



NEWTON FALLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
 Wednesday, April 16, 2025; 6:00 PM
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 612 WEST BROAD STREET

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS	
Ward 1	Patricia Benetis
Ward 2	Brian Axiotis
Ward 3	Robert Burke
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**
 Swearing-In John Barco – Police Chief

- PROCLAMATION**
 Honoring National Student Leadership Week and Student Leaders at Newton Falls High School
- VI. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)**
- VII. Motion to Recess into Executive Session (If Necessary)**
 A Motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews with candidates for the position of City Manager.
- VIII. Reports**
 - a. Mayor
 - b. Council Members
 - c. Law Director
 - d. Finance Director
 - e. City Manager
- IX. Approval of Previous Minutes**
 Regular Meeting Minutes April 2, 2025
- X. Public Hearings**
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 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES RETROACTIVE WITHIN BUDGET YEAR 2025 AND ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES IN EACH SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL BUDGET YEAR

XI. Unfinished Business

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ORDINANCE 2025-16 *Sponsors: Councilpersons Benetis, Stimpert*
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYEE POSITIONS OF THE CITY OF NEWTON FALLS

ORDINANCE 2025-17 *Sponsors: Councilpersons Rufener, Stimpert*
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY CONTRACTS WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE AND BENEFITS AND WITH ACRISURE GREAT LAKES DBA BURNHAM & FLOWER TO ADMINISTER THE COVERAGE PLAN SET FORTH HEREIN

ORDINANCE 2025-18 *Sponsors: Councilpersons Axiotis, Rufener*
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND AND FILE A CERTIFICATE OF RESOURCES WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLUTION 02-2025 *Sponsors: Councilpersons Axiotis, Stimpert*
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PROPERTY FROM DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS

RESOLUTION 03-2025 *Sponsors: Councilpersons Rufener, Stimpert*
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HERITAGE ACCORD TO UTILIZE THE COVERED BRIDGE TO CONDUCT A FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025.

XIII. Public Comments

XIV. Closing Remarks

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

XV. Adjournment

STATE OF OHIO)
) SS:
COUNTY OF TRUMBULL)

Oath of Office

I, John Barco, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution and Statutes of the United States of America, the Constitution and Laws of the State of Ohio, and the Charter and Ordinances of the Village of Newton Falls, County of Trumbull, Ohio, and that I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge my duties as Police Chief for the Village of Newton Falls during my continuance in said position, according to the best of my ability and understanding. I will uphold the law with integrity, fairness, and impartiality. I will lead the department with honor and professionalism, ensuring the safety, rights, and dignity of all individuals. I will strive to promote public trust through transparency, accountability, and community engagement. I will not use my position for personal gain, and I will always act in the best interest of the community I serve.

John Barco, Police Chief

Sworn to and Subscribed before Me in My Presence.

Jeff Limbian, Director of Law

Date

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Newton Falls Exempted Village Schools sponsor student leadership activities in order to provide students with vital experience in exercising a voice in matters of common concern, reconciling diverse interests, participating in civic duties, and selecting leaders; and

WHEREAS, our student leaders are a positive influence on their peers, modeling good character and scholarship in and out of the classroom, and serve as change agents to improve the overall climate and performance levels of their schools; and

WHEREAS, student leaders do not automatically develop sound leadership skills and require trained, dedicated faculty advisers to help them develop the essential traits and characteristics of a leader and to provide the positive experiences necessary to participate in civic duties and democratically structured meetings so that they may expand their skills and foster their paths to becoming effective leaders; and

WHEREAS, the support of schools, parents, and especially community leaders is necessary to help ensure the successful education of all emerging student leaders; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes the efforts of our High School Student Council to participate in meetings, vote for officers, and conduct meetings while also working to perform as much community service as possible. We also recognize the efforts of this Student Council this past school year to connect with our community to move our annual homecoming festivities back into the downtown area where it originated at the old high school many years ago and worked directly with local officials to plan the event to include partnerships with local businesses to ensure a successful night of parade fun, community spirit, shopping, and eating in our historical downtown area; and

WHEREAS, Council hopes this will be a tradition for years to come that connects our current high schoolers with our community.; and

WHEREAS, National Student Leadership Week serves as an ideal time to bring attention to the important and integral contributions that our student leaders make in our schools and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor David Hanson, Council Members: Patricia Benetis, Brian Axiotis, Robert Burke, Kevin Rufener, and Julie Stimpert, of the Village of Newton Falls, Ohio, and on their behalf and on behalf of the Officials, Employees, and Citizens of the Village, hereby express their sincere appreciation to the student members of the Newton Falls High School and do hereby proclaim the third full week of April as "Newton Falls Student Leadership Week" in support of National Student Leadership Week, and urge citizens to seek opportunities to recognize student leaders in our schools and support their training and activities as they prepare themselves for their future stations as leaders of our city, state, and nation.

	<u>Student Body Officers</u>	<u>Senior Class Officers</u>	<u>Junior Class Officers</u>	<u>Sophomore Class Officers</u>	<u>Freshmen Class Officers</u>
<u>President</u>	Cameron Huff	Kennedy Howard	Ellie Falb	Mia DeCesare	Peyton Kasbee
<u>Vice President</u>	Logan Elliott	Claire Howdershelt	Madalyn Knight	Kylee Lance	Sierra Persino
<u>Secretary</u>	Payton Murphy	William Medved	Raina Noel	Calleigh Swiger	Aleigha Lade
<u>Treasurer</u>	Veronica Hanzes	Haley Albert	Madison Davis	Danica Koehrsen	Nahloni Thomas
<u>Class Representative</u>		Makayla Arambula		Ryan Davis	

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Newton Falls to be affixed this 16th day of April, 2025.

David Hanson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Benetis, Ward 1

Brian Axiotis, Ward 2

Robert Burke, Ward 3

Kevin Rufener, Ward 4

Julie Stimpert, At-Large



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- I. Call to Order**
 Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / Silent Prayer**
 Mayor Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided time for silent prayer.
- III. Roll Call**
 Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Acomb to call the roll.
 Council Present: Councilperson Axiotis, Councilperson Benetis, Councilperson Stimpert, Councilperson Rufener, Councilperson Burke, Mayor Hanson.
 Council Absent: None.
 Staff Present: Interim City Manager Novotny, Finance Director Vernaccini, Law Director Limbian, Clerk Acomb.
 Staff Absent: None.
- IV. Changes To Tonight's Agenda**
 None.
- V. Special Presentations by Staff Members or Invited Consultants**
 None.
- VI. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)**
 Brian Kropp – He expressed intent to not speak about the agenda. Rather, he expressed disappointment that a motion was not made to add him to the agenda to speak on an important issue.
- VII. Reports**
 - a. Mayor - No report.
 - b. Council Members
 - i. Ward 1 – No report.
 - ii. Ward 2 – He stated that a Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting was held yesterday; yet he had received no prior notification, agenda, or other communications from anyone prior to the meeting. He did not attend because of the situation and expressed frustration and disappointment. Mr. Kropp spoke up and was invited to speak by the mayor. He stated that the commission is plagued by lack of procedures and communication. He stated that the commission has 2 empty seats and no acting secretary. He stated belief that the zoning inspector is responsible for the agenda and

should be communicating with the council representative and the clerk. He stated that a draft copy of minutes from yesterday's meeting were produced by Mr. Spelich and they did not meet Mr. Kropp's expectations. He urged for a higher standard. He spoke with Mr. Novotny today about the issue and urged all of Council to read his email. A recording device was given to the Inspector, which was used. Mr. Kropp expects a transcription of the audio. He urged Council develop standard operating procedures for the committees and to expect consistency. He urged for a secretary to be provided to the commission who is not a member of the commission. He spoke against Council not acting promptly to address his needs. He spoke against the Interim City Manager communicating expectations for the commission with regard to agendas and minutes. He urged the Clerk to attend all meetings. He stated that only two Boards and Commissions are in operation. He acknowledged no legal code mandates Mr. Kropp's wishes nor does any legal code authorize the City Manager to communicate expectations. He spoke against the current state of affairs. Mr. Limbian requested a point of order. The mayor obliged and encouraged Mr. Kropp to finish shortly. Mr. Kropp urged for the attendance at commission meetings and procedures to be formalized into the job descriptions of each member of the administration.

- iii. Ward 3 – No report.
- iv. Ward 4 – He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission did have a meeting, he attended, and they processed 9 requests for rezoning. The next meeting will be used to address a the establishment of a possible DORA. He encouraged all to attend that meeting and provide public feedback on May 6 at 6:00pm.
- v. At-Large – No report.
- c. Law Director – No report.
- d. Finance Director – She read a prepared report. (Enclosed)
- e. City Manager - He read a prepared report. (Enclosed)

VIII. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mayor Hanson called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes March 19, 2025. Moved by Ms. Stimpert. Second by Mr. Rufener.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-abstain; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Stimpert made a motion to accept the abstention of Mr. Axiotis due to his absence on March 19. Second by Mr. Rufener.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 4-0.

IX. Public Hearings

ORDINANCE 2025-11

Sponsors: Councilpersons Axiotis, Rufener

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No public comments.

X. Unfinished Business

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Sponsors: Councilpersons Axiotis, Rufener

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Mayor Hanson read the ordinance by title only and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Moved by Mr. Axiotis. Second by Mr. Rufener.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 5-0. Final Reading.

XI. New Business

ORDINANCE 2025-12

Sponsors: Councilpersons Benetis, Rufener

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPOINTING JOHN P. BARCO POLICE CHIEF AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE ATTACHED POLICE CHIEF AGREEMENT

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

Mr. Rufener stated that an extensive and competitive search occurred for the position. It was not an easy decision as there were many great applicants; but he believes this is the best decision for the community.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 5-0. First Reading.

Mayor Hanson read the ordinance by title only and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Moved by Ms. Stimpert. Second by Ms. Benetis.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 5-0. Final Reading.

ORDINANCE 2025-13

Sponsors: Councilpersons Benetis, Rufener

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ASSURED PARTNERS THROUGH THE OHIO PLAN FOR THE CITY'S PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mayor Hanson read the ordinance by title only and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Moved by Mr. Rufener. Second by Mr. Burke.

Mr. Axiotis asked by the emergency. Mr. Novotny stated the renewal was due April 1 and is necessary to not leave the Village without liability insurance. Ms. Stimpert stated that the typo with regard to the number of dams has been corrected in the paperwork with no change in expense. Mr. Novotny affirmed that stated.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 5-0. First Reading.

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

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 5-0. Final Reading.

ORDINANCE 2025-14

Sponsors: Councilpersons Benetis, Rufener

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Mayor Hanson read the ordinance by title only and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Moved by Mr. Rufener. Second by Mr. Axiotis.

Mr. Rufener stated that Council has been looking at various past annual pay ordinances and has seen no continuity among them. He stated that annual wage increases are often approved too late in the year and offer a poor look to the community and the employees. He expressed appreciation for employees and believes that this should be reviewed every year during budget discussions with an eye on providing increases if the budget allows. Ms. Stimpert agreed and stated that this ordinance has been discussed for many years and is much needed for our employees.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 5-0. First Reading.

XII. Public Comments

None.

XIII. Closing Remarks

- a. Mayor – He thanked the city manager for his work with the realtor to find a use for this abandoned building.
- b. Council Members
 - i. Ward 1 – She welcomed Chief Barco and stated agreement with the hiring.
 - ii. Ward 2 - He stated that Mr. Kropp has made good points and urged Council to revisit the issue to get things to be more focused. He stated that Kathy King did a good job, and he offered that those meeting minutes are very important and they must be done well.
 - iii. Ward 3 – He welcomed Chief Barco. He also stated that he remembers the city employees coming to the meetings when he was a part-time employee. He expressed excitement at the growth of Circle K and hopes to see a plan for this situation.
 - iv. Ward 4 – He congratulated Chief Barco. He also stated his belief that the committees could function better. He stated that minutes are not supposed to be created verbatim nor are they required to be done so. He stated that this situation is an administrative matter, not a legislative manner. He supports the alternative solutions to the Mr. Kropp’s demand for personnel attendance that were offered by the City Manager and Law Director. He urged against micro-managing who will do what, where, when, and how. He urged caution and acknowledged the need for improvement at the hand of the City Manager. He urged people to work together and not make unrealistic and unreasonable demands from each other.
 - v. At-Large – She welcomed Chief Barco. She also stated her belief that things should be addressed but not necessarily the same as others have stated. She stated belief the audio recording represents the formal minutes, and that transcribing is not necessary.

- c. Finance Director – No remarks.
- d. Law Director – No remarks.
- e. City Manager – He stated that preliminary plans for Circle K have been developed for new facility. He requested an executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation.

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

Ms. Stimpert made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and potential litigation. Second by Mr. Rufener.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 5-0. The executive session began at 6:44 pm.

Ms. Stimpert made a motion to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting. Second by Mr. Axiotis.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 5-0. The executive session ended at 7:51 pm.

XV. Adjournment

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

No discussion.

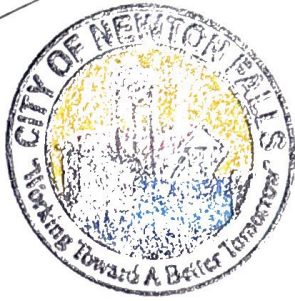
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

APPROVED:

David Hanson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Michael A. Novotny

City Manager Report

April 2, 2025,

Liability Insurance Renewal – There is a typo on Page 1 of the agenda is attached to my report. It states that there is only 1 dam in the village. This was a typo and has since been corrected. This does not change the policy in any manner.

Property on First Street – Contacted by Trumbull County Land Bank reference property on First Street parcel # 53-263756. This property is available to the city for \$1. I have advised the land bank that the city is interested in this property, they will be sending the paperwork. This property is located on the east side of First Street between the parking lot of Commerce Park and the wastewater pump station. The city owns the property on both sides of this parcel.

Healthcare Insurance Renewal – I have been working with the finance director on the renewal. I will have the legislation for the renewal on the agenda for the next meeting so that we can have everything in place for the May 1 renewal.

Rite Aid Property - Circle K is moving forward with their plans to construct a new facility on this property. I will advise as this moves forward. You did receive some information on this earlier.

Scott Street Sewer Project – There is an administrative fee that the city is responsible for to Eastgate for the funding received through them for the project. The fee is \$13,125.00. There will be legislation on the next agenda to authorize this payment, it will come out of the wastewater budget. Usually, the amount of this fee is included in the matching amounts to secure these monies. I do not know if this was an oversight when all of the funding was secured or could not be included in all of the other funding.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Novotny

Michael A. Novotny
Interim City Manager
Village of Newton Falls

Entity Name: Village of Newton Falls

LIABILITY EXPOSURES SCHEDULE

OPERATIONS/EXPOSURE AND EXPOSURE BASE	SUBCONTRACTED (YES/NO)	DESCRIPTION	EXPOSURE AMOUNT
Electric Utilities - Number of Connections	No		2,572
Residential Facilities	No		1
Wastewater Utility	No		2,556
Skate Parks - Each	No		1
Water Utility	No		2,556
Street & Roads - Miles	No		48
Special Events/Other - Each	No	Fourth of July	1
Dams - Each	No		X 2

Finance Directors Report



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

From: Jamie Vernaccini, Director of Finance

Date: April 2, 2025

Subject: Finance Department

January Month End:

The Finance Office successfully closed out the month of March today without any issues. I've enclosed a copy of the Statement of Cash Position. As you will note, the General Fund does have a negative unencumbered balance. This is due to the City encumbering the Sheriff's annual contract. As funds continue to come into the City this balance will become positive. Its also important to note that the General Fund has a positive unexpended balance.

Financial Audit:

The status of the previous audit covering January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 is still pending. Our previous audit team did return to the City to wrap up a few issues. The Finance Office has been providing the requested additional information this week. The new anticipated post audit date is April 15, 2025.

Income Tax Non-filers:

Over 600 non-filer letters were sent out on Monday. So, if there are questions, these letters pertain to the amount of income taxes that RITA has identified as taxes which are owed to the City of Newton Falls. While my office can help explain any questions, RITA is the point of contact with anything that needs clarified or filed. I've enclosed a mailer with the direct contact information for RITA's audit division.



CONTACT RITA

800.860.7482 extension 5002

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday

<https://www.ritaohio.com/Resources/Home/IndividualFormDownloads>

ADDRESS:

2761 Salt Springs Rd

Youngstown, OH 44509

VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-14
SPONSOR: Councilpersons Benetis, Rufener

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WHEREAS, Newton Falls City Council acknowledges that the Consumer Price Index recommends an annual cost-of-living adjustment for American workers; and

WHEREAS, Newton Falls City Council also acknowledges that the costs for all goods and services, including vital ones such as food, shelter, and medical care, continue to rise, and as such, employee earnings used to pay for these necessities of life should also rise in order to ensure that employees can afford these annual increases in their cost-of-living; and

WHEREAS, City Council also wishes to ensure that city employees are able to afford subsequent annual increases in the cost for necessary goods and services by implementing a process to evaluate the feasibility of applying annual cost-of-living adjustments to the wages of all city employees with the intent to implement a recommended cost-of-living adjustment to all wages so long as the Finance Director can certify the feasibility of such an increase and the City Council approves the recommendation prior to the approval of each annual budget.

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

SECTION 1. The Newton Falls City Council hereby authorizes a cost-of-living adjustment to be applied to the wages all city employees retroactive for the calendar year 2025 to the pay period that began on March 16, 2025, and that this cost-of-living increase shall be based upon the Consumer Price Index from October, 2024

SECTION 2. The Newton Falls City Council hereby ordains that annually, as a part of subsequent calendar year budget discussions, the annual cost-of-living adjustment to the wages of all city employees shall be reviewed by Finance Director and City Council to make a determination for each budget year to either implement, adjust, or suspend a cost-of-living increase with specific consideration to the feasibility of and availability of funds in implementing an annual cost-of-living increase for that subsequent calendar year; and if implemented in any form, shall be effective with the first full pay period in January of the budget year.

SECTION 3. The Newton Falls City Council hereby declares any and all Ordinances in conflict with this ordinance to be void and rescinded.

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SECTION 4. That all formal action of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance was 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 5. That this Ordinance shall be effective as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

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.: 2025-15
SPONSOR: Councilpersons Rufener, Stimpert

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO REMIT PAYMENT TO THE OPWC EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND DISTRICT 6 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE OF THE OPWC INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROGRAM ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCOTT STREET PHASE II SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments administers the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) programs for the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Village received grant funding from the OPWC State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) for the Scott Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project “the project”; and

WHEREAS, the District 6 Committee approved the assessment of administrative charges to entities successful in receiving financial assistance and have presented Invoice No. 2002-CF29Z (Exhibit A) to the Village for payment of \$13,125 for the administrative assistance received regarding the usage of the SCIP for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Village is required to pay this fee, and the amount of the invoice exceeds the legal spending threshold of the Interim City Manager; and

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

SECTION 1. That the Interim City Manager is authorized to remit payment of \$13,125 to the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments for administrative assistance of the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP).

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.

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Attest:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form.

Jeff Limbian, Law Director



LOCATION

City Center One Building
100 East Federal Street,
Suite 1000
Youngstown, OH 44503

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4/2/2025

Village of Newton Falls
19 North Cananl Street
Newton Falls, Ohio 44444

RE: District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee - OPWC Administrative Charge

The Eastgate Regional Council of Governments administers the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) programs for the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee. The programs include the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP), Small Governments Program, and the Emergency Program. The District 6 committee approved the assessment of administrative charges to entities successful in receiving financial assistance.

The following project in your community was completed using OPWC funding:

- **SCIP Grant: Scott Street Phase II Sanitary Sewer Improvement, Invoice No. 2022-CF29Z**

This letter serves as notice and request for payment of \$13,125, as commitment for continued administrative assistance of this program. All administrative expenses billed are paid to Eastgate Regional Council of Governments upon receipt of Eastgate's SCIP/LTIP statement. The administrative charge identified on the attached invoice is due by 5/17/2025.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ed Davis, OPWC Program Manager, at (234)-254-1511.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Kinnick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Kinnick, P.E.
Executive Director



Eastgate Regional Council of Governments and
District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee

STATEMENT

Statement to Village of Newton Falls for Program Year 2022 for administrative assistance of the Ohio Public Works Commission infrastructure funding programs.

Invoice Number: 2022-CF29Z

<u>PARTICIPANT</u>	<u>PROGRAM YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Village of Newton Falls	2022	\$13,125

DUE: 5/17/2025

PROGRAM: SCIP

PROJECT: Scott Street Phase II Sanitary Sewer Improvement

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MAIL TO:

Eastgate Regional Council of Governments
100 E. Federal Street
City Centre One - Suite 1000
Youngstown, Ohio 44503



VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-16
SPONSOR: Councilpersons Benetis, Stimpert

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYEE POSITIONS OF THE CITY OF NEWTON FALLS

WHEREAS, Newton Falls City Council approved the 2020 Budget setting an annual salary of \$72,500 for the Superintendents of the Electric Department, Maintenance Department, Water Distribution, Water Plant, and Wastewater Plant of the City of Newton Falls, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to authorize a wage increase to City of Newton Falls employees effective retroactive to the pay period beginning May 11, 2025.

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that City Utility Superintendent employees should receive a pay raise.

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

SECTION 1. The Newton Falls City Council hereby approves a wage rate range of \$36.60 to \$40.87 per hour x 2080 hours yearly for City of Newton Falls Utility Superintendent employees listed above. This wage rate includes CDL and any/all licenses required or obtained while in the Superintendent position during their employment.

SECTION 2. The Newton Falls City Council hereby approves adding the City of Newton Falls Utility Superintendent wage rate range to Schedule A for documentation and consistency of any future cost of living or general pay raises approved for City of Newton Falls Employees. See attached Schedule A

SECTION 4. The City Manager shall establish pay rate for newly appointed Superintendents, dependent upon qualification, within the approved pay scale, and with the incremented increases shown in Schedule A based on employee evaluation.

SECTION 5. The Newton Falls City Council hereby declares any and all Ordinances in conflict with this ordinance to be void and rescinded.

SECTION 6. That all formal action of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance was 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.

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SECTION 7. That this Ordinance shall be effective as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

David Hanson, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form.

Jeff Limbian, Law Director

**City of Newton Falls
Schedule A - Utility Superintendents**

Pay Rates

Range 6	A	B	C	D	E	Range 7	A	B	C	D	E
1/1/2013	14.44	14.81	15.14	15.52	15.95	1/1/2013	14.85	15.14	15.52	15.95	16.38
5/1/2017	14.58	14.96	15.29	15.68	16.11	5/1/2017	15.00	15.29	15.68	16.11	16.54
4/8/2018	14.80	15.18	15.52	15.91	16.35	4/8/2018	15.22	15.52	15.91	16.35	16.79
2/1/2019	14.95	15.33	15.68	16.07	16.51	2/1/2019	15.38	15.68	16.07	16.51	16.96
2/9/2020	15.10	15.49	15.83	16.23	16.68	2/9/2020	15.53	15.83	16.23	16.68	17.13
1/1/2021	15.55	15.95	16.31	16.72	17.18	1/1/2021	16.00	16.31	16.72	17.18	17.64
3/16/2025	15.96	16.37	16.73	17.15	17.63	3/16/2025	16.41	16.73	17.15	17.63	18.10

Range 8	A	B	C	D	E	Range 9	A	B	C	D	E
1/1/2013	15.21	15.52	15.95	16.38	16.83	1/1/2013	15.50	15.94	16.39	16.85	17.36
5/1/2017	15.36	15.68	16.11	16.54	17.00	5/1/2017	15.66	16.10	16.55	17.02	17.53
4/8/2018	15.59	15.91	16.35	16.79	17.25	4/8/2018	15.89	16.34	16.80	17.27	17.80
2/1/2019	15.75	16.07	16.51	16.96	17.43	2/1/2019	16.05	16.50	16.97	17.45	17.97
2/9/2020	15.91	16.23	16.68	17.13	17.60	2/9/2020	16.21	16.67	17.14	17.62	18.15
1/1/2021	16.38	16.72	17.18	17.64	18.13	1/1/2021	16.70	17.17	17.65	18.15	18.70
3/16/2025	16.81	17.15	17.63	18.10	18.60	3/16/2025	17.13	17.62	18.11	18.62	19.19

**City of Newton Falls
Schedule A - Utility Superintendents**

Pay Rates

Range 10	A	B	C	D	E	Range 11	A	B	C	D	E
1/1/2013	15.95	16.38	16.83	17.33	17.81	1/1/2013	16.38	16.83	17.33	17.81	18.35
5/1/2017	16.11	16.54	17.00	17.50	17.99	5/1/2017	16.54	17.00	17.50	17.99	18.53
4/8/2018	16.35	16.79	17.25	17.77	18.26	4/8/2018	16.79	17.25	17.77	18.26	18.81
2/1/2019	16.51	16.96	17.43	17.94	18.44	2/1/2019	16.96	17.43	17.94	18.44	19.00
2/9/2020	16.68	17.13	17.60	18.12	18.62	2/9/2020	17.13	17.60	18.12	18.62	19.19
1/1/2021	17.18	17.64	18.13	18.67	19.18	1/1/2021	17.64	18.13	18.67	19.18	19.77
3/16/2025	17.63	18.10	18.60	19.15	19.68	3/16/2025	18.10	18.60	19.15	19.68	20.28

Range 12	A	B	C	D	E	Range 13	A	B	C	D	E
1/1/2013	16.83	17.33	17.81	18.35	18.89	1/1/2013	17.33	17.81	18.35	18.89	19.47
5/1/2017	17.00	17.50	17.99	18.53	19.08	5/1/2017	17.50	17.99	18.53	19.08	19.66
4/8/2018	17.25	17.77	18.26	18.81	19.37	4/8/2018	17.77	18.26	18.81	19.37	19.96
2/1/2019	17.43	17.94	18.44	19.00	19.56	2/1/2019	17.94	18.44	19.00	19.56	20.16
2/9/2020	17.60	18.12	18.62	19.19	19.75	2/9/2020	18.12	18.62	19.19	19.75	20.36
1/1/2021	18.13	18.67	19.18	19.77	20.35	1/1/2021	18.67	19.18	19.77	20.35	20.97
3/16/2025	18.60	19.15	19.68	20.28	20.88	3/16/2025	19.15	19.68	20.28	20.88	21.52

**City of Newton Falls
Schedule A - Utility Superintendents**

Pay Rates

Range 14	A	B	C	D	E	Range 15	A	B	C	D	E
1/1/2013	17.81	18.35	18.89	19.49	20.09	1/1/2013	18.35	18.89	19.49	20.09	20.76
5/1/2017	17.99	18.53	19.08	19.68	20.29	5/1/2017	18.53	19.08	19.68	20.29	20.97
4/8/2018	18.26	18.81	19.37	19.98	20.60	4/8/2018	18.81	19.37	19.98	20.60	21.28
2/1/2019	18.44	19.00	19.56	20.18	20.80	2/1/2019	19.00	19.56	20.18	20.80	21.49
2/9/2020	18.62	19.19	19.75	20.38	21.01	2/9/2020	19.19	19.75	20.38	21.01	21.71
1/1/2021	19.18	19.77	20.35	20.99	21.64	1/1/2021	19.77	20.35	20.99	21.64	22.36
3/16/2025	19.68	20.28	20.88	21.54	22.20	3/16/2025	20.28	20.88	21.54	22.20	22.94

Range 16	A	B	C	D	E	Range 17	A	B	C	D	E
1/1/2013	18.89	19.49	20.09	20.76	21.38	1/1/2013	19.49	20.09	20.76	21.38	22.09
5/1/2017	19.08	19.68	20.29	20.97	21.59	5/1/2017	19.68	20.29	20.97	21.59	22.31
4/8/2018	19.37	19.98	20.60	21.28	21.92	4/8/2018	19.98	20.60	21.28	21.92	22.65
2/1/2019	19.56	20.18	20.80	21.49	22.14	2/1/2019	20.18	20.80	21.49	22.14	22.87
2/9/2020	19.75	20.38	21.01	21.71	22.36	2/9/2020	20.38	21.01	21.71	22.36	23.10
1/1/2021	20.35	20.99	21.64	22.36	23.03	1/1/2021	20.99	21.64	22.36	23.03	23.79
3/16/2025	20.88	21.54	22.20	22.94	23.63	3/16/2025	21.54	22.20	22.94	23.63	24.41

**City of Newton Falls
Schedule A - Utility Superintendents**

Pay Rates

Range 18	A	B	C	D	E	Range 19	A	B	C	D	E
1/1/2013	20.09	20.76	21.38	21.98	22.84	1/1/2013	20.76	21.26	22.09	22.84	23.60
5/1/2017	20.29	20.97	21.59	22.20	23.07	5/1/2017	20.97	21.47	22.31	23.07	23.84
4/8/2018	20.60	21.28	21.92	22.53	23.41	4/8/2018	21.28	21.79	22.65	23.41	24.19
2/1/2019	20.80	21.49	22.14	22.76	23.65	2/1/2019	21.49	22.01	22.87	23.65	24.44
2/9/2020	21.01	21.71	22.36	22.99	23.89	2/9/2020	21.71	22.23	23.10	23.89	24.68
1/1/2021	21.64	22.36	23.03	23.68	24.60	1/1/2021	22.36	22.90	23.79	24.60	25.42
3/16/2025	22.20	22.94	23.63	24.29	25.24	3/16/2025	22.94	23.50	24.41	25.24	26.08

Range 20	A	B	C	D	E	Range 21	A	B	C	D	E
1/1/2013	21.38	22.09	22.84	23.60	24.41	1/1/2013					
5/1/2017	21.59	22.31	23.07	23.84	24.65	5/1/2017	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
4/8/2018	21.92	22.65	23.41	24.19	25.02	4/8/2018	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
2/1/2019	22.14	22.87	23.65	24.44	25.27	2/1/2019	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
2/9/2020	22.36	23.10	23.89	24.68	25.53	2/9/2020	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
1/1/2021	23.03	23.79	24.60	25.42	26.29	1/1/2021	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
3/16/2025	23.63	24.41	25.24	26.08	26.98	1/1/2023	25.65	26.38	27.14	27.92	31.00
						3/16/2025	26.32	27.07	27.85	28.65	31.81

City of Newton Falls
Schedule A - Utility Superintendents
Pay Rates

5/11/2025 Utility Superintendents

Rate x 2080 hours annually

Longevity added to rate at time of appointment

	A	B	C	D	E
	Start	3 month	6 month	9 month	12 month
5/11/2025	36.60	37.67	38.74	39.81	40.87

VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-17
SPONSOR: Councilpersons Stimpert and Rufener

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY
MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY CONTRACTS WITH
MEDICAL MUTUAL TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE AND
BENEFITS AND WITH ACRISURE GREAT LAKES DBA BURNHAM & FLOWER TO
ADMINISTER THE COVERAGE PLAN SET FORTH HEREIN**

WHEREAS, the Village obtained quotes for employee health insurance and benefits coverage for 2025; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that the attached rate proposal from Medical Mutual for the MMO Balanced Solutions plan HSA 6550 MMRX provides the best coverage for the best price when taking into account the Village's employee benefit needs and short-term and long-range benefit strategies; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that entering into a contract with a third-party administrator provides the best service to the Village in administering said employee health benefits plan and has determined that Acrisure Great Lakes dba Burnham & Flower is the best, most responsible choice to provide those services to the Village.

