



NEWTON FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
Wednesday, October 2, 2024; 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
612 WEST BROAD STREET

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS	
Ward 1	Patricia Benetis
Ward 2	Brian Axiotis
Ward 3	Brenda Persino
Ward 4	Kevin Rufener
At- Large	Julie Stimpert
Mayor	David Hanson

CITY ADMINISTRATION	
Interim City Manager	Mike Novotny
Law Director	Jeff Limbian
Finance Director	Jamie Vernaccini
Clerk of Council	Michael Acomb

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / Silent Prayer**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Changes To Tonight's Agenda**
- V. Special Presentations by Staff Members or Invited Consultants**
- VI. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)**
- VII. Reports**
  - a. Mayor
  - b. Council Members
  - c. Law Director
  - d. Finance Director
  - e. City Manager
- VIII. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Regular Meeting Minutes September 18, 2024

**Public Hearings**

**ORDINANCE 2024-41** *Sponsors: Councilpersons Rufener, Stimpert*  
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- IX. Unfinished Business**

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**X. New Business**

**MOTION**

*Sponsors: Councilpersons Stimpert, Persino*

A Motion to schedule the Kiwanis Cake Walk for October 26, 2024 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

**MOTION**

*Sponsors: Councilpersons Stimpert, Persino*

A Motion to schedule Trick or Treat for October 26, 2024 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

**Public Comments**

**XI. Closing Remarks**

- a. Mayor
- b. Council Members
- c. Finance Director
- d. Law Director
- e. City Manager

**XII. Motion to Recess into Executive Session (If Necessary)**

**XIII. Adjournment**



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**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance / Silent Prayer**

**III. Roll Call**

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Acomb to call the roll.

Council Present: Councilperson Benetis, Councilperson Persino, Councilperson Rufener, Councilperson Stimpert, Mayor Hanson.

Council Absent: Councilperson Axiotis.

Staff Present: Clerk Acomb, Law Director Limbian, Finance Director Vernaccini.

Staff Absent: Interim City Manager Novotny.

Mr. Rufener made a motion to excuse Mr. Axiotis from the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Stimpert.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Benetis-yes; Ms. Persino-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. Axiotis was excused.

**IV. Changes To Tonight's Agenda**

None.

**V. Special Presentations by Staff Members or Invited Consultants**

None.

**VI. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)**

None.

**VII. Reports**

- a. Mayor – He was contacted by two local businesses; Rite Aide and the liquor store have closed. Another business is looking to re-establish a liquor agency. He will work to make this happen. Ohio State Department of Liquor will want Council's approval to re-establish an agency.
- b. Council Members
  - i. Ward 1 – No report due to absence.
  - ii. At-large – The Fire Board met last night and are possibly selling First Street and exploring options for looking at a new building or expanding locations due to space concerns.

- iii. Ward 3 –Concerns have been reported regarding the park. Parks and Rec will meet on Sept 24 at 6:00 pm. All with concerns or questions should attend or contact the Parks and Rec Chairman directly. The new mulch is installed. The Kiwanis Cake Walk will be held 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Trick or Treat will be held 4:00 pm-6:00pm. Both on October 24. The winner in a contest to paint the Skate Park will be announced and presented at the next Parks and Rec meeting.
- iv. Ward 4 – He attended the recent Falls event. These events are always great. He encouraged all to approach him with questions.
- c. Law Director – No report. He asked for an executive session tonight.
- d. City Manager – He read from a prepared statement (enclosed).

**VIII. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Mayor Hanson called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes September 4, 2024. Moved by Mr. Rufener. Seconded by Ms. Stimpert.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Benetis-yes; Ms. Persino-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0. The minutes were approved.

**IX. Public Hearings**

**X. Unfinished Business**

**XI. New Business**

**ORDINANCE 2024-41**

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Mayor Hanson read the ordinance by title only and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Moved by Ms. Stimpert. Seconded by Mr. Rufener.

Mr. Rufener offered an amendment to the ordinance to make it an emergency ordinance to ensure that the Chief earns the benefits and pay entitled to him as specified in the contract. Ms. Stimpert noted that this ordinance reinstates Chief Fixler the way it should have always been. He is not being rehired. She seconded the amendment and asked Mr. Limbian to comment. He stated that as he read the statutory language regarding emergencies and understands that administrative changes cannot be done with emergency legislation. He also stated with due respect, the negative impact to Chief Fixler is limited, other than doing the right thing ethically/morally. He stated belief that it might not be legally appropriate to pass this as an emergency. Stimpert stated the court ruled that he must be reinstated full time, and the previous Law Director advised against making the position part-time. Mr. Limbian recommended not amending the ordinance to an emergency. He assured the Chief will be made whole; but advises against emergency legislation. Mr. Rufener asked if there is anything that can be done since he isn't getting medical benefits, and he is being reinstated into a pre-existing contract. Mr. Limbian re-stated that the proper way to do this is not as an emergency and health benefits will also be applied retroactively. Chief Fixler agreed to be patient when asked by Mayor Hanson. Mr. Rufener withdrew his motion to amend.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Benetis-yes; Ms. Persino-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0. The ordinance was adopted. First Reading.

ORDINANCE 2024-42

*Sponsors: Councilpersons Axiotis, Rufener*

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND AND FILE A CERTIFICATE OF RESOURCES WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mayor Hanson read the ordinance by title only and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Moved by Mr. Rufener. Seconded by Ms. Benetis.

Ms. Stimpert thanked Ms. Vernaccini for the memorandum (enclosed). Mr.

Rufener asked her to elaborate. She summarized the amendments as stated in the enclosure.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Benetis-yes; Ms. Persino-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0. The ordinance was adopted. First Reading.

Mayor Hanson read the ordinance by title only and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Moved by Ms. Stimpert. Seconded by Mr. Rufener.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Benetis-yes; Ms. Persino-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0. The ordinance was adopted. Final Reading.

**XII. Public Comments**

None.

**XIII. Closing Remarks**

a. Mayor – None.

b. Council Members

i. Ward 1 – She spoke on three topics: (1) Mr. Colosimo provided information about a Christmas Tree lighting (enclosed), (2) A senior levy on the ballot (enclosed) costing \$18 per year per \$100,000 of home valuation. If it fails, then all the senior activities will be eliminated including SCOPE, and (3) a resource guide for Congressman Dave Joyce for constituents (enclosed). She encouraged the Village to pursue grants.

ii. Ward 3 – She welcomed back the Chief and acknowledged Officer Igor's attendance.

iii. Ward 4 – No comments.

iv. At-Large – An applicant for Planning and Zoning Commission was received. Mr. Axiotis represents the Council on the Commission. Other Committees have openings and interested parties should contact Mr. Acomb with interest.

c. Finance Director – No comments.

d. Law Director – No comments.

e. City Manager – No comments.

**XIV. Motion to Recess into Executive Session (If Necessary)**

Ms. Stimpert made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing imminent and pending litigation. Seconded by Mr. Rufener.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Benetis-yes; Ms. Persino-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0. Executive session began at 6:31 pm.

Mr. Rufener made a motion to exit the executive session and resume regular session. Seconded by Ms. Stimpert.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Benetis-yes; Ms. Persino-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0. Executive session began at 7:26 pm.

**XV. Adjournment**

Mayor Hanson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Ms. Benetis.

Seconded by Ms. Stimpert

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Benetis-yes; Ms. Persino-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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David Hanson, Mayor

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Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council



## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Michael A. Novotny

### City Manager Report

September 18, 2024

Dunkin Donuts – Work is progressing, footers are poured, conduits and pipes in place to prepare for concrete to be poured. Walls should be going up next week. No exact completion date is being given at this point.

Scott Street Sewer Project - Mainline installation is complete. Contractor has vacated and cleaned up the parking area at the city park that they had been using as their equipment yard. Residents can begin connecting to the sewer now. For those residents that qualify for assistance from Trumbull County for their connections, the county is working to have everything ready to go out to bid by March 31, 2025

Jackson Street – I have authorized Fok & Associates to conduct the survey and platting of the section of Jackson Street to be vacated. They are going to work this into their schedule and plan to have this all completed by the first of November if not sooner. We have received replies of interest from 2 out of the 3 property owners that abut up to this section of Jackson Street.

Departments – Wastewater, the employee that was off has returned and the department is back to full staff. Maintenance, they are still working short staffed but should be back to full staff beginning of October. Electric, one of the employees has resigned to take a position in the private sector. Their last day is this Friday, and the department will be working short handed until we can fill that open position. I will be working with Bill George to advertise and fill the open position.

Sincerely,

*Michael A. Novotny*

Michael A. Novotny  
Interim City Manager  
Village of Newton Falls



# Memorandum



To: Members of Council  
David Hanson, Mayor  
Mike Novotny, City Manager  
Jeff Limbian, Law Director

From: Jamie Vernaccini, Director of Finance

Date: September 18, 2024

Subject: Finance Department

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## Month end close:

Monthly Reports for SSI were given to you and posted onto the Village website. Month end close was successful and completed in a timely fashion by the Finance Department. The monthly bank reconciliation was completed by the CPA as of September 17th and it also did not indicate any concerns. Everything is reconciled.

## Appropriations Amendment:

Ordinance 2024-42 addresses an emergency amendment to the current appropriations for a total of \$714,045.99.

- Advance of \$216,700 between the Electric Operating Fund (503) and the Electric Replacement Fund (507) (grand total from system \$433,400)
- \$109,689.50 increase for the 2024 Street Resurfacing Project in the GF which is currently underway in the Village
- Increasing Fund 410 of \$65,926.56 for the finalization of the AMI metering project
- Increasing Court General Special Project Fund (233) by \$70,015.26 for a Court Audio and Video project
- Increasing Stormwater Fund (504) by \$35,014.67 for debt service

## Software Updates:

SSI EGov transition to the VIP software package. This package was previously purchased by the Village. The conversion is a lengthy process that requires extensive planning and coordination with the estimated timeline of approximately 1 year between pulling data, running parallel systems and then training for all staff. In order to begin, all utility meters need to be updated and functioning. There are still meters to be replaced by the electric department and the water department so I'm hoping for a year end completion date.



#### Meters:

As the water meter project is coming to a close, the Village has an escrow balance of \$313,646 with Huntington National Bank. This balance will be closed this week and the remaining funds will be applied to future payments according to the lease agreement and schedule.

#### Special Assessments:

Special Assessments are being completed for the Village lawns which are not being maintained by the residents. Grass in excess of 6" has been and will continue to be mowed and the residents will be charged. The mowing process will be ongoing through October 15<sup>th</sup>. There is approximately \$15,000 in special assessments so far for this year.

#### Neighborhood Development Services:

The Village still has NDS funding available to low-income residents for the 2024 year. There is an opportunity for grant money for smaller home renovation projects around \$10,000 per project.

#### Income Tax:

The Finance Office is in the process of identifying delinquent taxpayers. I've contacted the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA) to obtain any additional steps we can complete to help us to identify residents who have not registered. Further, RITA is working on compiling a list of delinquent accounts so that we may start the process of collecting on delinquencies.

#### Police Chief:

The Chiefs return on September 9 will be at part-time based on Ordinance 2023-18. If Ordinance 2024-41 passes today and upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, it will effective on November 2, 2024. The Chief will be returned to full-time on November 2 and will receive full pay and benefits beginning on November 20, 2024 payroll.

## COUNTY POPULATION

From SCRIPTS Gerontology at Miami University

Last report in 2019 in 65 plus in Trumbull county. 2000-2015 increase of 5%, 2020-2030- at our highest peak will be at 25%, then it drops off to the level we are at for 2020. These statistics are for the 65 plus population, so it does not even count for the older adults that are 60-64.

The composition of the State is shifting to older adults- Ohioans aged 60 and older- By 2025 1 in 4 Ohioans will be aged 60 and older.

Disability- 45% 75 and older hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, independent living. And ambulatory was the biggest part of that difficulty was 30% that these older adults need transportation.

### Levy Collection

Current collection is same as 2005 when the levy first started with no change. But costs are 33% higher, so serving less seniors in 2024 with same dollars due to higher costs of employment/food costs for meal programs.

Renewal .75 mills = \$2.6 million currently costs \$18/YEAR per \$100,000 home ( NO CHANGE IN COLLECTION SINCE 2005 even with recent market value appraisals)

Replacement at same mills on today's market value = \$3.6 million cot \$26.25/YEAR per \$100,00 home (that's one Calzone per YEAR)

### Misconceptions

I am not a senior why should I pay senior services? Because when you need it, you want it to be available to you. Or, are you going to take care of your parents when they can no longer drive, clean their home, cook meals, or cut their grass when your parent wants to remain in their own home? And what about the fact that we have youngsters leaving the area for jobs elsewhere but their parents are still here? When their parents need help, are they going to move back here to assist or will they call Senior Services and expect the services to be available .

**\*\* Public statement made by a county official: We don't need fixed route transportation as only about 100 people use it .** First of all, this broad statement is not backed up with fact or by personally riding the system every day to see what the actual need is. Then, this is the only way that those who can't drive or can't afford a car get to travel for medical needs, grocery needs, or any other reason to travel. Take your car away and see how difficult it can be. Turning our back to say it's not the greatest part of our population but yet they have the greatest need. It is like saying, grandma has lived her life why should I care about the last 10 years of her life. Somebody has to take care of them. The youth is not staying here to do that.

A Senior Services Advisory Council member made a good point that Senior Services levy collection is less than the library. The point was not that we don't need the library as that is important too but how many residents use the library and still that levy collection is approved by the voters. Not all residents or even senior residents will ever use the services but when it's needed, it is greatly appreciated.

I have heard this comment: I am a tax paying senior so I should automatically receive the service. This is not an entitlement program but is a privilege. This service is not meant to be everything for every person but has helped those with the greatest need.

Report: *Profile of Home and Community Based Services in Ohio*  
March 2024 Miami University Scripps Gerontology Center  
Robert Applebaum, PhD, MSW  
Matt Nelson, MGS  
Oksana Dikhtyar, PhD, MBA  
John R. Bowblis, PhD

Ohio is the seventh most populous state, but its population is projected to decline by nearly 6% over the next 30 years. The population composition of the state is shifting older: by 2030, more than 1 in 4 Ohioans will be age 60 and older. Ohio, has the sixth largest older population in the nation. In 2020, age 60 and older (24%) and (17%) were age 65 and older. The Youngstown region has the highest proportion of older adults with three in ten individuals age 60 and older. The size of Ohio's older population today is unprecedented in our history, but a 24% increase in those age 80 and older over the next two decades will continue to have an impact

Strategies to reduce the presence of disability for older people can include individual programs focusing on areas as home modifications that promote the use of safety and adaptive equipment (such as bath grab bars), and social and nutritional activities that enhance independence.. However, because states are heavily reliant on the federal Older Americans Act to support such activities, the overall investment has not kept pace with the dramatic population increases.

Several recent studies have shown that states with fewer supportive services, such as home-delivered meals and personal care, had a higher proportion of low care residents in nursing homes. Another study found that individuals receiving congregate meals were less likely to be admitted to nursing homes or to be admitted to hospitals when compared to a group of older people not receiving meals

A strategy used in Ohio to provide additional support services to older people has been the use of **community supported levies**. A recent Scripps study found that very high levy counties had fewer low care residents in nursing homes and a lower utilization rate of Medicaid HCBS.

In particular, when families, who are providing the bulk of care in this country, can no longer hold up to the pressures of caregiving, nursing home or assisted living care is required for the older adult.

County	Total Pop, 2020	60+ Pop, 2020	60+ Pop %, 2020	65+ Pop, 2020	65+ Pop %, 2020	85+ Pop, 2020	85+ Pop %, 2020
Trumbull	201,977	59,539	29.5	44,018	21.8	5,191	2.6

Per report from Scripps Gerontology Center-Miami University of Ohio  
 USING LOCAL INITIATIVES TO FUND IN-HOME SERVICES: OHIO LEADS THE  
 NATION

Athena Koumoutzis, Pamela Mayberry, June 2021 Jennifer Heston-Mullins, & Robert  
 Applebaum

The federal Older Americans Act (OAA) that provides in-home support services to older people has neither kept up with inflation, nor with the exponential growth in the older population.<sup>2</sup> As a result, the program provides considerably less support today than it did in 1980. Looking to the future, current estimates project that the number of older adults in Ohio is expected to increase by 30% by 2030. Today, 74 of Ohio's 88 counties have countywide levy initiatives, and Ohio generates more than \$200 million in local funds to support aging services.

**CONCLUSION & IMPLICATIONS** Ohio counties and municipalities have been successful in passing a range of community and support service initiatives at the local level, and aging services tax levies have been particularly successful. Aging services levies have been approved with high voter passage rates in counties regardless of residents' history of supporting Democratic or Republican presidential candidates. This suggests that aging services initiatives may be viewed as less partisan than many issues facing the electorate. In fact, during the six-year period 2015 through 2020, 123 aging services initiatives appeared in Ohio county or municipal elections and 98.8% were successful with voter passage rates of 70%. Federal policy has used Medicaid as the vehicle to provide long-term services to older people across the nation. However, most older people in Ohio (91%) are not financially eligible for Medicaid and do not end up using Medicaid until severe disability results in impoverishment. Many have argued that supportive services, such as home delivered meals, transportation, and personal care—when made available to individuals with moderate impairment—can help older people and their families maintain independence in the community, delaying or avoiding the need for Medicaid support. Local initiatives across Ohio are providing such support, and local funding combined with an array of other state changes is resulting in a reduction in the number of older people using nursing homes across Ohio. Despite these improvements, current state and local policies continue to incentivize counties to shift eligible individuals to the Medicaid program as soon as they meet eligibility in order to save local resources. While the policy is understandable from a county resource perspective, this shift adds costs to the overall system, and efforts should be made to improve coordination between the state and local initiatives. Ohio is the national leader in the use of local funding; all efforts should be made to use these funds in the most effective manner possible

**NFMA Community Food Pantry  
NFMA Church Mouse Thrift Shoppe  
Salvation Army Service Unit of Newton Falls  
26 ½ West Broad Street  
Newton Falls, OH 44444**

9 September 2024

The Newton Falls Ministerial Association is partnering with the Newton Falls Area Commerce Association for the Christmas Tree lighting event on November 30, 2024. We hope to have a parade through downtown at 6:00 PM and the tree lighting at 8:30 PM. The downtown area will be blocked off for this event but we do not yet know when this will be done by the village.

We are looking for businesses and organizations that want to interface with the community in a very positive way – ie: Marchers in the parade or some family friendly activity(ies) or some type of entertainment. Therefore, we are contacting you to find out if you wish to participate in this event and if you do what activity(ies) you want to do.

If you would like to support this event what do you want to do and what would you need to make it happen? Do you need street space, if yes, how much and where would be best. Business/Organization:

Activity:

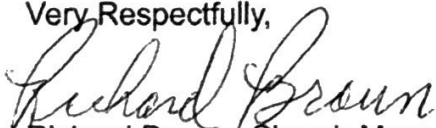
Location:

Duration:

For the downtown businesses, will you be open during this time? If yes, do you plan any special actions/activities in your business or on the street?

Our next meeting is September 20 so we would appreciate a reply before then. Email is the best means to respond or you may call any of the following people: Rick Braun at 330-872-5574, Yvette at 330-872-1564 or Amber Holley at 330-240-7406. Any questions should go to the people above.

Very Respectfully,



Richard Braun, Church Mouse Treasurer





The 14th Congressional District is located in the northeast corner of the state. It borders Lake Erie to the north and Pennsylvania to the east. It includes all or part of Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage and Trumbull counties. The district has approximately 785,000 residents and is home to diverse businesses, industries, and agriculture. From suburban to rural, we have a varied landscape and interests. It's my honor to represent the area I grew up in and love in Washington DC. I've tried to focus my efforts on issues that are important to our area, like protecting the Great Lakes and encouraging job creation and economic growth in Northeast Ohio. I've also worked to ensure veterans are receiving and have easy access to the benefits they've earned and have tried to help tackle the opioid crisis that sadly is directly impacting our communities. I'll continue to do my best to protect and fight for the issues that matter to us here at home.

