

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

June 3, 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, Jeff Danison, Kathy Chute and James Welsh. Also present were Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Fire Chief Jim Fain. Absent was Councilperson Fox.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Fox from the June 3, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 20, 2019 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the New Lexington Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, the Memorial Day Service at the New Lexington Cemetery, the services at Veterans Monument Square and the Founders Day Celebration at Ludowici Celadon Inc. Thompson stated the MacGahan Festival will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019. Thompson encouraged everyone to attend. Thompson presented Council with thank you letters from the students at St. Rose School for the tour he gave of the Village offices. Thompson reported Kelly Mitchell asked if St. Rose could use the picnic tables from the shelter houses at the park for the St. Rose Festival. Council stated they would be responsible for moving the tables. Councilperson Bethel made a motion permitting St. Rose to borrow picnic tables from the shelter houses from June 13 to 16, 2019. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Thompson asked Fire Chief Fain if the Fire Department would power wash the tables. Fain stated the department would clean the tables.

Thompson requested a motion to approve the April Financial statements on behalf of Finance Director Rockwell. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the April 2019 Financial Statements and the April 2019 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Powell stated he met with Perry County Engineer Kent Cannon to discuss the paving of Elizabeth Street, Jackson Street, Maple Heights and Sunset Lane. Powell stated three of the four streets need grinding before paving. Powell stated Cannon suggested grinding out near the curbs only to help with drainage issues. Councilperson Chute requested Powell get an estimate on the cost of installing a drain on Maple Heights with the Public Service department doing the installation. Councilperson Goodfellow inquired if the alley off of Summit Street was completed. Powell stated "yes". Councilperson Chute stated Donna Shipley would like for Council to name the alley off of Summit Street. Powell stated the Village will maintain the alley without it having a street name. Powell informed Council the swimming pool has a 6 inch pipe in the basement leaking water. The estimate from Patterson Pools to fix the leak was \$1,152 and Buckeye Aquatics estimated \$2,860. Powell stated he submitted a purchase order for Patterson Pools to repair the water leak. Powell stated there were some electrical issues at the pool. There was no power to the pumps. Powell stated he called Ryan Stenson who stated there was an issue with the relay switch. Stenson wired the pumps directly until a new switch is received, which will be in approximately two weeks. The cost for the switch is estimated at \$750 plus Stenson's labor. Powell stated he and Councilperson Welsh met with HAPCAP on May 22, 2019 to discuss the application for the block grant. Powell stated he would like to make upgrades to the swimming pool, park and sidewalks from Mill St. down Orchard Ave. Powell stated he had around \$300,000 in improvements and Nate Simons from HAPCAP stated he would like him to submit more. Powell stated they may be able to tie into the Streetscape Project. Councilperson Bethel encouraged Powell to contact David Couch from Perry County Board of DD to discuss help with funding for handicap accessible restrooms. Councilperson Welsh stated if this is funded it would begin in 2022.

Powell stated the purchase order he submitted for the new water meter truck was \$554 more than what was submitted on the budget wish list due to the upgrade of the truck from a 2018 model to a 2019. Powell stated he is checking on getting a street sweeper again. Powell stated Public Service Director Chuck Hicks estimated the Public Service Department removed 7 to 8 tons of debris from the streets last year. Powell stated the streets should be swept twice a year. Councilperson Chute stated if we rent another sweeper this year more planning needs done to remove cars from the streets that are being swept. Councilperson Bethel stated he heard a rumor that a county-wide street sweeper may be under consideration. Bethel stated the Village should approach the Perry County Commissioners to let them know this is a need in communities. Powell requested a Finance Committee meeting for Poggemeyer Design Group to discuss the Wastewater Plant Phase II and State Route 13 Water Line projects.

Powell stated Ryan Lewis would like to have the swimming pool open on July 4th from 12 pm to 10 pm. Councilperson Bethel made a motion for the swimming pool to be open on July 4, 2019 from 12 pm to 10 pm with free admission. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" Motion carried. Powell stated Lewis would like to know if the pool will be open the week of the fair. Councilpersons Goodfellow and Boyle thought the pool should be open the week of the fair. Mayor Thompson asked if anyone would like to make a motion for the street sweeper. Councilperson Welsh asked if it was put in the annual budget. Bethel stated they would discuss it at the Finance Committee meeting.

Mayor Thompson stated he and Administrator Powell checked for poles where they could double hang hometown hero banners. Thompson asked if the brackets had been ordered. Councilperson Chute stated they have not because Rockwell was waiting on Powell and Thompson to provide a total so she would know how many to order. Councilperson Goodfellow stated she received a complaint on how pool passes are purchased. She stated people think they have to be there all together as a family to receive their pass with the picture on it. Powell stated they do not all have to be present at the same time. Councilperson Danison asked if they were going to make a decision on keeping the pool open fair week. Council stated they would discuss it at the next Council meeting. Councilperson Welsh asked Administrator Powell for the status of the curbs on Water Street and High Street. Powell stated as soon as hot mix is available they will be repaired along with pot holes in the community.

Police Chief Ervin stated the 4th of July rally fundraiser went well. Ervin stated another fundraiser will be held at Wendy's on June 7, 2018 from 4pm to 8pm. Ervin stated the Memorial Day Parade went great. Ervin stated the grant was submitted on time for the bullet proof vests. Ervin informed Council once the department receives the new vests he would like to donate the old vests to other first responders. Ervin reported the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, which is a restricted fund, will be receiving approximately \$26,000 through a court order. Councilperson Chute asked what the 4th of July Committee fundraising money is used to purchase. Ervin stated they are using the money for upgrades at the park and adding a shelter house at the swimming pool. Councilperson Bethel asked Ervin to thank the 4th of July Committee for all the hard work they do for the 4th of July Celebration. Ervin stated as long as the Village is able to pay for the fireworks, the 4th of July Committee will continue to use the money to update the infrastructure at the park.

Fire Chief Fain reported on the Memorial Day Parade and the Pancake Breakfast. Fain stated the department and Med Flight attended the Founders Day Celebration. Fain stated the Fire Chiefs in the area held a meeting and decided to send a letter to the 911 Center and the Perry County Commissioners regarding issues with the service. Fain stated EMS responded to 165 runs in May with 101 transports. Fain stated the Fire Department had 46 runs. Councilperson Danison requested a copy of the letter sent to 911 Center and Commissioners. Councilperson Chute inquired about the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Fain stated the grant writer receives \$4,000 to prepare and submit the grant. If the grant is awarded, the Village will be reimbursed for \$3,000 of the \$4,000. Councilperson Chute stated Council approved Mickey to be the grant writer, but not to start the process without Council approval. Councilperson Danison asked what the grant is for. Fain stated to replace Engine 11.

Mayor Thompson requested to schedule a Finance Committee meeting. A meeting was scheduled for June 12, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Chute stated work on the 2020 budget was to begin June 1, 2019. Chute stated department heads need to meet to discuss the budget. Councilperson Welsh inquired about the fire hydrant flushing. Fain stated they are still waiting on the testing equipment. Welsh stated he spoke with HAPCAP about a grant for help with the water situation on the west side of town. Welsh stated they are able to apply for this grant in the fall. Councilperson Bethel asked if the 2020 budget could be completed by the end of July.

Councilperson Chute stated the Village needs to do something about solicitation in the Village. Thompson stated they cannot control who goes to businesses for donations. Chute stated she is talking about Village organizations soliciting for donations. Chute asked Council Clerk Spohn if she started the process of putting the electric aggregation on the ballot. Spohn stated "no" and requested guidance in how the process works.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 19-8 as a seconded reading. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-8: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT AN OPT-OUT ELECTRIC SERVICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE VILLAGE TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-8 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 Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk