

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

April 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, Susan Boyle, Jeff Danison, Kathy Chute and Susan Goodfellow. 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.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2021 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who abstained due to being absent from the April 5, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Attorney Everitt attended the meeting virtually to answer questions Council might have regarding regulating homeless shelters within the Village. Mayor Thompson and Councilperson Danison stated several citizens have expressed their concerns with having a homeless shelter in the Village. Everitt stated there are several avenues that Council can take, and he will develop what Council wants. Everitt presented Council with a sample Ordinance that the City of Cadillac Michigan adopted regarding homeless shelters. Council discussed which direction to take regarding the issue. Councilperson Chute stated they must follow the Charter. Everitt stated he would be happy to meet with the Planning Committee. Everitt will draw up an Ordinance and bring back to the Planning Committee.

Councilperson Fox made a motion for Attorney Everitt to draw up an amendment to the zoning Ordinance for a homeless shelter similar to the sample Ordinance from the City of Cadillac Michigan. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh asked what the Village was doing to celebrate Arbor Day on April 30, 2021. Council decided they would hold the celebration at 5:30 pm. Mayor Thompson stated the location was to be determined. A tree will be planted, and a proclamation will be read.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the March monthly financial reports, bank reconciliation and credit card statement. Rockwell stated she is working on inputting the permanent budget into the system. Rockwell reported the Village is scheduled to receive the American Rescue Plan funds in mid-May. The Village does not have to pass a Resolution to accept the money. Rockwell stated the money will be distributed by the State of Ohio instead of the County.

Administrator Powell stated Bob Heavener will be doing the street sweeping. Powell reported he has tried to call the railroad about repairing the railroad tracks on Brown Street and Main Street. Powell stated he spoke with Nate from HAPCAP and they are holding two meetings at the Village Municipal Building to get the residents input on the HAPCAP Grant for park improvements. Powell stated the grant has a 5% match from the Village. Meetings were

scheduled for April 29, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm and May 13, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Powell stated a landowner by the Nuzum bridge does not want to accept the Village's offer for the right of way to repair the bridge. Powell stated it will go to imminent domain. Powell stated Bob Jablonski reported to him that the EPA mandating the Village have an emergency response plan for the water treatment plant. This plan must be completed by June 30, 2021. Councilperson Fox asked if the Village already had an emergency response plan. Powell stated "yes", but it does not meet the EPA standards. Finance Director Rockwell stated a certification document is needed for the HAPCAP Grant.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to accept the 5% match for the HAPCAP Grant. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson asked with the transition of Lee Conkel from Poggemeyer Design group leaving the company if the Village was still on schedule to get the fire hydrants done. Powell stated he gave the paperwork to Bob Jablonski to rectify.

Police Chief Ervin stated they had 1754 calls for service in 2021. Ervin state he e-mailed Attorney Baughman concerning the two-hour parking law.

Fire Chief Fain stated they have been busy. Fain stated the Pike Township Contracts need signed and sent back. He said Jan is going to e-mail a copy of the old contracts for him to forward to Rockwell. Rockwell stated she is still missing Clayton Townships 2021 contract. Fain asked Rockwell about a purchase order he sent her. Rockwell stated she is working on keying in the blanket purchase orders for the year before she starts issuing other purchase orders. Fain stated they need one to repair a medic. Rockwell stated she would try to have it done for him the next day. Fain asked about a VPN. Rockwell stated it depends on how they need it set up. Fain stated his department is having trouble with websites being blocked and would like a committee to unblock the sites. Rockwell stated no other department is having issues and he needs to submit a ticket to MAPYS to fix.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 20, 2021. Chute stated not all the issues that were sent to the Administrator have been addressed yet.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Fall Festival fundraiser that was held on March 28, 2021. Boyle stated they raised \$2,350. The cost for food for the fundraiser was \$190 but they are going to return items that were not used for reimbursement. Boyle stated a Fall Festival Committee meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Boyle state the Color Run is planned for June. Boyle presented Council with a flyer from Jenny La Rue for signs she would like to purchase for the park. Boyle stated several citizens have asked about the Village having a dog park. Council stated they would have to check on Codified Ordinances and insurance. Boyle stated PAW's would help and they would ask the Perry County Dog Shelter. Boyle reported two grants are available to apply for to get help with the cost of a park, but they need submitted by May 1, 2021. Mayor Thompson thanked the Fall Festival Committee for the success of the fundraiser at the Eagles.

Councilperson Danison scheduled a Public Service Committee meeting for April 30, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Finance Director Rockwell stated she e-mailed the Records Retention Schedule to all department heads and the Mayor.

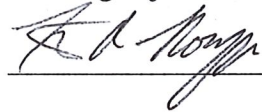
Councilperson Danison stated he was reviewing the Village Charter and the Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Village and Council passes the laws. Councilperson Chute asked if the water clerk position had been posted. Powell stated "yes", and the application deadline is April 27, 2021. Powell stated he would like Councilpersons Chute and Goodfellow to be present during interviews with the water clerk candidates. Council requested that Administrator Powell post the Administrator job opening.

Councilperson Chute reviewed the working document. Councilperson Chute will meet with Finance Director Rockwell on May 4, 2021 at 10:00 am to finish up the PPM and prepare the legislation for Council. Councilperson Danison asked if the PPM legislation will be brought back to Council to vote on. Chute stated "yes".

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk