

The October 11, 2005 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Mayor Tracy Hueber, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Absent: Mayor John Hammon
Councilmember Greg Thomas
Fiscal Officer Keri Everett

Assistant to the Mayor: David Krings
Solicitor: Doug Miller
Fiscal Officer: Absent
Police Chief: Daryl Zornes
Lieutenant: Tom Synan

Vice Mayor Hueber opened the meeting to the residents.

Resident Paul Frede: Now that the intersection is completed, I am here to see when the Village will put a piece of property up for bid. The reason is, when I went to expand the Quick Lube and saw the Building Inspector; he said it wasn't big enough to do what I wanted to do that I needed more land. When the Village took some of Meridian's property, that made the corner bigger, more pie-shaped by my drive there. I had talked to John and some other people about it and they said I couldn't buy it directly, that it has to go out for bid. I want to know will I be pre-warned before it goes out to bid so I could put a bid in on the property. I'm just looking for some advice here.

Mr. Pulskamp: Are you talking about the property with the catch basin in the center there?

Mr. Frede: Right, where the fire plug is.

Mr. Pulskamp: What would you do with that?

Mr. Frede: I don't need it, I can't do anything with it. It just makes the foot print bigger, that's what it needs. I need an extra piece of land to add one more bay. I could add one more bay the way it is, we want to add two more bays on it. That extra piece of property makes a difference according to Mike Cornette. I would need that for the foot print of the land. I don't need it for any other reason, other than the fact I could expand the property.

Mr. Evans: Would you be willing if we maybe did something if we figure a way that we could give it to you so it could never be concreted up and you maintain it. We could maybe deed it over some way.

Mr. Frede: I would have no intention of parking cars on it, if that is what you're concerned with.

Mr. Pulskamp: Council has discussed that area be landscaped with a possible "River Hills" sign put up there. This is the first that I have heard that you're actually interested in buying the property because we have actually talked about landscaping that.

Mr. Frede: I have talked about it for a long time and I have talked to Mike Cornette, but I couldn't do anything until the intersection was finished. Somebody came in the shop with what they had heard and they told John this, that Meridian Diagnostic had heard it would be up for bid and they wanted to buy it and put cars on it. I heard about it and I went to Bill Motto and asked what was going on and he said Jack Kraeutler, President said he was just kidding with him and wanted to shake it up a little bit and said they wanted to apply for a parking lot. Then John said, well we're not going to sell. That's why I'm here a head of time to say that was a joke. In case John says anything, that is what happened.

Ms. Hueber: For the benefit of him bettering his corner, we need to sell it to him. At the same time, we wanted to put a sign. In the fact that you buy it, I think what they are saying that you wouldn't mind us putting a "Village" sign there.

Mr. Frede: You can also stipulate if you wanted to "NO PARKING," actually you couldn't park there anyway near the intersection. For one thing, there is a sidewalk in the front, on the side and then you have the apron for the driveway. So, the little piece of land there is in the grass and actually has a drainage ditch in it and also has a fire plug. Basically, it's not usable. All I need it for is for the foot print for the land to expand.

Mr. Evans: What does Bruce say about that? He's in the audience.

Mr. Brandstetter: The suggestion might be instead of transferring the land, the setback is because of the edge of the existing pavement. The pavement has been moved to the west, you can go to the BZA and submit a variance request for reduced setback for the existing driveway line and justify it by the fact that the edge of pavement has been moved 40 feet. That way, you don't have the hassle of transferring land. You still own control and you have a very viable business that can continue to grow in the Village of Newtown.

Mr. Evans: Then we would require an Engineer to recommend that?

Mr. Brandstetter: If we were asked to review the document we would give our appropriate comments.

Mr. Frede: That's a better idea, I don't need it for the parking. That would be an easy way to do it.

Ms. Hueber: That's an excellent idea. Then I think you could go with Mike and do an application to go to Board of Zoning and Appeals. If you guys work that out, then it would be where we didn't have to put it out to bid.

Mr. Frede: I would have to have it taken care of before I go back, because by the time you get an architect, they are very costly. If I can't do it right away, except the fact that I have the actual okay from the Village to expand.

Ms. Hueber: That's what I mean, go to Mike first to apply for BZA. Then if approved, then you are ready. I don't think anybody here has a problem with it so I don't see any reason BZA would.

Mr. Evans: You don't want to put it up for bid and have somebody sneak in and get it from you.

Mr. Frede: That's true. There are people who buy small pieces of land just to have them. You could have your sign and I could have my foot print.

Ms. Hueber: You wouldn't have a foot print, you'd just get your approval. Just have Mike fill out what ever you need to go for that and tell him per Bruce that this is what was discussed and we didn't seem to have issues with that.

Mr. Frede: I'll go to Mike then. Thank you.

Resident Sara Knepfle: I have a question about the E-Check building. Is there an opportunity for the Village of Newtown to obtain that building?

Ms. Hueber: That is true, E-Check is supposedly going out of business January 1st.

Mrs. Knepfle: What are the chances setting aside a room for the senior citizens to come and play cards and dominos and such?

Ms. Hueber: The building has been looked at and we would like to have everything on one ground. We've discussed an area for seniors, an area for flood, fire department and police department.

Mrs. Knepfle: I'd like that, especially with the gas prices going up. It would be nice for seniors to not have to leave the village to go to a senior center.

Ms. Hueber: It is being considered.

Mrs. Knepfle: Also, why is there no left turn signal to go back up River Hills when you come from Eastgate and when are they going to re-pave River Hills?

Ms. Hueber: That's the next thing so we're ready for you. Thank you.

Webmaster Sue Veldkamp: The website is up. It was extremely more difficult than we had anticipated, just from the previous company kind of giving us a stall tactic. The site was down for three to four days. We had to overnite them a check, they would not okay the transfer until they received the check for more money. Effective today, the Village owns the site and everything is up. The only thing I would ask if you would take a minute and pass this around. I need email addresses for those of you that want email contact from the website and I can make that happen. If you decide you do not want email, just cross it off.

Mr. Pulskamp: Can you make that invisible?

Ms. Veldkamp: If you want the Village of Newtown domain to be used, I will contact you and show you how to set that up. If you want to use a Yahoo or a Hotmail or something like that, then yes we can hide it.

Mr. Pulskamp: Last time, it was Village of Newtown, but it actually got sent to my email at home.

Ms. Veldkamp: We can do the same thing but keep in mind when you reply to someone, you are revealing your address. Where as the Village of Newtown one, you could reply using that same one and keep your other one private. I encourage everyone to tour the new site, you can choose to "take tour" or just go to the site. Thank you.

Engineer Bruce Brandstetter: I'll answer this lady's question by asking you Water Works came in and replaced the water main part of it on SR32 and then all the way up River Hills Drive. The pavement is not in that great of shape now that they have done all that. What's there was going to be temporary repairs, but a more permanent repair or Water Works would put some money in escrow. Given the condition of the pavement, I thought it would be best to go ahead and mill it and pave it. We have prices from both Sunesis and Jurgensen. Sunesis was about \$45,000 and Jurgensen was about \$24,850. I recommend you go with Jurgensen for the \$24,850. Water Works has agreed to share it at a 70:30 ratio, they would pay 70%. Given the age condition of the pavement, that seems to be fair. Those results in their contribution of \$17,400, \$7,455 for the Village's share, seems fair. The biggest problem is getting the milling done. They have a milling machine coming to Anderson Township the next couple of weeks. They will mill it and pave it and be done with it. You probably have to do this by emergency.

Mr. Pulskamp: We have the Resolution. Bruce, does that come with the thermo striping, I know Sunesis does. That's all we've ever had on that street.

Mr. Brandstetter: No, it does not. That is regular paint, if we add thermo it would probably be another \$1,000 which might get us in an area we don't want to be.

Mr. Pulskamp: I don't see a need for the thermo.

Mr. Brandstetter: Quite frankly with the weather and time of year if we don't approve this tonight, it probably will not happen this year. I think one of the citizens here mentioned how important it is to get this paved.

Mr. Pulskamp: I'm sure Charlie wants it done before the snow comes too.

Mr. Brandstetter: The other question was on a left-turn arrow. I think last time I was here, the controller does not have the capacity to add an additional phase. We are looking at some alternatives to do that and some pricing. We were going to put a new controller in under the O.D.O.T. work which is going to take place next year, so we're kind of looking at what that is going to cost. Quite frankly, I am trying to get an idea from Sunesis what their budget is right now and where we are with the project and should have a recommendation for you at the next meeting.

Ms. Hueber: Bruce needs to leave early, let's go ahead and pass this and if somebody wants to read it then he can move on.

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

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 19-2005 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR A PAVING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, DISPENSING

WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes, Ms. Hueber-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Resident Darwin Brooks: Thank you Tracy for your effort in the Crull subdivision for the blacktopping of the alleyways. It's a start getting the parking off of the city right-of-way.

Greg Kathman, Hamilton County Development Company: I have some handouts this evening for you. The Mayor asked me to come tonight and update you on what we've been working on since our contract started a month and a-half ago. I want to get your advice and input on the CRA and I would like some direction on policy questions.

1) **CRA:** We have been talking with the Mayor and we have made some recommendations. The areas of blue on the map (handout) show what he would like the boundaries of the CRA to be and I would like your input on that. Just as a reminder, the CRA you have a potential to abate improvements and taxes on improvements to residential and commercial property. On residential property, you can do it for room additions or repairs. On commercial property, you can use it for expansions and renovations of commercial buildings. There are some different ways you can construct the deal. In talking with the Mayor, those are the areas he wanted included. He wanted most of the older housing, everything west of Church Street, he also wanted along Church down to the South. He also wanted the River Hills subdivision included and out the north side of Roundbottom, with the exclusion of some of the industrial areas along that area. Then the newer housing south of SR32, he wanted not included because he didn't those areas needed abatement. Again, that is just his opinion and we put it on a map and I'm curious of that lines up with the rest of Council and what they would like.

Mr. Evans: Will you explain what CRA stands for, for the audience here tonight.

Mr. Kathman: CRA stands for "Community Reinvestment Area." That is a designation under the Ohio Revised Code that allows municipalities, like the Village here to offer tax abatements on improvements to property. Say if your house is worth \$100,000.00 now and you build an addition or make a big repair, the County Auditors will come out and revalue that property. Your taxes may put a new value at \$150,000.00. That new increment of \$50,000.00, if the Village sets up this program, you can negate the tax abatement on that increment. It's a way to encourage reinvestment in communities either new construction or reinvestment and existing facilities.

Mr. Pulskamp: Is that only for existing properties?

Ms. Hueber: It's for new development too, isn't it?

Mr. Kathman: It can be for either and that's one of the questions I have is whether to include it on new or on renovation of existing.

Ms. Hueber: For instance somebody goes and develops some vacant land right now and puts \$200,000 houses on them like what we're doing down here. That abatement could be 50% of their \$200,000, so they would only pay taxes on \$100,000?

Mr. Kathman: For residential, you could go up to 100% abatement. It's up to you. For commercial, it is capped at 50% unless you negotiate something with the state of Ohio.

Mr. Evans: Why wouldn't you use the whole thing? If we were going to do half of it now, what would be negative of not doing the whole thing?

Mr. Kathman: Two things. One is you don't want to give away taxes if you don't need to. Like in Ivy Hills or some of the other areas where development is already happening and will probably continue to develop. You don't need to encourage it. This program is meant to induce investment that otherwise would not occur. If it is already occurring, you can argue that it is not needed. For the industrial areas, specifically on SR32 and some of those areas, most of these areas are already overlapped by the enterprise zone tax incentive program which is a program our office, Hamilton County Development Company administers already. Industrial and manufacturing companies are ready and eligible to apply for those abatements. There is a process in place that we go through at the county level. It could be seen as duplicative and I think that is what the Mayor's opinion was, why put two incentive programs in the same place. Usually the CRA's are meant for residential and commercial like retail and office type commercial not really for industrial. It can be but if it overlaps the enterprise zone, there is no real value of having them both there.

Ms. Hueber: When would this go into effect? Have we decided?

Mr. Kathman: Once I get the direction from you on these policy questions and other things, then we'll go back and finish our application. Then we will have an ordinance for the Council to enact, then we have to notify the schoolboard and we have to put some notices in the paper. Once that is all done, we send the notice up to the state and they would review it and let us know that we can start it. Realistically, you could start it on January 1st if you wanted.

Mr. Evans: If people have an option to move to Indian Hill or fix up what they have and add on with a little bit of benefits somewhere. It might encourage them to stay here. That's one tool I think we could use to maybe get people to stay and also clean up their places. You're not giving people a break on their existing, you're just helping them spur for investment for the future.

Resident Curt Cosby: Residentially, wouldn't you offer it to all residents? Why would you discriminate?

Mr. Evans: That's the way I look at it. It would be hard for me not to go against John, but say, "hey John, how come where you are living gets it and where I'm living is not?"

Ms. Hueber: You're right, no matter what we have the tax base already collected. I think it should be fair to all residents.

Mr. Pulskamp: We're not lowering our tax base.

Mr. Kathman: This is the Mayor's opinion. We have presented numerous options. The entire city of Cincinnati is in a CRA area for residential. They cap it at a certain level, I think it's about \$230,000.

Ms. Hueber: So really there is no real disadvantage of us having the entire village commercial or not, our whole boundaries put into this?

Mr. Kathman: The only disadvantage would be if it is not inducing new investment and you're giving away taxes that you would have collected otherwise. But you're not giving away what you're currently collecting, but what you would collect in the future.

Mr. Evans: But your past statement said if it is commercial, they have to come here to Council in order to ask for it. If Meridian was interested, they would have to come here and ask for it? But a homeowner would not?

Mr. Kathman: Correct. They would just have to save their receipts and save their building permit.

Mr. Pulskamp: Do we have a stair-step abatement for residential? I think minimum should be \$5,000, if not \$10,000.

Mr. Kathman: You can do that, the state minimum is \$2,500.

Ms. Hueber: Do you think we should have a working session to work through this?

Mr. Evans: We can go over things now, but I would like to hear John's input and we might as well be fair to everybody.

Ms. Hueber: At the next meeting, we can talk with John and work on this.

Mr. Kobasuk: What do you need from us tonight?

Mr. Kathman: I don't necessarily need it tonight. The next step in the process is we have to go out and develop pictures and develop the database that shows this area needs some improvement. I've already started on that on some of the more obvious areas that are going to be included. Once we have decided on the whole Village, or whatever the boundaries are, we'll have to do a property survey of the entire area. Once that is done we have to notify the schoolboard. The Forrest Hills schoolboard and they get fourteen days notice under the law before any action could be taken.

Ms. Hueber: So what you need right now to get started is for us to decide the survey, the boundary survey. Then you could do all of this while we work on these other things.

Mr. Kathman: Yes. That is probably the first step, the boundary. If Council is not ready to decide tonight and you could do a working session, that is fine.

Mrs. McCarthy: No, we should wait.

Ms. Hueber: I think the Village shouldn't discriminate.

Mrs. McCarthy: Right.

Mr. Pulskamp: I agree with Doug.

Mr. Kobasuk: I agree we should not discriminate. I want to hear from John to see what his rationale is.

Ms. Hueber: I guess it is best we talk with John.

Mr. Kathman: If you want to schedule a working session, I'll be happy to come out.

Mr. Evans: Why don't we talk before the next Council meeting, amongst ourselves.

Ms. Hueber: Okay, I don't think we're prepared for the answer then tonight.

Mr. Kathman: That is fine, it is discussion we need to have so I understand.

Mr. Evans: What other things would you like to see us work on by next Council meeting?

Mr. Kathman: The other important questions are the terms. It sounds like there was kind of a consensus to include both residential and commercial. The terms if you wanted to go with some kind of graduated scale or if you just wanted to set 50%, 75% or 100% level for residential. That would be something to think about as well. The big questions are the boundaries and the terms.

Mr. Evans: Couldn't you maybe give us two other places you have done this for and show us how they did theirs, just to give us a little more background. We're kind of learning as we go.

Mr. Kathman: Most of the ones we have done have been in Townships up until now. Under state law, municipalities do it themselves. The county does it for townships so we have done it in townships. They've usually been very small areas, we've never done one as large as this whole Village before. This would be a little new for us. Most of them just offer a 50% on commercial and 100% on the residential typically.

Ms. Hueber: For how many years?

Mr. Kathman: They usually go up to the state maximum which is ten, twelve to fifteen years. That is probably the simplest way.

Mr. Kobasuk: That is the way the city of Cincinnati did their entire area?

Mr. Kathman: The entire city of Cincinnati is a residential CRA area. Any new construction in the city, any remodeling anywhere in the city can get tax abatement. It is a major selling tool for them.

Ms. Hueber: When did Cincinnati take this over?

Mr. Kathman: They implemented their program back in the 80's I guess. That's the main thing we have been working on. We've been doing some other work, talking with a number of folks here around town and doing some other information. We'll have more to report in the future but this is the main thing we've been working on so far. I appreciate your time.

Resident Joan Waits: 7133 Monongahela.

- 1) **Property Maintenance:** Tom has come through on everything we have asked of him in this two year period. He has done more than he should have done and I want to say, "thank you" for that.
- 2) **Parcel on Monongahela:** At the last meeting, on that parcel on Monongahela, we said there would be "No Hunting" on that. Can that be posted in some way because you know who I'm talking about, he is going to be up there hunting.

Mr. Pulskamp: We have an ordinance we are going to pass tonight. I know, I'm going to as Doug what we're going to have to do next, so we're legal.

Mrs. Waits: Doug, can they put a sign up there in some manner so he won't go up there? He is up there because he is up there every year. There are too many children.

Mr. Miller: No you need to post it. If there is a specific person, somebody can call him and say, "bye the way, there is no hunting."

Mrs. Waits: I just wanted to thank Tom.

Lt. Synan: You're welcome. There are a lot of things that will be happening.

Street Commissioner Charlie Siegel:

- 1) **Kokosing:** Kokosing has come through here at Short Park, Service Building lot and put down a sewer pipe. It appears they are completed with the restoration except for the contracted part that they contracted out which was the pathway that Rack Seven is doing. Rack Seven initially put the pathway back; however, after final grade there are some low spots in it. They have been instructed by Kokosing to get back out there and correct that and that is supposed to take place this week. I talked with Terry Hindershot who is the main supervisor over the job and he assured me they will be out there. Also, they have gone ahead and given us a \$3,000 check for tree allotment and we will be getting some trees planted I'm sure come spring.
- 2) **Truck Purchase:** The new truck Council allowed me to purchase is due in next week.
- 3) **Leaves:** Leaves have begun to fall and we are ready for pickup.
- 4) **Punchlist Meeting:** Dave Stenger with Brandstetter and Carroll has scheduled a punchlist meeting on the intersection of Valley and Church at 9:00 a.m. Thursday to go over some small details that need to be corrected. At 10:00 a.m. the same morning, we're going to meet at Roundbottom and SR32 and start a punchlist there on some of the things that needs to be corrected.
- 5) **Recycling Program:** We have made a big improvement. To this date, I personally have delivered 97 recycling bins to our residents. Since January 1st to June 1st, we have accumulated 19.9 tons of additional recycling material. It's a big plus for the Village, a plus for the environment. We owe it all to our residents.
- 6) **Committee Meeting:** I need to have a committee meeting, we haven't had them as frequently as we should. I talked to Greg, even though he couldn't be here tonight and he suggested that we have it next week. Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., October 18th you and I can meet.

Mrs. McCarthy: Charlie, I noticed you have done the seeding on Debolt Rd., when are you going to do the other side on Debolt?

Mr. Siegel: The Mayor had suggested that we leave that go right now, that's not important as it was for the homeowner. That is why we jumped on that right away. I don't know if and when if we will ever do it. Right now, I'm under direction of the Mayor to allow that to go right now.

Ms. Hueber: That looks very nice, by the way. You did a good job. Thank you Charlie.

Mrs. McCarthy: Thanks Charlie.

Police Chief Daryl Zornes:

- 1) **Weed Ordinance:** You will need to pass an ordinance tonight for the Village to cut a piece of property, weeds are in violation at 6614 Crull Street. This piece of property has apparently been abandoned.
- 2) **Halloween:** Halloween will be observed on the 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the surrounding communities.
- 3) **Training Session:** Police division will be utilizing Town Hall tomorrow night for a training session on tazers.

Lieutenant Synan: One of my responsibilities is Criminal Investigations. This will help explain why I get tied up sometimes. Our department is currently making a lot of changes. We have worked very hard to raise our level of professionalism and criminal investigations is probably one of the most important areas that we needed to improve. We have adopted the attitude that our residents work very hard for their money and a portion of that money comes to the police department. We feel our residents not only expect but demand a confident, capable and professional department. We focused on two areas of criminal investigations, one is becoming more independent. It doesn't mean isolating ourselves, but we had some issues where we would have a major crime and call other departments in and they would exclude even us from the investigation even though it was our crime. We also wanted to base our cases off of physical evidence. Our philosophy has been basing major crimes off of the physical evidence and we made it a priority. The Chief authorized Officer McBreen to go to Evidence Tech School, which in layman's terms is C.S.I. where you go in and take pictures, lift fingerprints and collect evidence. The other thing we did, we actually held officers accountable for their actions. With this being a small town, we tightened things up quite a bit on this case. I didn't want anyone to be offended, but I know some people were asking questions and we didn't release information because it is a small town. We were actually conducting surveillance and we were afraid it would get out to the suspects, which it has in the past. I wanted to present a case, which is now closed. I think this is a shining example of how we have improved. In late August, we had a burglary and some items taken were checks and credit cards. In credit cards, they racked over \$12,000.00, which is a major case in itself. What made this case even more dramatic, seven guns were actually stolen from the house. Two of which the suspect thought were machine guns, actually working machine guns. Thank God, they were replica war-dummy machine guns and could not fire. Obviously, this was a very high priority case. We had the suspect from the very beginning and knew he had ties to major drug dealers in the city of Cincinnati; therefore, we were extremely concerned and made this a high-priority case and we have been working on it for a couple of months now. When I talk about collecting evidence as a priority and we sent Shawn to that school, the first rule is you always collect more evidence than less. Officer McBreen collected over seventy-four pieces of evidence from the home. In the past, we would have relied on the Sheriff's department and other departments to do that, but we felt it was very important for our residents that they can count on us to investigate crimes of this nature. One of the most amazing things is out of the seventy-four pieces of evidence, Officer McBreen was able to collect thirty-one fingerprints from our main suspect. Not only did we have one fingerprint, but we actually had thirty-one fingerprints matching the same person. When we talk about basing this case on the physical evidence, I will tell you what this did without giving out too much details. We were literally there sitting with the

suspect and could tell not only how he broke into the house, but how he touched certain pieces of furniture and could literally tell how he got on his hands and knees, opened up a box and touched each piece of paper that he was looking at when he stole the credit card. We are extremely proud of officer McBreen and the job he did with that. The other the evidence did was put us in a position where the most important thing with the guns, because we were afraid the guns could have been used on police officers and innocent bystanders. Our goal has been to get those guns back and because of the physical evidence, we were able to receive information where the guns went to. Currently, the investigation is still going on and we are trying now to track down the guns. We identified one primary suspect and six secondary suspects. We had information about the prints about two weeks before we made an arrest. We sat and actually did surveillance on the suspect for over two months. This suspect committed other crimes, not necessarily in our jurisdiction but we were able to have such a tight-eye on him that right after they committed a crime, we were able to get photos, forgery receipts, etc. and actually close out cases before other jurisdictions knew about them. We had surveillance so tight, that when they committed a crime at 2:00 a.m., we had called the credit card companies by 9:00 a.m. and closed accounts before the owners even knew the credit card was stolen. At 5:00 p.m., we had received official certification from the thirty-one fingerprints, by 5:30 p.m. we had twelve officers from this department drop everything they were doing. Literally, some were going out to the movie their kids and dropped everything and came in. Surveillance started at 3:00 p.m. on the suspect with an officer in his own car, in the woods with night-vision goggles watching the suspect that had no clue as to what was going on. We had a twelve-person arrest team, we briefed, waited for the right time and surrounded the house. We had to make simultaneous raids on three houses. We picked up the main suspect at that incident and they were charged with a felony, second-degree burglary. The other suspects came in, we literally had over sixty charges we could charge everybody with. However, we used the other witnesses to give us more information on the suspect and now we're trying to track down the guns. The part about isolation, with other departments, a lot of times we'll work cases with other departments and don't get information. We actually put together "intelligent" packets and instead of going to the higher-ups, we actually went to the street officers and handed those packets to them in the city of Cincinnati, Fairfax, Terrace Park, and Sheriff's department. Hamilton County probation department said the actual street guys never go looking for them. I think with this case, we sent a message. I have been here twelve years and I can tell you from personal experience, the people we dealt with were actually stunned from all the information we had. We had taken head-shots and put on a board and placed all of the evidence on the table here and literally took every suspect and placed them right there at the table with the evidence in front of them. Everyone just could not believe we got all that we did. I am very proud of what we have done. This is a turning point for this department and I think we sent a message to those committing crimes in this area that they are not dealing with the same department they did thirty or forty years ago. We will find physical evidence and we will base our case off of the physical evidence and we will make good solid cases. I wanted to let our residents and Council know what we did and also I wanted to let you know that we will continue to self-evaluate ourselves and make improvements to raise our standard to high quality of police to our residents.

COUNCIL AND AUDIENCE "APPLAUD"

Lieutenant Synan: Just so you know, this was not me. Sargent Stewart literally put twenty pages of information together. You need to "thank" all of the officers of the department, they dropped everything and we made it a safe and effective arrest in this major case.

Fire Chief Tom Driggers: I hope all of you have noticed, the firehouse has been painted. I think it turned out remarkably well, we changed the color a little bit and we also had some roof repair done and replaced the exterior lighting on the front of the building as part of the renovation. We have about \$9,000 invested in this capital improvement.

Mr. Pulskamp: Chief, the district has put in what? Close to \$50,000?

Chief Driggers: \$50,000 was the first part of the remodeling, now we have another \$9,000 and probably have put in the kitchen \$4,000 to \$5,000, so we're probably looking at \$63,000 to \$64,000 in two years the district has put into the building for renovation purposes. It's very functional, we've made it a nice place to work. Of course everybody would like to have a new fire station, but I think we've done the best we can with the facility as it is. Any questions?

Mr. Evans: I have seen you guys out and I commend you for that, going around checking all the fireplugs. Is everything in pretty good shape?

Chief Driggers: Yeah, we have not had any abnormal issues. We do it twice a year, it's a spring and fall responsibility basically. As I indicated to you earlier today, we had those issues with some obstructions around some of the fire hydrants in the Ivy Hills area. Today, I spoke with the property owner of the last home there that has not been compliant. After explaining our cause and convincing the property owner that we're not bad people, we just need to be able to see the fire hydrant. She has promised me this will be resolved by this weekend.

Mr. Evans: A few weeks ago, early in the morning I was going to work and saw all the lights were out. Do you work with the police department back and forth in those situations?

Chief Driggers: Unfortunately, the Village of Newtown never put a stand-by-electrical generator in that building. That should have been done a long time ago, particularly if you use it for other emergency issues. We have applied with our 2005 FEMA grant to have a natural gas power generator attached to the building. That is assuming we get the grant, we have not received a rejection letter yet. So, we are still in the running for it. That building will be equipped with standby power in the event of a power outage. The other station on Murray has a standby generator. It is pretty much a standard electrical appliance issue for public facilities anymore. If we don't get the grant, then we are pretty much forced to do it out-of-pocket. We'll find the money to do that and we would probably be looking at \$20,000 to \$25,000 just to put in a stand-by-electrical generator. Just so you will understand the issue, when the electricity goes out in the community, we don't get any advanced warning. If a storm comes through very quickly, the doors in the fire station are electrically controlled. If we're dispatched and we usually are to an

emergency when there is a power outage in the area, because of high wind or a transformer explosion or some weather related event. We can't get the doors open to get the fire trucks out. If we know a storm is coming through, the officer in charge of that station knows the first thing they better do is to have the doors open. But we have been caught and it does take a few minutes to manually open those doors. So it is a pretty important event when there is a power outage around here. Our station radios, telephone system, and computer system can all be a problem because everything is electronic anymore. We're hoping we can do this, but we'll let FEMA decide if they are going to give us the money first.

Mr. Evans: Other than that, would you say the firehouse is pretty much the way you want it?

Chief Driggers: Yeah, other than its size, we have made it about as serviceable of a facility you can expect out of it. Based on our staffing size and the equipment that is housed there, it is adequate at this time. I think the generator system is probably the last critical issue we need. In hind-sight, maybe we should have done that first but we needed a place for people to come and work and have the basic facilities that are necessary for people that are residing here for twenty-four hours a day. We felt that was a more critical issue, but we do have to address the electrical emergency system.

Ms. Hueber: Before Chief Driggers leaves, In case you have any questions to Chief Driggers, before he leaves, I wanted to let you know that CWW is going to be replacing the waterline on Ragland Road. There are four hydrants there and they are going to pay for the labor if we pay for the new hydrants. Do we want to replace them? Three of them are okay and one is bad. As the Chief has stated to me, when you are putting in a new waterline in, it is best that we replace it with a new hydrant. Then keep the other three in storage to use as extras in case somebody hits one around the town. Just to let you know, it would be \$1,200 for each hydrant. I don't know if that is something we have to approve, but if you had any questions you can ask him now.

Mr. Pulskamp: We as the Village are responsible for the fire hydrants and we have plenty of money in that fire hydrant line.

Ms. Hueber: Right, to buy. We'll need to get four. CWW is paying for the labor and the relocation.

Mr. Evans: Chief, you recommend that we do it?

Chief Driggers: Absolutely, because the contractor will have difficulty if you try to take an old hydrant and remove it from its existing moorings and then stick it on a new location. It would reduce our ability to combat a fire if we had it there. Traditionally, when you put new water systems in, that includes fire hydrants. But because three of the four are serviceable, based on age, they could be used for parts or replacement hydrants in other parts of the community. So, you're going to save that money down the road on a single purchase of a hydrant. They can be stored outside, that is where I would suggest they go in the service area. I got the plans in the mail today from CWW Engineering or from the contractor who is working for CWW Engineering. When I spoke to this person on the phone last week, they did not give me a start date. I did get the impression once the plans are improved by us and the village, they will be ready to start almost immediately. I turned the plans over to fire prevention today, we have already done a site visit to check on the existing hydrants in case we want a relocation or something.

Ms. Hueber: We just wanted to bring it up so we can make a motion.

Chief Driggers: They are approximately \$1,200. I wouldn't lock yourself into that amount, you might want to go a little higher not to exceed, something like that.

Mrs. McCarthy: How much higher do you think?

Chief Driggers: I wouldn't go any more than \$1,500. Use it as a baseline probably.

Ms. Hueber: Okay, then it's done at least and we don't have to bring it back to the table when the time comes.

Assistant to the Mayor, David Krings:

1) **HCDC:** I have had numerous conversations with Greg Kathman, who talked to you tonight about the CRA. My compliments to Council, you brought up all the right issues and asked all the right questions. You did the right thing by agreeing to have a working session with the Mayor present.

Mr. Pulskamp: David, in your expert professional opinion, do you think we are going in the right direction for doing the entire village? If the city of Cincinnati has done the entire city and some of the most influential parts of the city is included in it, why would we just include part of our village? Why not make it fair to all of our residents?

Mr. Krings: Like the people on Council, I would very much like to hear the major's explanation on his point of view. My general rule is you want to give yourself the maximum flexibility. As long as you're not required to grant that particular abatement, I think you should have as much flexibility as the law will allow.

2) **Court Clerk/Police Clerk Position:** I have spent some time also with the committee the Mayor put together to review these positions. I got Daryl's background information last Sunday evening, I'm going to take that and do a first draft and share it with Tracy and Keri. We'll try to get that thing completed in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs. McCarthy: How did the first meeting go?

Mr. Krings: The first meeting?

Mrs. McCarthy: How meetings have you had?

Mr. Krings: There were two. The first was to decide what information we needed. The second was to give each other an update as to how we were on gathering that information. I believe I have enough to put together a rough draft for the committee. Tracy has gone to Fairfax to look at their system, I have not been able to do that yet. I have looked at the different system they have in Lockland and we're talking about perhaps taking a look at Terrace Park. We have a good base I think and it's time for me to put something on paper. The rest of the committee can start massaging it.

Mrs. McCarthy: Have you guys started going through any of the resumes?

Mr. Krings: That was not part of the mission the Mayor presented to us.

Ms. Hueber: The Mayor has put a committee in charge to see if there is a need for Police Clerk and a Secretary. He has all of the resumes. Our group was deciding the need, is there a need for a full-time Receptionist or do we make it two positions. We can't interview anybody until we determine the position, which we've been given to the end of this month to determine and then we'll have to hire two people.

Mr. Krings: There are three distinct sets of duties. There are duties of the Police Clerk to handle materials that go through the police department, so you don't have officers doing what are essentially clerical duties. The second group of duties has to do with the Court Clerk. The third set is the secretarial/receptionist, basic clerical duties for this village. Frankly, we have our Finance Director doing so many things of a clerical nature that she doesn't have time to think about the stuff she is supposed to be thinking about as a Finance Director. We need to somehow, come up with the right combination and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council as to how to deal with all three of those distinct sets of duties.

Mrs. McCarthy: But wouldn't Keri and Daryl actually be the ones that really know what we need?

Mr. Krings: They are part of the committee.

Mrs. McCarthy: I don't understand why this has to be long and drawn out.

Mr. Pulskamp: The Mayor put this committee together and I think Council was all in favor of it.

Ms. Hueber: Daryl is working with it. Nobody else seems to have a problem with it, it seems to be working just fine.

Mr. Krings: The Mayor has also made it clear that this is not a one-person suggestion. I'll do a draft and if the folks on the committee want to do a different set of recommendations, they will all be presented to the Mayor and Council. Anything else on that?

3) **Healthcare Plans:** The county has decided to go with Anthem Healthcare for the health plan. They are switching from Humana to Anthem. Anthem is the provider that comes through the Center for Local Government, the other group we were looking at. I will meet with them next week to try and get a better definition as to what is in the plan that the county is going to be taking versus the ones that were quoted to us. I think they are very close. I have not had a chance to do a financial analysis yet, but they are close. I'm confident by the time you meet again, I'll have a recommendation.

Mr. Pulskamp: Once you get your recommendation, we'll have a committee meeting and we'll make our recommendations to Council.

Mr. Krings: Okay, we need to get the employees involved in this too.

4) **Metropolitan Sewer District:** I received a call today from one of my contacts at Cincinnati City Hall. I had told them I needed to have something by the Council meeting. I didn't know they took it that I needed to have the actual check in hand, but the message I received was that the check was on his desk and I could come on down and get it and give it to the Council tonight. I wasn't able to get it so I couldn't make a big deal out of handing you the check. This check is for \$10,000. When Charlie and I first got together on this thing, our goal was to get two sewer taps, \$5,000 each. The way it stands right now is that we are going to get a check for \$10,000, the second sewer tap is going to be included, as long as it comes off of the first water meter. The big assumption is that it comes off the same meter. Charlie and I are delivering more than what we said we would deliver. Again, it has been a pleasure working with Charlie.

5) **E-Check:** I believe Doug reported to you last meeting that he had talked to the owners and they would present us with an appraisal of the property. There is no further report beyond that as I wait for the appraisal.

6) **Personnel Policies:** I talked with Ken before the meeting about the development of the personnel policies. I have been doing this as a fill-in when I'm not dealing with MSD or a committee. There has not been any fill-in time the last month or so I don't have anything to

7) That concludes my report unless you have any questions.

Ms. Hueber: No, just thank you very much.

Mr. Pulskamp: You have saved this Village a tremendous amount of money and have done a wonderful job.

Mr. Krings: It has been a pleasure and thank you for the opportunity.

Solicitor Doug Miller:

1) **Various Ordinances and Resolutions:** You should have a number of ordinances and resolutions in front of you this evening.

Mr. Pulskamp: We did the one already for paving, Doug.

Ms. Hueber: We did the paving to get Bruce out early.

Mr. Miller: Okay, if somebody will do the Supplemental Appropriations.

Ms. Hueber: This has to do with having to move some stuff over due to HCDC, we had to move some money around when we hired them.

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

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 18-2005 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND RECONCILING THE BUDGET AND AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005 RETROACTIVE TO AUGUST 23, 2005 DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes, Ms. Hueber-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 32-2005 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING WEED CUTTING, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes, Ms. Hueber-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Hunting Ordinance:

Mr. Pulskamp: Doug, shouldn't we put the Hunting Ordinance in more layman terms?

Mr. Kobasuk: Doug, is this modeled from any other Ordinances like Indian Hill?

Mr. Miller: This is what I took from Montgomery. Montgomery bans hunting from the entire city. I didn't know if you wanted to do that. I know you have areas where deer are a nuisance and need to be removed. I don't know if you wanted to ban hunting within one hundred feet of residential property.

Mr. Evans: There are personal property rights too, we shouldn't take those away from anybody.

Mr. Miller: Right, but you do have a residential situation and you don't want hunting next to a residence.

Mr. Kobasuk: Doug, as I understand it, you cannot discharge a firearm in the Village of Newtown. Is that correct? This hunting you're talking about must be archery, since you can't shoot a gun in Newtown.

Mr. Miller: Right. You can't shoot a bow within one hundred yards of a residence.

Mr. Kobasuk: This is a pretty rural area here and if we ban this hunting, you might have a deer problem. Maybe we want to do something like you did in Montgomery, within so many feet of a dwelling.

Mr. Miller: I'm not so sure that it's not a situation of, "if it's not broke, don't fix it." I'm only throwing the option out there, but I'm not aware of any complaint of any problems with hunting too close.

Mr. Pulskamp: That is what I brought up the last time too, because I'm not real for this. This morning there were seven deer out my back chewing away plants I have thousands of dollars in.

Mr. Evans: Well, you can still shoot them the way this reads.

Mr. Miller: This is strictly on Village property.

Mr. Pulskamp: What I'm getting at, if we stop this on Village property, the deer population is going to rise. Right now it is higher than what it should be for our vacant land.

Mr. Miller: It is for everybody, they find them running down Main St. downtown Cincinnati.

Mr. Kobasuk: Why don't we "Post" the property and say there is "NO HUNTIN" and people caught will be prosecuted. Will that not give you the protection if you post it and we don't have to go to this extreme.

Mr. Miller: Well, you have to have the ordinance to post it.

Ms. Hueber: This is only going to be on that same property anyway.

Mr. Pulskamp: It's going to be on any Village property.

Ms. Hueber: Yeah, but right now there's not that many people hunting on Village owned property that is going to cause a big influx of deer. This is really not going to make that much difference, except it is going to cover us for the liability of being on our property. It's not going to change the deer because there will still be people sneaking on that same property.

Mr. Miller: It would definitely be my suggestion that you do this. Banning hunting from the Village, I'm only raising it as an issue. The Zicka property is not ready to take title yet anyway, they have a few title issues that they need to clear up. So this isn't something you have to do tonight. If you want to think about it or you can have a first reading.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to have a first reading on an Ordinance prohibiting hunting on property owned by the Village of Newtown. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Miller: Do you want me to put in "dispensing" next time in the emergency line?

Mr. Pulskamp: No, it probably won't be ready by the time Zicka has the title ready.

Mr. Miller: If it is not an emergency, it doesn't go in effect for thirty days. Even if you wait two more meetings, you would still have thirty days after that.

Mr. Pulskamp: That puts us at January 1st, basically.

Mr. Evans: Just put the word "deer" in there somewhere to clarify.

2) Cell Tower: They are now paying us \$10,200 a year. They initially offered us \$5,100, which was 50%, then came back and said they would pay \$6,630. After negotiating with them, they are now offering \$8,600. If they wanted to renew this next term, the rent was supposed to go up at the end of the five years by a CPI increase, which is pretty much close to 15%. They were trying to figure this on some percentage. I don't think they will go any further.

Ms. Hueber: What makes them think the rent is going down?

Mr. Miller: Their point is that there is another tower they can get.

Ms. Hueber: Then they can take that tower down. They are not going to take a tower down for \$2,000. Do you think?

Mr. Miller: They are if they don't renew.

Ms. Hueber: Right, but it's going to cost them more than \$2,000. I don't see why we should go down. I just say, \$10,000 or take it down.

Mr. Miller: He would not tell me where this other tower is or whatever. The best excuse he gave me was that the corporate office just is not going to do that. He gave a poor excuse that it has caused problems in the past. I don't like it, but it is already there, I don't know that it is causing any problems and it is still \$8,600.

Mr. Evans: Well, \$8,600 is a sure thing and for \$10,000 they might tell you to stick it. I'd take the \$8,600 and go on.

Mr. Kobasuk: I'd take it.

Mr. Pulskamp: How long is the contract you are looking at? Is it for five years and same cost?
Mr. Miller: It's the same renewal terms, eight more five-year terms. I can't believe forty years from now they'll still be using cell towers, probably not even ten years from now. He was telling me now there is something that hovers, out in California.
Mr. Pulskamp: We're looking at \$1,600 difference between the \$8,600 and the \$10,200 we have been receiving. Tell them \$9,400 and we're done. All they can do is say NO.
Ms. Hueber: They are used to paying \$10,000 anyway.
Mrs. McCarthy: What do we use that money for?
Mr. Pulskamp: It goes in the general fund. The first couple of years Debra, it paid for all of the concrete down at the Maintenance barn.
Mrs. McCarthy: Doug, do you think they'll go any higher or tell us to stick it?
Mr. Miller: Do you want me to authorize me to do this?
Mr. Evans: We'll authorize you to make another phone call for Kenny's behalf and if they do it fine, if not take the \$8,600.
Mr. Miller: Okay, I'll call them back, you do have the risk of backing out completely. I don't think they will walk, but may say that they won't even pay the \$8,600.
Ms. Hueber: We authorize you to accept the \$8,600, if they won't go higher.

Mr. Evans: What about the railroad, did he call you today?
Mr. Miller: Yes he did and I'm kind of saving him as a back-up for when I don't get the answer I want from the people. I'm not even sure he is going to know what I want.
Mr. Evans: He knew about it, I don't know how well, but he knew about it.
Mr. Miller: Oh he did, the message he left kind of sounded like he didn't understand it. I was kind of saving him for if I get no where with the company. He did call me. That is all I have.

Councilmember Debbie McCarthy: I have nothing to report.

Councilmember Mark Kobasuk:

- 1) **Parks:** Tracy and I walked the parks and I have to thank her for taking an evening to go with me. She identified a number of issues that our committee needs to address, i.e. the winter soccer camp, removing the volleyball posts, resurfacing the basketball courts, etc. I'm going to meet with the committee, Debbie, and Greg and walk through some of these issues. I want to thank Tracy, she's done a nice job maintaining those parks and improving them. I am going to have big shoes to follow in. We'll get our committee together and go through some of these issues.
- 2) **Pots:** Tracy agreed to would continue with the pots due to my workload currently. She will continue with the pots. I will take care of the other issues. That is all I have.

Ms. Hueber: Yes, and I have information for the Veterans Park memorial and some other things for you Mark.

Councilmember Doug Evans: Has everybody seen the Checklist, dated 10/11/05? Are there any questions or any discussion?

Mr. Evans made a motion to accept the Checklist dated 10/11/2005, in the amount of \$32,977.02. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Evans: Tom, what does the law say regarding solicitation on mailboxes?
Lieutenant Synan: On the mailbox is okay, in the mailbox is illegal. They can hang things on the mailbox, but cannot open it up and put anything inside. That would be a federal crime.
Mr. Evans: Do door-to-door sales have to come here first and what do they get?
Lieutenant Synan: Yes, they come here and fill out a permit and there is a fee. It's pretty steep so out-of-state people don't come in. The problem we had was the door-to-door people would come to your door and if you didn't want to buy, they would literally etch an "x" on your door so the next group would know so Council passed that ordinance.
Mr. Evans: We've had a lot of them up there, it's one thing selling Girl Scout cookies.
Lieutenant Synan: Most of these people are from out-of-state. We've cited several, they're from Michigan and never saw them again. They recruit people who really don't have jobs and they are forced to pay their way, forced to pay for their hotels and pay for their transportation. Then a manager will put them in a van and take them out there and sell a certain amount of magazines and they only receive a small portion of that and the company from out of state collects the biggest part of it.
Mrs. McCarthy: John, if we have "NO SOLICITING" in our neighborhood, why would they be allowed to come in whether they have a permit or not?
Mr. Pulskamp: It doesn't say "NO SOLICITING" Debra, the ordinance says all solicitors must register with the Village.
Mrs. McCarthy: In our subdivision, we have "NO SOLICITING."
Lieutenant Synan: That doesn't mean it's a state law.
Mr. Pulskamp: That is your homeowners association.
Mr. Evans: I don't think it should be allowed period. I see people driving around in old beat-up cars hanging stuff on everybody's mailboxes. They drive the wrong way on the street.
Lieutenant Synan: That's up to Council.
Mr. Evans: I'd like to make a motion, because if anybody wants to get to me, they can put a stamp on it and put it in the mailbox.
Mr. Miller: Are you talking about the Door Store kind of stuff?
Mr. Evans: Yeah. You see them floating around the neighborhood and people throw them away anyhow.
Mr. Miller: You'll run into a lot of free speech issues. The problem that you'll have is you have as many people that want them that don't want them.

Mr. Evans: But that's why a mailbox is a mailbox and a stamp is a stamp.

Mr. Miller: You have to be careful how you walk that line. Let me put something together and bring it back, you just can't send these guys out and tell them to stop doing this. Council will need to take some action on that. I've gone through this in another community for months on the whole issue. It got to be a real mess.

Mr. Kobasuk: What was the end result? Did you pass an ordinance?

Mr. Miller: No. The end result was the Council decided if you don't the flyers, pick them up and throw them away. I'll put something together on both of those issues.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp: Do we need to pass the agreement with Anderson Township Little League, we've had it for a while.

Mr. Miller: It has been approved. I emailed the contract to the Village and everyone signed it and Keri copied everyone.

Councilmember Tracy Hueber:

1) **Newsletter:** Should be out Monday. I did mention the "new" website, changed artwork to Fall. Talked about Trick or Treat, the Mayor did check it before going to print.

2) **Credit Card for Mayor's Court:** Keri did check into using credit card machine. We'll probably go with a lease for the 5/3 checkcard so we'll be able to offer credit cards for Mayor's Court.

3) **Memory Tree:** Mark, this is your department. Keri brought to my attention that either trees have been lost or plaques have been lost or damaged, either by kids or lawnmowers. The base of some trees have been damaged and someone wants their money refunded. We thought about going with a large stone, having it engraved and it would fit flush with the surface. What do you all think about going with a heavier stone, putting it in the base of the mulch with the name of the tree and replacing some of these plaques? A heavy stone can't be broken, lifted or stolen. I can get with you later.

Mrs. McCarthy: Do you have a list of the all the names and trees?

Ms. Hueber: Yes I do. Most people wanted their name by the tree. Let me know if you have another idea.

Mr. Kobasuk: Let me talk with Debbie and Greg.

Mrs. McCarthy: How are we going to handle that in regards to the resident that wanted the tree and plaque replaced?

Ms. Hueber: Keri will inform that resident that it is being looked at right now and that the tree will be replaced with some sort of plaque, either a stone or a plaque. Then from here on out, we'll go with stones which is probably cheaper and will last longer.

Mrs. McCarthy: The \$3,000 we're getting from Kokosing, when are we going to do the trees?

Mr. Kobasuk: That's for our committee to talk about.

Mrs. McCarthy: I know, okay. If these aren't getting watered, is that the reason they die?

Mr. Pulskamp: Could be that some were not planted properly. Some have been damaged by a weed-eater and that is the worse thing for a tree.

Ms. Hueber: Some of it is water, some need more water than others and it depends on where they are planted.

4) **Pots:** I know you have an issue with the pots Debra, the reason he brought that up is because John asked him to bring them up at the table. Nobody seems to have a problem with me continuing to do the pots for Mark. I just wanted to make sure it wasn't an issue after this meeting.

5) **Election Day:** Election Day, November 8th is on the day of our Council Meeting. We'll reschedule the meeting for Wednesday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m.

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

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