*I value your feedback, please feel free to contact me anytime. I look forward to hearing from you!*

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8500 Station Street, Suite 390  
Mentor, Ohio 44060  
440-352-3939

**Ravenna District Office**  
449 S. Meridian Street, Room 138  
Ravenna, OH 44266  
330-357-4139

**Warren District Office**  
125 West Market Street, Room 204  
Warren, Ohio 44481  
330-752-7673

**Washington DC Office**  
2065 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-5731

*You can also contact me via email through my website at [joyce.house.gov](mailto:joyce.house.gov)*



# Constituent Services Resource Guide

Congressman  
**DAVE JOYCE**  
Representing  
the 14th District of Ohio



It's an honor to serve the people of the 14th Congressional District in our nation's capital and here at home. Whether you need help with a federal agency, are trying to learn more about federal grants, or are considering applying to a service academy, my staff and I are here to help you. Feel free to contact me anytime if you are looking for assistance or if you would like to voice your opinion. Your input is important to me and helps me do my best representing Northeast Ohioans.



## Additional Services



### My office can also help you with:

- U.S. Flags Flown over the Capitol
- Internships
- Presidential Greetings
- Service Academy Nominations
- Grant Assistance
- Congressional Art Contest
- Congressional App Challenge

## Help With A Federal Agency

*Interacting with federal agencies can be challenging. My office can help.*

### Department of Veterans Affairs

*Compensation claims, military records, service medals*

### Social Security Administration

*Disability, retirement benefits, supplemental security income*

### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

*Part A, Part B, Part D, supplemental programs*

### Internal Revenue Service

*Refunds, back taxes, penalties*

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service

*Application status, permanent residence, adoption*

### U.S. Department of State

*Passports, visas, international travel*

### U.S. Postal Service

*Mail delivery, customer service, mail fraud*

### Federal Housing

*Qualifications, application status, questions*

## Traveling to DC?

Whether you are here for a business trip or a family vacation, I am happy to provide you with information and resources so you can maximize your time in Washington. From monuments, to federal buildings, to museums, there is certainly no shortage of sights to see. My office can help arrange tours at some of the top sites including:

- U.S. Capitol
- The White House
- Library of Congress





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WHEREAS, Council desires to amend Administrative Code Section 141.07 POLICE CHIEF, to make the position of Police Chief a full-time (40) forty hour per week position; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2023-18, which established Section 141.07, effective July 30, 2023, reduced the position of Police Chief from a full-time (40) forty hour per week position to a part-time (20) twenty hour per week position, and was improvidently passed; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to commence this revised Section 141.07 retroactively to July 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Newton Falls, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council hereby amends Section 141.07 of the Administrative Code as indicated in Exhibit “B”.

SECTION 2. That all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were taken in meetings open to the public and/or in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Hanson, Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Limbian, Law Director

VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO  
ORDINANCE NO.: 2023-18  
SPONSOR: Councilperson Baryak

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 141.07 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
CODE PERTAINING TO THE POLICE CHIEF**

WHEREAS, the Council desires to establish Section 141.07 of the Village Administrative Code that designates the Police Chief position as a part-time, 20 hour per week position.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Newton Falls, State of Ohio, hereby ordains:


**SECTION 1.** That Council hereby and herein enacts Section 141.07 of the Village Administrative Code pertaining to the position of Village Police Chief, as set forth in the attachment hereto that is incorporated herein by reference. The salary for the part-time position of Police Chief shall be \$36,000 per annum, prorated based upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That any portions of any ordinances that are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

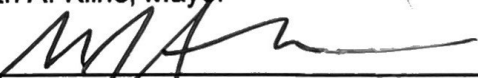
**SECTION 3.** That all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were taken in meetings open to the public and/or in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 4.** That this Ordinance shall be effective as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF June, 2023.

  
Kenneth A. Kline, Mayor

Attest:

  
Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form.

  
Bradric T. Bryan, Law Director

**141.07 POLICE CHIEF.**

The position of Police Chief shall be a part-time twenty hour per week position. The salary for the position shall be as provided by Council.

**141.07 POLICE CHIEF.**

The position of Police Chief shall be a ~~part-time twenty-hour~~ a full-time forty hour per week position. The salary for the position shall be as provided by Council.