

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

January 19, 2021

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Doug Fox, Jim Welsh and Susan Goodfellow. Councilperson Chute attended the meeting virtually. Also present were Finance Director Rockwell, Police Chief Ervin and Fire Chief Fain. Administrator Powell joined the meeting virtually. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the public was invited to view the meeting live online through the Village website and Facebook page. Absent were Councilpersons Boyle and Danison.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Boyle and Danison from the January 19, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 4, 2021 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute asked Mayor Thompson if they should discuss Council Committees. Councilperson Welsh stated the committees will remain the same except for the committees that are short a person. Mayor Thompson appointed David Kiener to the Planning Committee/ Economic Development Committee, Jay Conrad to the Parks and Recreation Committee and David Boyd to the Public Safety Committee. Council voted "yes" to approve Mayor Thompson's appointments to the Committees.

Mayor Thompson stated he and Administrator Powell attended a meeting with Perry County Engineer Cannon on Issue I paving. Thompson stated he is the Mayor representative for Perry County. Thompson presented Council with a report from Medicount and explained the information presented.

Finance Director Rockwell stated she is working on closing out the 2020 calendar year and is approximately 2/5 done. Rockwell stated she has the 2020 W2s prepared. Employees will receive their W2s with payroll this week. Rockwell stated she gave Fire Chief Fain the W2s for his departments and W2s for employees that have separated service will be mailed January 20, 2021.

Administrator Powell reported he received six applications for the part-time Water Clerk position. Powell stated he has an interview scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021. Powell stated he has interviewed three applicants for the Public Service Department positions and has one more interview scheduled. Powell stated he spoke to Bob Heavener to get a quote for fixing the road at the Water Plant. Powell stated they would have to apply berm first and he was going to speak to Perry County Engineer Cannon about chip and sealing after the berm is applied. Mayor Thompson asked if this is something the Public Service Department could do. Powell stated "no". Powell stated if it is repaired it would come out of the water fund not Heavener's contract for water and sewer. Powell stated he would take it to the Finance Committee to discuss. Powell reported Heavener's contract has been signed. Powell informed Council he spoke to Lee Conkel of Poggemeyer Design Group about doing a hydrant project. Powell stated the Village would purchase the hydrants and contract with Heavener to replace them. Fire Chief Fain asked Powell if he had the report from the hydrant study that was completed. Powell stated "yes".

Powell stated he will give Fain a map of all hydrants once they have been repaired. Councilperson Fox asked if replacing the hydrants is something the Public Service Department could do. Powell stated he does not recommend doing this. The Public Service Department does not have the proper equipment, but they will assist Heavener when needed. Finance Director Rockwell asked Fire Chief Fain if there is a specific type of hydrant connection that they need for the trucks. Fain stated "no". Councilperson Chute stated this job may have to go out for bid due to the cost. Mayor Thompson asked Powell to keep him informed about upcoming projects. Councilperson Chute asked Powell the status on the house on Elizabeth Street. Powell stated a meeting is scheduled with Attorney Baughman on January 20, 2021. Powell stated he is going to meet with Jamie Snider from the Board of Elections to go over new plans for the handicap ramps to access the building. Powell will bring the plans back to the Municipal Concerns Committee. Councilperson Fox asked Powell if letters were sent out to businesses on the type of salt to be used on the new sidewalks. Powell stated "yes" and he personally gave one to the Perry County Commissioners. Fox stated the type of salt in front of the Court House and Job and Family Services is not the correct salt and it is going to ruin the sidewalk. Powell stated that the business owners are responsible for replacing their sidewalks.

Police Chief Ervin reported dispatch has received 287 calls in 2021. They are maintaining an average of 14-15 calls per day. Ervin stated he is working on getting the dispatch area painted and lockers installed. Powell asked Ervin if he can attend the meeting with Attorney Baughman on Wednesday. Ervin stated "yes".

Fire Chief Fain stated the department has been business as usual. Fain stated he would be able to bring the report that Mayor Thompson presented for Medicount to Council once a month if they would like. Fain stated they are currently working on choosing a vendor to build the tanker truck for the FEMA Grant. Fain stated the truck would not be ready until 2022. Councilperson Chute clarified that the \$28,000 in EMS payments that was reported as being received at the last meeting was from Medicare not Medicount. Chute asked Fain when the Village would start receiving payments from Medicount. Fain stated he would check into this.

Councilperson Chute scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on January 22, 2021 at 9:00 am at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Chute stated she submitted a citizen request form to the Public Service Department to paint all the yellow curbs within the Village once weather permits so this can be removed from the working document.

Councilperson Welsh asked Powell if there are any updates on the HAPCAP Grant. Powell said he cannot reach Nate or Shawn.

Mayor Thompson asked Council if they had any objections to the Administration office posting a request on the Village website and Facebook page for ink pen donations from businesses to be given to customers to help prevent the spread of the COVID -19

Councilperson Chute stated everyone should be using their .gov emails for Village business.

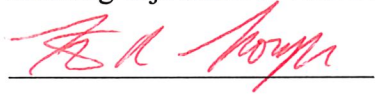
Mayor Thompson requested all departments wear masks when MAPYS is working in their area.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 21-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-1: **COUNTY/ROUTE/SECTION PER MR NUZUM 00.04 THE FOLLOWING IS A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON OF PERRY COUNTY, OHIO, HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA).** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk