

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

April 15 2019

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Trent Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Susan Boyle, Dan Bethel, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Jeff Danison, Doug Fox and James Welsh. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Fire Chief Jim Fain.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 1, 2019 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson thanked Susan Boyle and the Parks and Recreation Committee for a successful fundraiser at the Pizza Hut. Thompson also thanked the Fire/EMS Department for the Easter Bunny pancake breakfast. Thompson reported there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony to reopen the Brown Street Bridge on April 18, 2019 at 8:30 am at the bridge.

Administrator Powell stated he has been approached with questions concerning the size of property lots to build on within the Village. Council decided each property would be dealt with on an individual basis, going to the Planning Committee or the Zoning Board of Appeals. Powell informed Council Attorney Parrot had finished the contract for Gary Hynus, a Class III Water Operator, to work at the Water Treatment Plant when Richard Kleinert is on vacation. Powell stated he had a couple of items he wanted Parrot to change. Powell informed Council he spoke with Jim Organ today and the employee insurance is almost straightened out. Powell stated the Vision insurance was turned into Burnham & Flower at the wrong rate. The discrepancy was caught by Finance Director Rockwell. Powell stated the company is going to honor the quote that was given to the Village originally. Powell stated he has approximately one form left to finish up the premium saver paperwork. Powell informed Council he had a meeting with Ryan Lewis concerning opening the pool. Lewis has hired thirteen lifeguards and is going to certify them at the pool the second week of May. Councilperson Boyle stated she needs a key to the swimming pool to paint the restrooms. Boyle asked when the repairs to the filter on the baby pool would be completed. Powell stated this had to be approved through Council first. Mayor Thompson asked what needs to be done to approve the filter. Rockwell stated she would check the appropriations. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to approve the appropriations for the filter for the baby pool. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Powell stated he sent the information on the property at 327 Elizabeth Street to Attorney Baughman. Baughman requested a Nuisance Abatement meeting. Powell stated they would hold the meeting on April 17, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Councilperson Boyle asked if the contract for the 4th of July fireworks was completed. Powell stated it should be complete on April 16, 2019. Boyle asked if Powell had received any information on the electric poles on Mill Street from AEP. Powell stated not at this time and that the poles may belong to AT&T. Boyle stated they will begin to hang the Hometown Hero Banners on May 1, 2019. Councilperson Chute requested Powell check the drainage on East Brown Street across from Whitlatch's.

Police Chief Ervin stated on August 2, 2019 Ryan Evans from the Ohio Attorney General's office met with the department to introduce himself as the new field representative for the department. Evans takes care of the computers and other things for the department. Ervin stated on April 3, 2019 they served a Federal Arrest Warrant on Poling. Ervin reported on April 3, 2019 the department participated in the High School Public Service Announcement program on suicide prevention. Ervin reported the department offered support to the send a kid to camp program. Ervin stated he attended breakfast with the Perry County Commissioners on April 9, 2019. Ervin stated the Drug Coalition and Suicide Coalition will hold

their meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am. Ervin stated they are trying to develop a care team to deal with everyday situations. Ervin attended a TAC meeting and a Housing Coalition meeting. Ervin reported the Housing Coalition is still trying to find a place for a homeless shelter. Ervin stated he attended a meeting at Perry Behavioral Health on April 11, 2019. Ervin reported Children's Services sponsored a 5K run on Saturday. Ervin stated the department had over 46 calls over the weekend.

Fire Chief Fain reported the smoke alarm canvass on April 6, 2019 sponsored by the Red Cross and the Fire Department was a success. Fain stated they installed 115 smoke alarms. Fain reported they've had phone calls wanting them to reach out to the rest of the Village. Fain stated they ran out of smoke alarms and they hope to do the event again in May. Fain stated the Red Cross would also like to bring some bed shaker alarms for the hearing impaired at no charge. The Red Cross also asked if New Lexington would help with canvasses in smaller surrounding communities. Fain stated the Easter Bunny breakfast was a success. The Easter Bunny was not available due to illness, but the kids had a great time coloring eggs and doing crafts. Fain stated they would be participating in a mass casualty event on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the Ludowici facility on Tile Plant Road from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Fain requested a Finance Committee meeting. Fain stated they have an ISO inspection on May 7, 2019. The Fire Department is not able to do the hydrant testing before the inspection due to the equipment to test the hydrants is missing, according to Powell. Administrator Powell stated he will look into borrowing the equipment necessary to do the testing. Councilperson Chute asked about the new medic and staffing for Fire/EMS. Fain stated the medic is running good at this time. Fain informed Council two new EMT's have been hired and that the department is good on EMS staffing. Fain stated they can always use firemen. Fain reported they have three new firemen who are going to take the classes in June. Councilperson Chute requested Fain report to Council the number of EMS runs at each meeting. Councilperson Bethel asked Fain if he could provide numbers from a year ago to compare. Fain stated "yes".

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the March 2019 Bank Reconciliation, March 2019 Financial Reports and the March Credit Card statement. Rockwell informed Council that levy money is starting to be received. These receipts will reduce the Fire/EMS deficit.

Councilperson Chute asked Administrator Powell and Councilperson Welsh about the HAPCAP grant. Powell and Welsh stated they are still working on the grant. Councilperson Goodfellow asked when the deadline is for the grant. Welsh stated July 2019.

Councilperson Chute asked Administrator Powell about the status of the township Fire/EMS contracts. Powell stated they are done and Fire Chief Fain has them. Powell stated they would like the Attorney to look at the current contracts to see if anything needs changed for next year.

Councilperson Bethel scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on April 17, 2019 at 4:35 at the Municipal Building. Bethel stated he would like to have a meeting with the Mayor and committee members to discuss where they are on the 2019 budget. Bethel stated the department heads were excused from the meeting.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on April 8, 2019. Boyle stated the committee raised \$451 at the Pizza Hut Fundraiser. Boyle stated they are waiting on the check from Pizza Hut for the 10% profit they receive from sales that night. Boyle stated the committee is going to sale raffle tickets for a boys and girls bicycle. Boyle stated The Peoples State Bank donated the girls bicycle and Dave Boyle donated the boys bicycle and a helmet. Heather Rockwell donated horns to be placed on the bikes and a girl's helmet. The winner will be drawn before the 4th of July parade. Boyle stated other fundraiser events planned are a booth at the 4th of July celebration, hat day at the school, yard sale on June 1, 2019, bake sale on August 3, 2019 and a canvass on September 7, 2019. Boyle reported to Council on other events that are planned for the festival.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked Council if they would be willing to donate a family pool pass to an AR Auction at the New Lexington Elementary School. The auction is based on reading levels the students have achieved. Goodfellow stated she was asked about morning swim for the adults. Administrator Powell stated the time was changed last year for the adult swim from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm with a purchase of a pool pass. Councilperson Goodfellow inquired about the pool pass donation. Councilperson Bethel asked how much a pool pass was. Finance Director Rockwell stated a family pool pass for up to five family members is \$150, additional family members are \$10 each. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to donate a family pool pass for up to 5 family members for the AR Auction at the New Lexington Elementary School. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Bethel stated he would type something for Goodfellow to give the school for the donation.

Councilperson Danison stated the Public Service Committee will meet with Don Epifano on April 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm at 541 W. Water Street to look into water drainage issues on the property.

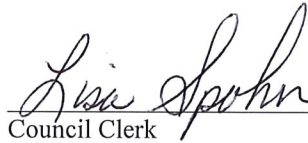
Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk