance.

Mrs. McCarthy made a motion for Charlie Siegel to go ahead and employ Tri-Star Contractors for Gazebo repairs at the Village firehouse for the amount not to exceed \$1,650.00. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ms. Everett: Tell Charlie he needs to talk to me first.

3) **Lights and Outlets at Gazebo:** The lights and outlets at the Gazebo do not work and we would like to get an estimate to get these working.

Mayor Hammon: Give it to Greg and go get an estimate.

4) **Gift Certificates for Employees:** I also thought like at Christmas time, maybe you guys want to think about getting a gift certificate for the employees, possibly from Honey Baked Ham for everyone.

Ms. Hueber: Instead of having a Christmas party?

Mrs. McCarthy: Yes.

Ms. Hueber: If we don't have a party, we probably shouldn't get anything.

Mr. Thomas: I like the party that is what businesses do.

Ms. Hueber: It's just that certain people don't always like to come, so they just don't come.

Ms. McCarthy: It's just an idea that's all.

Mayor Hammon: Who wants to take charge of the "Holiday" committee? Keri has too much.

Ms. Hueber: There you go, Becky will do it.

Mr. Pulskamp: Becky said she would do it. She's done great with other things. Becky, I will help you do it.

5) **Council Minutes:** I believe we have quite a few minutes that have not been approved.

6) **New Blinds for Town Hall:** Can we give Charlie the go ahead to replace these mini blinds, they are bent and need to be replaced.

Ms. Hueber: Yes. We shouldn't have those aluminum ones anyway.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to approve minutes for March 21, 2005, April 12, 2005, July 12 and 26, 2005 and August 9, 2005. Mrs. McCarthy seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 22-2005 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO A CONTRACT WITH JOHN R. JURGENSEN COMPANY, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Thomas-Yes, and Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adopt the Third Reading ORDINANCE 34-2005 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING HUNTING ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN. Mr. Evans seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mr. Pulskamp: There are a lot of people in Ivy Hills that are not real happy with this ordinance because of the damage being done to property.

Ms. Hueber: Doug, can we select a certain time and notify everybody and have an "open" hunting with a bow.

Mr. Miller: It would be better to get the Park District to go in and call the herd or the police officers than just to say, "anybody show up Saturday and hunt away."

Ms. Hueber: I don't know how Indian Hill does it.

Mr. Miller: When we originally started discussing this, I had mentioned, this came from the city of Montgomery who has a cemetery up there and they require a special permit that is controlled. It's not just anybody can hunt on a Saturday.

Mayor Hammon: Just pass the ordinance.

Ms. Hueber: We already did.

Mayor Hammon: No we need roll call.

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

Mr. Thomas made a motion to have a Second Reading on AN ORDINANCE REGULATING DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion.

Mayor Hammon adjourned meeting at 9:35 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. Roll Call for Executive Session: Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Thomas-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes.

Mayor Hammon called meeting back in session at 9:42 p.m. No action to be taken as a result of Executive Session.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to adjourn meeting. Mrs. McCarthy seconded the motion.