



NEWTON FALLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, November 19, 2025; 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
612 WEST BROAD STREET

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS		CITY ADMINISTRATION	
Ward 1	Patricia Benetis	City Manager	Jamie Vernaccini
Ward 2	Brian Axiotis	Law Director	Jeff Limbian
Ward 3	Robert Burke	Finance Director	Pamela Hileman
Ward 4	Kevin Rufener	Clerk of Council	Michael Acomb
At- Large	Julie Stimpert	Police Chief	John Barco
Mayor	David Hanson		

- 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)**
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 - d. Police Chief
 - e. City Manager
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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND
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XI. New Business

RESOLUTION 12-2025

Sponsors: Axiotis, Benetis

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE COSTS OF WEED AND GRASS REMOVAL TO THE TRUMBULL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER FOR COLLECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW

ORDINANCE 2025-58

Sponsors: Rufener, Axiotis

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS SPECIFIED HEREIN FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS NEEDED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS WATER PLANT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026.

XII. Public Comments

XIII. Closing Remarks

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

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

XV. Adjournment



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Mayor	David Hanson		

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 Axiotis, Councilperson Benetis, Councilperson Stimpert, Councilperson Rufener, Councilperson Burke, Mayor Hanson.

Council Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Vernaccini, Law Director Limbian, Clerk Acomb.

Staff Absent: None.

IV. Changes To Tonight's Agenda

Ms. Stimpert made a motion to remove Ordinance 2025-57 and Resolution 14-2025 from the agenda to allow for further review prior to Council's consideration. 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.

Mr. Axiotis made a motion to add a Motion to appoint Samantha Kropp to the Treasury Investment Board for the term ending December 31, 2027. Second by Ms. Stimpert.

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 Motion was added to New Business.

Ms. Stimpert made a motion to add a Motion to direct the City Manager to draft an advertisement for the position of part-time law director. 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 Motion was added to New Business.

Special Presentations by Staff Members or Invited Consultants

Mayor Hanson announced Dan Bryant asked Council to be rescheduled for the next meeting.

V. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)

William George – North Jackson

He spoke about the selling of transmission lines. He spoke in support of Ordinance 2025-56.

John Baryak

He spoke against previous sale of transmission lines. He spoke against selling anything that the Village owns. He stated preference to lease or rent equipment.

Julie Lemon – 609 Ridge Road

She spoke against the sale of transmission lines wondering where the money will be spent. She also spoke against the resignation of the law director from his position, yet remaining as the prosecutor. She thinks the position should be both.

Brian Kropp – Elizabeth Street

He thanked Council for the tabling of the ordinance and the resolution. He stated that the pieces of legislation contained errors. He spoke in support of the law director splitting duties and spoke in support of the parliamentarian. He stated he spoke about the process for sponsorship of legislation. He expressed concerns that Council does not seem to understand what they are doing, e.g. knowing what you sponsor and the difference between an ordinance and resolution.

Matt Evans – Electric Superintendent

He spoke in the support of selling transmission lines because it eliminates risk and debt for the Village. If the substation breaks down, then AMP will bear the cost. He stated there is no downside to selling the lines and equipment to keep rates down.

VI. Reports

- a. Mayor – He stated that body cameras for the PD is something the Village desires and they are pursuing help with the funding. They protect the officers and the citizens.
- b. Council Members
 - i. Ward 1 – No report.
 - ii. Ward 2 – No report.
 - iii. Ward 3 – No report.
 - iv. Ward 4 – No report.
 - v. At-Large – She stated there is a vacancy for the Ward 3 Council seat and asked the Clerk to advertise.
- c. Law Director – No report.
- d. City Manager – She read from a prepared report. Enclosed.
- e. Police Chief – He read a prepared report. Enclosed.

VII. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mayor Hanson asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes October 15, 2025 and the Special Meeting Minutes October 22, 2025. Moved by Mr. Axiotis. Second by Ms. Stimpert.

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Axiotis-yes; Ms. Benetis-yes; Mr. Burke-yes; Mr. Rufener-yes; Ms. Stimpert-yes. The ordinance passed 5-0. The minutes were approved.

VIII. Public Hearings

ORDINANCE 2025-48

Sponsors: Benetis, Stimpert

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR CLEANING SERVICES WITH FRESH CLEAN BALANCE FOR VILLAGE FACILITIES

No public comments.

ORDINANCE 2025-49

Sponsors: Benetis, Stimpert

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE A KUBOTA SVL75-3HFWCC SKID STEER LOADER WITH ATTACHMENTS FROM MIDDLEFIELD FARM AND GARDEN FOR USE BY THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

No public comments.

ORDINANCE 2025-50

Sponsors: Benetis, Stimpert

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS

Julie Lemon – 609 Ridge Road

She spoke against the comprehensive plan unless the Village chooses to follow it. It hasn't been followed in the past and they are expensive.

John Baryak

He spoke against the ordinance citing wasteful spending. He expects the Council to do this work as part of their jobs.

Brian Kropp

He spoke in support of the ordinance and the new visionary future for the Village. It provides a roadmap for the future. The previous plan was done by the County. This one will be done by a third-party who has a 90% rate of return on grant assistance. He stated expectations that future actions of Council adhere to the plan.

ORDINANCE 2025-51

Sponsors: 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

Mr. Kropp noticed that many amendments are seen throughout the year. He asked for an overview and explanation of what is happening with this legislation. He wants that done in lamen terms.

IX. Unfinished Business

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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. 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 ordinance passed 5-0. Final Reading.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE A KUBOTA SVL75-3HFWCC SKID STEER LOADER WITH ATTACHMENTS FROM MIDDLEFIELD FARM AND GARDEN FOR USE BY THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

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

No discussion.

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

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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 Ms. Benetis.

Ms. Stimpert spoke in support of the ordinance. OHM will collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders. She is looking forward to having relevant data to assist with grant writing. The CM explained that this plan will be different because the comprehensive plan looks, for example, at the condition of water lines before paying for pavement. OHM will pursue the funding sources for the projects. The have a very high success rate.

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

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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. Second by Ms. Benetis.

The CM explained that these amendments are communicated to Council prior to the meeting. She explained the exhibit for the public.

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

X. New Business

MOTION Sponsors: Stimpert, Rufener
A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE UNITED MILITARY PRESENCE AND SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO ANNOUNCE INTENT TO PRESENT THE PROCLAMATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF AMVETS Post 112, VFW POST 3332, AMERICAN LEGION POST 236, AND THE OHIO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WHO ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE NEWTON FALLS HIGH SCHOOL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION EVENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025.

Mayor Hanson read the motion by title only and asked for a motion to pass the Motion. Moved by Ms. Stimpert. Second by Mr. Axiotis.

Ms. Stimpert explained the purpose of the proclamation.

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

ORDINANCE 2025-52**Sponsors: Axiotis, Rufener****AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER
INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WALTERS PAVING CO. FOR PAVING
IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

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.

Mr. Rufener explained that serious issues with the pavement and the loss of paving season, this is an emergency. Bids are only good for 30 days. The mayor agreed. The CM stated that 3 quotes were received and the Village waited to ensure the budget was available. The lowest quote was taken.

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

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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 Ms. Stimpert.

No discussion.

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

ORDINANCE 2025-53**Sponsors: Axiotis, Rufener****AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND
SETTING FORTH THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2026**

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.

Mr. Rufener spoke in support of the budget as discussed in the previous work session and is a reduction of over \$100,000 from the previous year. Mr. Axiotis agreed with Mr. Rufener. Ms. Stimpert thanked the Superintendents for their attendance and explanations wishing for more participation.

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

ORDINANCE 2025-54**Sponsors: Rufener, Benetis****AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE 2021-02**

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

Mr. Axiotis stated that 2021-02 was the previous ordinance of the sale of the transmission assets. It is being rescinded because times have changed. Voters previous approved the sale of the assets, which never happened. The sale of the assets to AMP will result in money going to the electric fund to offset rates. Not selling, will result in increased rates if repairs have to be made by Newton Falls. Mr. Burke spoke in support of the ordinance and validated that sentiment by speaking with other communities who have done the same thing. No one will lose their job. Mr. Rufener explained that everything in 2021-02 is no longer accurate and must be rescinded so proper legislation can be passed for the current conditions.