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

SECTION 1. That Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to enter into and execute any necessary agreements with Medical Mutual for the MMO Balanced Solutions Plan HSA 6550 MMRX for employee health care insurance and benefits based upon the rate proposal that is attached hereto, as well as, with Acrisure Great Lakes dba Burnham & Flower to administer the health care insurance and benefits on behalf of the Village.

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 is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health, welfare, and safety of the residents of the Village because the Village needs to have its 2025 employee health insurance benefits in place and in effect as of May1, 2025. Therefore, this Ordinance shall take immediate effect upon its passage, pursuant to Newton Falls Charter Article III, Section 21.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17
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PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

David Hanson, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form.

Jeff Limbian, Law Director

PROPOSAL
CITY OF NEWTON FALLS

May 1, 2025



Medical Side-by-side



	Current		Renewal		OPTION 1	
ALTERNATIVE	MEDICAL MUTUAL		MEDICAL MUTUAL		MEDICAL MUTUAL	
MEDICAL PLANS NETWORK	HSA 5000 PD Rx Supermed PPO/Ohio Med		HSA 5000 PD Rx Supermed PPO/Ohio Med		HSA 6550 MMRX Supermed PPO/Ohio Med	
	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT
HRA Funding	\$6,900 / \$13,800		\$6,900 / \$13,800		\$6,550 / \$13,100	
Deductible - Individual	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$6,550	\$13,100
Deductible - Family	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$13,100	\$26,200
OOPM - Individual	\$6,900	\$15,000	\$6,900	\$15,000	\$6,550	\$18,100
OOPM - Family	\$13,800	\$30,000	\$13,800	\$30,000	\$13,100	\$36,200
Co-insurance	0%	50%	0%	50%	0%	50%
PCP	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible
Specialist	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible
X-Ray	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible
Lab	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible
Inpatient Hospital	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible
Outpatient Surgery	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible
Emergency Room	\$0 after deductible	\$0 after deductible	\$0 after deductible	\$0 after deductible	\$0 after deductible	\$0 after deductible
Urgent Care	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible	\$0 after deductible	50% after deductible

Rx

Member Copay	\$15/\$45/\$75/\$275 after deductible	\$15/\$45/\$75/\$275 after deductible	\$0 after deductible
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Enrollment

EE / ES / EC / EF	8 / 13 / 4 / 9	8 / 13 / 4 / 9	8 / 13 / 4 / 9
Total Enrollment	34	34	34

Monthly Rates

	CURRENT	RENEWAL	OPTION 1
Employee Only	\$514.16	\$631.73	\$557.79
Employee + Spouse	\$1,124.28	\$1,382.93	\$1,220.26
Employee + Child(ren)	\$920.90	\$1,132.53	\$999.44
Employee + Family	\$1,531.02	\$1,883.73	\$1,661.91
Monthly Total	\$36,192	\$44,516	\$39,281
Annual Total	\$434,300	\$534,187	\$471,368

Change from Current - \$		\$99,887	\$37,068
Change from Current - %		+23%	+8.5%

Maximum HRA Liability	\$414,000	\$414,000	\$393,000	
Maximum Plan Cost	\$848,300	\$948,187	\$864,368	Dental \$2,000 per person
Estimated HRA Utilization (45%)	\$186,300	\$186,300	\$176,850	Vision \$500 per person
Estimated Total Plan Cost	\$620,600	\$720,487	\$648,218	Ortho \$4,000 per child <age 18
Estimated Plan Cost Diff from current - \$		\$99,887	\$27,618	

Disclaimers

The information contained herein is intended to serve only as a brief outline of the various insurance coverages. To avoid misunderstanding or misinterpretation as to the full scope of protection afforded, reference must be made to the respective policies for complete coverage details.

VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-18
SPONSOR: Councilpersons Axiotis, Rufener

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND
AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND AND FILE A CERTIFICATE
OF RESOURCES WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

WHEREAS, as a result of certain occurrences, information, and expenditures, amendments to the Year 2025 Appropriations and transfers of items already appropriated for the Year 2025 are desired and required; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance incorporates funding sources and/or expenditures that originated after the most recent Certificate of Resources was issued; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation amendments authorizes the Certificate of Resources to be filed with the Trumbull County Auditor.

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

SECTION 1. That the Exhibit attached hereto hereby amends the current appropriations for fiscal year 2025. Any funds not listed in this exhibit shall remain intact as previously listed and appropriated.

SECTION 2. That the Village Finance Director is hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Village Treasury for payment of the foregoing appropriations upon receiving proper certification and vouchers thereof, and no salaries or wages shall be paid except to persons employed by authority of and in accordance with law or ordinance.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18
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PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

David Hanson, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form.

Jeff Limbian, Law Director

Exhibit A: 2025 Appropriation Amendment #2

		2025 Current Appropriations	2025 Proposed Appropriations	Difference
204 PARKS AND RECREATION				
Other Operations	Legal Limit	12,114.23	15,114.23	3,000.00
	Total	12,114.23	15,114.23	3,000.00
203 PERMISSIVE AUTO				
Other Operations	Legal Limit	45,600.00	60,600.00	15,000.00
	Total	45,600.00	60,600.00	15,000.00
504 STORMWATER				
Other Operations	Legal Limit	73,284.32	108,299.32	35,015.00
	Total	73,284.32	108,299.32	35,015.00
505 WATER OPWC ISSUE 1				
Other Operations	Legal Limit	-	19,802.21	19,802.21
	Total	-	19,802.21	19,802.21
506 SEWER OPWC ISSUE 1				
Other Operations	Legal Limit	-	7,008.88	7,008.88
	Total	-	7,008.88	7,008.88

VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO.: 02-2025
SPONSOR: Councilpersons Axiotis, Stimpert

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PROPERTY FROM
DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS**

WHEREAS, that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions dated as of April 29, 1982 and recorded on May 3, 1982 in Volume 733, Page 608, Recorder's Office, Trumbull County (the "Declaration"), cover certain real property described therein (the "Property") and as further described on Exhibit A attached hereto;

WHEREAS, S&S Singh Partners, a Pennsylvania general partnership ("Declarant"), is the fee owner of the Property and the Declarant under the Declaration, by virtue of that certain Warranty Deed (Limited) recorded as Instrument No. 201711220031498, Recorder's Office, Trumbull County;

WHEREAS, the Declaration inures to the benefit of the City of Newton Falls, Ohio, a political subdivision organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Ohio (the "City");

WHEREAS, the Declaration imposes certain restrictive covenants on the Property, including, without limitation, that no establishment shall be permitted on the Property whose principal business is the dispensing of petroleum products (the "Motor Fuels Use Restriction");

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to release the Property from the covenants, conditions and restrictions relating to the Motor Fuels Use Restriction as set forth in the Declaration, in connection with its lease of the Property to Circle K Stores Inc. d/b/a Mac's Convenience Stores LLC, as a motor fuels facility and convenience store; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration, the City has approved the release of the Property from the Motor Fuels Restriction;

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

SECTION I: That Council hereby approves the release of the Property from that certain Motor Fuels Use Restriction contained in the Declaration, and further approves that the following item be deleted in its entirety from the Declaration: "1) No business establishment shall be permitted whose principal business is the dispensing of petroleum products".

SECTION 2. That all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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 Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption in accordance with Article III, Section 22 of the Charter of Newton Falls.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

David Hanson, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form:

Jeff Limbian, Law Director

State of Ohio
County of Trumbull

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of 2025 by
_____ (name and title of position).

(seal)

Signature of person taking acknowledgment

(Title or rank)

(Serial number, if any)

**VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS
RESOLUTION 02-2025
EXHIBIT A**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that tract or parcel situated in the City of Newton Falls, County of Trumbull, State of Ohio, and known as being part of Subdivision 65 in said City, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 5/8" rebar found at the northwest corner of Lot 1, West River Park Allotment as recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 10 of the Trumbull County Plat Records;

thence N. 87 ° 26' 49" E., along the south right of way line of West Broad Street, a 60 foot public right of way, 459.45 feet to a 5/8" rebar with Daniels cap found and the True Place of Beginning;

1. Thence continuing N. 87 ° 26' 49" E. along said right of way line 211.66 feet to a 5/8" rebar with Daniels cap found;
2. Thence S. 70 ° 49' 48" E. continuing along said right of way line 38.00 feet to a 5/8" rebar with Daniels cap found;
3. Thence S. 02 ° 33' 11" E. 100.00 feet to a 1/2" iron bar with H & A cap set;
4. Thence S. 57 ° 11' 16" W. 170.54 feet to a 1/2" iron bar with H & A cap set;
5. Thence S. 87 ° 46' 56" W. 99.47 feet to a 5/8" rebar found;
6. Thence N. 02 ° 36' 26" W. 199.42 feet to a 5/8" rebar with Daniels cap found and the True Place of Beginning; being the same more or less subject to all legal highways.

For Informational Purposes Only:

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VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO.: 03-2025
SPONSOR: Councilpersons ---, ---

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HERITAGE ACCORD TO UTILIZE THE COVERED BRIDGE TO CONDUCT A FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025.

WHEREAS, Heritage Accord, in collaboration with the Village of Newton Falls and the Trumbull County Engineer's Office, wishes to conduct a fundraiser on Saturday May 10, 2025 with all proceeds to benefit the Newton Falls Community Center Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, the fundraiser is planned to be a unique dining experience on the historic Newton Falls Covered Bridge, located on Bridge Street, where paid ticketholders will enjoy a delicious meal with friends and family while taking in the picturesque views of the river; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to support the event by authorizing the use of the covered bridge for this purpose.

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

SECTION 1. That Council hereby authorizes Heritage Accord to hold its fundraiser on the historic Newton Falls Covered Bridge on May 10, 2025.

SECTION 2. That all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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 Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption in accordance with Article III, Section 22 of the Charter of Newton Falls.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

David Hanson, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form.

Jeff Limbian, Law Director