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

ORDINANCE 2025-54

Sponsors: Rufener, Benetis

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE 2021-02

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

No discussion.

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

ORDINANCE 2025-55

Sponsors: Axiotis, Benetis

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mayor Hanson read the ordinance by title only and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Moved by Ms. Stimpert. 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 ordinance passed 5-0. First Reading.

Mr. Rufener made a motion to reconsider Ordinance 2025-55 to permit an amendment. 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.

Ms. Stimpert made a motion to amend Ordinance 2025-55 changing the amount of "\$15000" in Section 1 to "up to \$34000". 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.

Mr. Rufener made a motion to remove Section 3 from ordinance. Second Ms. Stimpert.

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.

Ms. Stimpert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-55 as amended. 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 Ordinance, as amended, passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE 2025-56

Sponsors: Axiotis, Benetis

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN AND SECURE THE VILLAGE'S ELECTRIC POWER INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

Mr. Axiotis explained that this ordinance authorizes negotiations, not to sign a contract.

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

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Sponsors: Axiotis, Benetis

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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. 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 ordinance passed 5-0. Final Reading.

RESOLUTION 13-2025

Sponsors: Axiotis, Stimpert

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN NEWTON FALLS SIGNAGE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH FINAL DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

Mayor Hanson read the resolution by title only and asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Moved by Mr. Axiotis. Second by Ms. Benetis.

Ms. Stimpert stated her support of building owners who wish for this to happen.

She believes that the signs will be respectful and cohesive with the downtown.

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

A Motion to appoint Samantha Kropp to the Treasury Investment Board for the term ending December 31, 2027. Moved by Mr. Axiotis. Second by Ms. Benetis.

Mr. Axiotis stated support for Mrs. Kropp as she has been doing a great job already on the TIB. She's smart and motivated to serve 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.

A Motion to direct the City Manager to draft an advertisement for the position of part-time law director. Moved by Mr. Axiotis. Second by Ms. Benetis.

Mr. Axiotis stated his support for the split of prosecutor from the position, which is overly burdensome, and Mr. Limbian wants the position of prosecutor. The prosecutor duties have increased tremendously. He supports a part-time law director.

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

XI. Public Comments

Julie Lemon

She spoke against the sloppy agenda. She also spoke against the Police Chief's previous comments about speed cameras citing an attempt to sidestep the Charter with a resolution and excessive use of emergency ordinances. She stated the Chief lied. She stated that she filed a complaint with the grievance committee against the chief.

John Baryak

He spoke against the sales of the electric department. Where will the money be deposited? He spoke in support of selling all the utilities. He spoke against Blue Line. He spoke against Bill George being at the meeting. He read an excerpt of Ohio Law regarding referendum and the recission of ordinances to avoid referendum. He gave it to Mr. Limbian.

Charlotte Simmons – 365 Warren Road

She read from a prepared statement regarding complaints about the operations of Council, particularly an attempt to thwart a vote on the referendum. She spoke in support of the freedom and speech and the right to vote. She spoke in support of referendum.

Ashley Bailey Morgan

She spoke about the problems with sidewalks for her as a person that uses a wheelchair. She asked Council to repair the sidewalks.

Brian Kropp

He spoke in support of Council and stated the openness, transparency, and discussion helps the Village through conflict. He advocated for education of the public. He spoke in support of the manner in which Council operates. He thanked Council for their dialogue.

Matt Evans – Electric Superintendent

He thanked Council for their actions tonight. He advocated for selling pieces of the utilities on which the Village cannot earn money if the own it. He thanked Bill George for his support. He stated that the banners and flags in town are not owned by the Village. The school and American Legion work together on that.

XII. Closing Remarks

- a. Mayor – He thanked the public for their participation tonight and their civility.
- b. Council Members
 - i. Ward 1 – He stated that Ordinance 2025-57 appalled him that it was on the agenda. He spoke against the attempt to circumvent the referendum. He stated support for adherence to the results of the referendum. He spoke against the Blue Line Contract and urged the Village to never do business with them. He congratulated Ms. Stimpert and Mr. Kropp.
 - ii. Ward 2 – She thanked the community for voting for the school levy and hopes that people will vote for a police levy.
 - iii. Ward 3 – He stated that many young families support speed cameras in his ward. He spoke in support of the cameras to free up the police to address serious crime. He spoke of the need to have the police available for serious crimes.
 - iv. Ward 4 – He announced Late Night in the Falls for this Friday.
 - v. At-Large – The November Fire Board Meeting will be November 8 at 6pm.
- c. Law Director – No remarks.
- d. City Manager – No remarks.

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

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. Axiotis made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Second by Ms. Stimpert.

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 7:35 pm.

APPROVED:

David Hanson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS,
OHIO RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-53
SPONSOR: Councilpersons Axiotis, Rufener

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
AND SETTING FORTH THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2026**

WHEREAS, at the direction of and with the assistance of the City Manager, Pamela Hileman, the Village Finance Director, has prepared the attached Annual Operating Budget and Appropriations for 2026; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary and proper to exercise its authority over the budget and appropriations by authorizing and certifying the within Annual Operating Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2026.

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

SECTION 1. That Council hereby adopts the attached Annual Operating Budget and Appropriations as the Annual Operating Budget and Appropriations for the Village of Newton Falls for the calendar year 2026.

SECTION 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to promptly forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Trumbull County Auditor and/or Treasurer as required by law.

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 _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

David Hanson, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form.

Jeff Limbian, Law Director

			2025	2026
			CFY Budget	NFY Proposed Appropriations
	Description			
100	General Fund			
POLICE				
Personal Services	Legal Level	310,793.01	510,200.00	
Other Operations	Legal Level	330,362.90	161,500.00	
	Total:	641,155.91	671,700.00	
	0			
FIRE				
Other Operations	Legal Level	79,820.00	-	
	Total:	79,820.00	82,214.60	
ZONING				
Personal Services	Legal Level	43,513.00	84,334.00	
Other Operations	Legal Level	44,918.00	49,627.00	
	Total:	88,431.00	133,961.00	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION				
Other Operations	Legal Level	-	15,000.00	
	Total:	-	15,000.00	
CITY ADMINISTRATION				
Personal Services	Legal Level	48,402.15	57,429.88	
Other Operations	Legal Level	60,173.74	50,075.59	
	Total:	108,575.89	107,505.47	
Council				
Personal Services	Legal Level	7,125.88	6,265.16	
Other Operations	Legal Level	6,664.52	5,879.41	
	Total:	13,790.40	12,144.57	
MUNICIPAL COURT				
Personal Services	Legal Level	679,082.06	694,259.06	
Other Operations	Legal Level	39,082.96	36,132.96	
100c	Total:	718,165.02	730,392.02	
FINANCE				
Personal Services	Legal Level	69,971.60	55,539.24	
Other Operations	Legal Level	29,427.82	26,607.60	
	Total:	99,399.42	82,146.84	

	Description	2025 CFY Budget	2026 NFY Proposed Appropriations
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS			
Personal Services	Legal Level	701.76	500.00
Other Operations	Legal Level	300.00	300.00
	Total:	1,001.76	800.00
LAW			
Personal Services	Legal Level	47,004.96	24,736.47
Other Operations	Legal Level	22,488.24	23,126.04
	Total:	69,493.20	47,862.51
BUILDING & LANDS MAINTENANCE			
Personal Services	Legal Level	35,500.24	-
Other Operations	Legal Level	109,904.76	86,692.00
	Total:	145,405.00	86,692.00
DEBT / TRANSFERS & ADVANCES			
Other Operations	Legal Level	354,006.30	308,006.30
	Total:	354,006.30	308,006.30
100	Total:	2,319,243.90	2,278,425.31
101	GENERAL FUND RESERV		
Other Operations	Legal Level	-	-
101	Total:	-	-
	Construction Maint & Repair		
201	STREET CMR		
Personal Services	Legal Level	377,425.19	397,480.59
Other Operations	Legal Level	66,273.61	52,400.00
201	Total:	443,698.80	449,880.59
202	STATE HIGHWAY IMPRO		
Other Operations	Legal Level	39,600.00	39,500.00
202	Total:	39,600.00	39,500.00
203	PERMISSIVE AUTO		
Other Operations	Legal Level	77,600.00	85,650.00

	Description	2025 CFY Budget	2026 NFY Proposed Appropriations
203		Total: 77,600.00	85,650.00
204	PARK AND RECREATION/ Parks only		
Personal Services	Legal Level	1,870.00	-
Other Operations	Legal Level	15,114.23	27,214.23
204	Total:	16,984.23	27,214.23
204	PARK AND RECREATION / Community Center		
Personal Services	Legal Level	-	-
Other Operations	Legal Level	1,000.00	-
204	Total:	17,984.23	-
213	COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES		
Other Operations	Legal Level	1,400.00	-
213	Total:	1,400.00	-
215	INDIGENT DRIVERS		
Other Operations	Legal Level	2,500.00	2,000.00
215	Total:	2,500.00	2,000.00
217	ECONOMIC/HILP		
Other Operations	Legal Level	56,000.00	24,000.00
217	Total:	56,000.00	24,000.00
218	LAW LIBRARY		
Other Operations	Legal Level	15,000.00	15,000.00
218	Total:	15,000.00	15,000.00
219	ENFORCEMENT AND EDU		
Other Operations	Legal Level	8,500.00	-
219	Total:	8,500.00	-
220	SPECIAL LEVY POLICE		
Personal Services	Legal Level	16,474.00	39,000.00
Other Operations	Legal Level	622.00	622.00
220	Total:	17,096.00	39,622.00

	Description	2025 CFY Budget	2026 NFY Proposed Appropriations
221	INCOME TAX		
Personal Services	Legal Level	-	-
Other Operations	Legal Level	1,118,400.62	1,118,400.62
221	Total:	1,118,400.62	1,118,400.62
222	COURT COMPUTERIZATI		
Other Operations	Legal Level	100,000.00	48,500.00
222	Total:	100,000.00	48,500.00
223	COURT GENERAL SPECI		
Personal Services	Legal Level	135,546.00	135,546.00
Other Operations	Legal Level	36,000.00	36,000.00
223	Total:	171,546.00	171,546.00
225	INDIGENT DRIVERS AL		
Other Operations	Legal Level	11,070.00	11,070.00
225	Total:	11,070.00	11,070.00
234	ONE OHIO OPIOID SET		
Personal Services	Legal Level	-	-
Other Operations	Legal Level	3,155.00	10,000.00
234	Total:	3,155.00	10,000.00
400	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		
Other Operations	Legal Level	13,450.00	45,950.00
400	Total:	13,450.00	45,950.00
501	WATER OPERATING		
Personal Services	Legal Level	511,796.75	491,147.91
Other Operations	Legal Level	980,879.57	1,014,180.57
501	Total (Water Operating):	1,492,676.32	1,505,328.48
501	WATER DISTRIBUTION		
Personal Services	Legal Level	489,531.27	519,107.86
Other Operations	Legal Level	196,844.20	198,929.20
501	Total (Water Distribution):	686,375.47	718,037.06
502	SEWER OPERATING		
Personal Services	Legal Level	722,419.90	593,513.86

	Description	Legal Level	2025 CFY Budget	2026 NFY Proposed Appropriations
Other Operations		Legal Level	876,046.15	1,188,243.92
502		Total:	1,598,466.05	1,781,757.78
503	ELECTRIC OPERATING			
Personal Services		Legal Level	828,085.68	659,607.59
Other Operations		Legal Level	5,838,954.12	5,393,590.07
503		Total:	6,667,039.80	6,053,197.66
504	STORMWATER OPERATING			
Other Operations		Legal Level	146,849.32	121,049.32
504		Total:	146,849.32	121,049.32
505	WATER OPWC ISSUE 1			
Other Operations		Legal Level	19,802.21	-
505		Total:	19,802.21	-
506	SEWER OPWC ISSUE 1			
Other Operations		Legal Level	7,008.88	-
506		Total:	7,008.88	-
507	ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT Capital Fund			
Other Operations		Legal Level	57,630.00	-
507		Total:	57,630.00	-
508	GUARANTEE TRUST			
Other Operations		Legal Level	40,280.00	29,800.00
508		Total:	40,280.00	29,800.00
510	REFUSE			
Other Operations		Legal Level	444,000.00	444,000.00
510		Total:	444,000.00	444,000.00
514	UTILITY OFFICE			
Personal Services		Legal Level	143,869.81	148,700.00
Other Operations		Legal Level	160,100.00	103,500.00
514		Total:	303,969.81	252,200.00
517	ELECTRIC DEBT			

	Description	2025 CFY Budget	2026 NFY Proposed Appropriations
Other Operations	Legal Level	4,327.00	125,702.00
517	Total:	4,327.00	125,702.00
519	WATER DEBT SERVICE		
Other Operations	Legal Level	165,637.42	66,673.42
519	Total:	165,637.42	66,673.42
520	SEWER RESERVE		
Other Operations	Legal Level	357,467.04	495,114.10
520	Total:	357,467.04	495,114.10
602	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Other Operations	Legal Level	1,125,377.00	725,377.00
602	Total:	1,125,377.00	725,377.00
705	TRUMBULL COUNTY CAPI		
Other Operations	Legal Level	12,178.00	10,000.00
705	Total:	12,178.00	10,000.00
709	FLOWER FUND		
Other Operations	Legal Level	5,826.00	5,826.00
709	Total:	5,826.00	5,826.00
711	FIRE/TWNSP FUEL		
Other Operations	Legal Level	53,756.00	53,756.00
711	Total:	53,756.00	53,756.00
Grand Total:		17,604,910.87	17,508,492.17

VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-55
SPONSORS: Councilpersons Axiotis, Benetis

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, as the result of certain occurrences, information, and expenditures, a transfer between Village funds is desired and required.

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

SECTION 1. That Council hereby and herein authorizes the transfer of up to \$34,000 from the General Fund (100) to the SCMR Fund (201).

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 _____, 2025.

David Hanson, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Acomb, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Legal Form.

Jeff Limbian, Law Director

Exhibit A: 2025 Appropriation Amendment #8

Total Impact

33,583.70

VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO.: 12-2025
SPONSOR: Councilpersons Axiotis, Benetis

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE COSTS OF WEED AND GRASS REMOVAL TO THE
TRUMBULL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER FOR COLLECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW**

WHEREAS, the Zoning Inspector for the Village of Newton Falls has determined that the properties designated in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully rewritten, do not meet the standards as set forth in Codified Ordinance Section 557.02 regarding the maintenance of weeds and grass; and

WHEREAS, the removal of weeds and grass from said properties was authorized pursuant to the authority granted in Codified Ordinance 2007-04; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with said removal are required by law to be certified to the Trumbull County Fiscal Officer for placement upon the tax duplicate, together with any interest and penalties, for collection in the same manner as other taxes.

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

SECTION I. That the Village Finance Director is hereby directed to certify the costs of weed and grass removal for the properties identified in Exhibit A to the Trumbull County Fiscal Officer for placement on the tax duplicate, together with interest and penalties provided by law.

SECTION II. That all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings 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 in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION III. That this Resolution 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

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Village of Newton Falls

Pamela D. Hileman – Finance Director
Andrea Perkovich – Finance Administrator
612 W. Broad St.
Newton Falls, OH 44444
(330) 872-0806

November 3, 2025

Lora Superak
MVP Specialist/Munis | Operator | Trumbull County Auditor's Office

Dear Lora,

Please find the attached properties that need assessed from the Newton Falls City 2025 Grass mowing.

Parcel ID#	Address	City, State, Zip	TOTAL
53-033800	309 Newton Dr.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$245.00
53-241000	400 Newton Dr.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$210.00
53-034400	309 Superior Dr.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$70.00
53-021000	53 L. Ct.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$210.00
53-081320	609 Newton Dr.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$175.00
53-092553	603 D Ct.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$280.00
53-165550	607 Ophelia St.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$105.00
53-168785	1054 Water St.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$35.00
53-132000	10 Olive St.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$210.00
53-250500	0 Russell St.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$175.00
53-229300	242 Broad St.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$35.00
53-221200	348 Garfield St.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$205.00
53-232900	610 Newton Dr.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$175.00
53-111148	526 Ridge Rd.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$135.00
53-247620	43 Bridge St.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$35.00
53-084800	277 Maple St.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$70.00
53-188800	23 C Ct.	Newton Falls, OH 44444	\$70.00
	TOTAL		\$ 2,440.00

Thank you,

Pamela D. Hileman
Finance Director
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Financedirector@newtonfallsoh.gov

VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-58
SPONSOR: Councilpersons Axiotis, Rufener

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACTS SPECIFIED HEREIN FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS NEEDED
BY THE VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS WATER PLANT FOR THE CALENDAR
YEAR 2026.**

WHEREAS, It is necessary for the Village to contract for the purchase of chemicals needed for the Water Plant; and

WHEREAS, the contracts were properly advertised pursuant to law, and a bid opening was conducted on Wednesday, October 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village Water Plant Supervisor has reviewed the bids and determined that the entities listed below submitted the lowest/best bid for each of the chemicals listed; and

WHEREAS, Council has/will appropriate funds for the purchase of these chemicals in the 2026 appropriations ordinance.

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

SECTION 1: That Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into contracts with the following companies who are herein declared to be the lowest/best bidders for the purchase of the specified chemicals needed by the Village of Newton Falls Water Plant for the year 2026, and the terms and conditions of the provision of such chemicals shall be in conformity with the sealed bids submitted to the Village of Newton Falls and the contracts attached hereto.

Bonded Chemicals, Columbus, OH

Caustic Soda 50%	\$21.90/100 lbs.
Activated Carbon Watercarb 800	\$135.00/100 lbs.
Activated Carbon Watercarb 800	\$67.50/bag
Activated Carbon CB5	\$135.00/100 lbs.
Activated Carbon CB5	\$67.50/bag
Potassium Permanganate (KM _n O ₄)	\$2.29/lb.

Aquamark, Chesterland, OH

AQ-722 Aluminum Chlorhydrate	\$.530/lb.
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JCI Jones Chemicals, Barberton, OH

Chlorine	\$113.33/100 lbs.
Chlorine	\$169.99/cylinder

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Sal Chemical, Weirton, WV
Hydrofluosilic Acid \$36.40/100 lbs.

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 ____, 2025.

David Hanson, Mayor

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VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS
CHEMICAL BIDS FOR 2026

Exhibit A

COMPANY	CHECK/ BID BOND	ALUMINUM CHLOROHYDRATE (ACH) per 1#	CAUSTIC SODA 50% per 100#	CHLORINE per 100#	CHLORINE per cylinder	HYDRO FLUOSILIC ACID 25% per 100#	ACTIVATED CARBON - WATERCARB 800 per 100#	ACTIVATED CARBON - WATERCARB 800 per bag	CARBON CB5 per 100#	CARBON CB5 per bag	KMNO-4 per #
Shannon Chemical	BOND	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 2.93
Aquamark	CHECK	\$0.530	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
JCI Jones Chemicals	ACH	NO BID	\$ 21.94	\$ 113.33	\$ 169.99	NO BID	\$ 132.00	\$ 66.00	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
Sal Chemical	BOND	NO BID	\$ 27.05	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 36.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 67.50	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 2.87
Bonded Chemicals	BOND	NO BID	\$ 21.90	\$ 137.80	\$ 206.70	\$ 36.30	\$ 154.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 2.29
Phoenix	CHECK	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 160.00	\$ 240.00	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 4.71

Bid Opening: Friday, October 31, 2025; 10:00:00 AM

Present for Opening: Mike Novotny, Cody Zeleny, Ken Bodnar

NOTE: Bids from Sal Chemicals for WaterCarb 800 were disqualified due to their bid being for a non-specific product