

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
July 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 Dan Bethel, Kathy Chute, Jeff Danison, Susan Boyle, James Welsh and Doug Fox. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrator Bo Powell. Absent was Councilperson Susan Goodfellow.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Goodfellow from the July 15, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

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

Mayor Thompson stated the 4th of July Celebration was great. Thompson thanked the Public Service Department, Police Department, Fire Department and everyone else who made the celebration a success. Thompson stated he also attended the Fair Board Luncheon on 7-15-19.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the June 2019 Bank Reconciliation and June 2019 Financial Reports. Rockwell asked Council if they wanted to schedule a special Finance Committee meeting to go over the different types of reports that she could give to them. The committee stated they could go over them at the next Finance Committee meeting. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for August 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Rockwell stated she was contacted by a student from OUZ that might be interested in being an intern in the Administration Offices.

Administrator Powell reported they discussed upgrades to the swimming pool at the Finance Committee meeting. Powell stated a safety switch was installed at the pool and they have the leak figured out at the baby pool. Powell reported the Kennedy Dr. paving project will begin on August 5, 2019. Powell informed Council he was contacted by Poggemeyer Design Group to reschedule the meeting to discuss the Phase II sewer project. Councilperson Bethel suggested the Poggemeyer representative come to the Council meeting on August 5, 2019. Powell stated the sewer behind Genesis on Broadway Street needs a camera run to try and find the problem. This will have to be done after funds have been appropriated at the next Council meeting. Powell stated Newsome Bridge is still in need of repair and may qualify for ODOT funding. Powell stated Poggemeyer is preparing the application to try and get funding to repair the bridge.

Councilperson Welsh inquired about the ditches by Kennedy Dr. and Tile Plant Rd. being repaired. Councilperson Chute asked if the survey of the alley off Summit Street was completed. Powell stated he gave Knisley the approval to start but at the present time it has not been scheduled. Chute also inquired about the second estimate for Maple Hts. Powell stated he faxed the paperwork to McVoight followed up with a phone call. McVoight stated they did not receive the fax, so Powell faxed the paperwork again. Councilperson Danison asked Powell

about the start date to repair the Pleasant Street Bridge. Powell stated he does not have an affirmative date, but they should be starting by the end of July. Councilperson Bethel asked if First Lane could be repaired. Powell stated they did repair this last week. Councilperson Boyle stated there is still a lot of wash out in that area. Powell stated there are no culverts on that street. Powell stated if the resident would purchase the materials the Village would install the culvert. Mayor Thompson asked if the Village could do this for the citizens. Mayor Thompson provided Council and Powell a list of citizen complaints for Powell to address. Thompson also stated the high grass at the Water Tower needs mowed.

Mayor Thompson discussed the problems with the traffic pattern at Brown and State Streets. Police Chief Ervin stated this has been an issue for a long time. Suggestions to help correct the problem include solar stop signs that flash, stop signs on both sides of the road and rumble strips. Councilperson Chute asked about painting the curbs. Chute gave Powell a list of streets that need the curbs painted due to people parking where they should not be. Councilperson Fox asked Powell about the fenced in area across from Saint Rose Church that has high grass. Powell stated that is private property. Councilperson Danison inquired if Police Chief Ervin is making any progress with the attorney on property maintenance. Ervin reported yes, but slowly.

Police Chief Ervin reported that the department is working with the Perry County Dog Warden on issues with dogs running loose. Some residents are being cited for vicious dog complaints. Ervin stated the department is teaming up with the Health Department to work with the tobacco initiative. They would like to educate people on compliance rather than issue a citation. Ervin stated another grant they are working on is with the Drug Coalition to educate people. This grant will study criminal justice systems and where gaps are in education on mental health drug abuse. The other grant, if awarded, will be geared to educate the youth about drug abuse. This grant is spear-headed by Job and Family Services.

Councilperson Welsh inquired on the status of Cameron Vasquez. Rockwell stated she spoke to his father today and he is doing better. Rockwell stated the father thought Cameron would like to come to Council to be recognized. Welsh also asked about the Boy Scout that was to be recognized by Council. Rockwell stated they were trying to contact someone who could give them the information needed to complete the proclamation she was working on. Police Chief Ervin stated he would like to start recognizing citizens who have helped at crash scenes.

Mayor Thompson reported to Council on behalf of Fire Chief Fain that the engine is being put back into Medic 14. Thompson stated the company is paying for the repair, not the Village. Rockwell reported the June EMS revenue was very good.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on July 15, 2019. Bethel stated Councilperson Chute requested assistance from the Village for the Fall Festival Committee. Police Chief Ervin reminded the Committee that funding was not given to the 4th of July Committee. The Village paid for fireworks directly to the vendor. Bethel reported the committee discussed the reallocation of the mortgage and utilities not separately metered. Bethel stated the committee provided Rockwell with the percentages to replace in the cost Allocation Plan. Rockwell will prepare a Resolution to present at the next Council meeting. Rockwell will forecast the effect on the General Fund for the next Finance meeting. Bethel

reported Rockwell asked for guidance on the radio and bunker gear loan for the Fire Department. Bethel stated the committee agreed to make a motion to enter into a loan agreement. Bethel reported the committee discussed repairs to the pool and how to fund the repairs. Police Chief Ervin offered to reduce the Police capital outlay budget by \$2,400 for the pool. Bethel stated the Water Plant budget will need to be increased to replace valves that are currently being operated manually due to issues with the SCADA System.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting held on July 10, 2019. Boyle updated Council on the fundraisers planned for the Fall Festival. Boyle stated they raised \$170 at their booth at the July 4th celebration. Boyle informed Council of all the events planned for the Fall Festival. Boyle stated she needs a stage for the Fall Festival and Holy Trinity might have one she can use. Boyle asked Administrator Powell if he had the contract signed for the festival to use the Perry County Commissioners parking lot. Powell stated not at this time. Job and Family Services has agreed to let the festival use their parking lot. A Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was scheduled for August 7, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Chute asked about changing the administrative office hours. Council decided all administrative departments would go back to 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with the lobby hours being 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Councilperson Chute made a motion to change the Administrator, Finance Director, Income Tax Clerk, Water Clerk and Meter Reader hours of operation effective August 1, 2019 to 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with the lobby hours 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who voted "no". Motion carried.

Council Clerk Spohn reported to Council she tried to file the electric aggregation legislation with the Perry County Board of Elections to be placed on the ballot. Spohn stated she was told the Resolution she provided was not enough to place it on the ballot. The Board of Elections could not give her information on what she needed. They stated there was a book on the web site with information. Spohn reported she spoke with Administrator Powell and Finance Director Rockwell on the situation. Rockwell stated she contacted John Haseley of SOPEC who is going to meet with the new SOPEC representative for the Village and they would file the papers with the Board of Elections. Rockwell stated she would contact Mr. Haseley again since he is a member of SOPEC.

Councilperson Chute reported Administrator Powell, Councilperson Goodfellow and herself conducted two interviews for the water clerk position on Thursday and have three interviews scheduled for Tuesday. Chute stated they had some suggestions for the new water clerk. Their first duties will be as the water clerk. When new time clocks are purchased the water clerk will be trained on the time clock software to do all the prep work for payroll to give to the Finance Director. The clerk will also learn the Village website and Facebook so they can do all the updates to the sites. Chute stated Administrator Powell will spend time on the training of the new water clerk, so he has a better idea of what they do. Chute stated eventually the water clerk will be cross trained on Income Tax and other duties within the office, and Powell will also spend time on the income tax department to better understand what she does. The new clerk will also learn the general office duties.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion authorizing the Finance Director to enter into a loan agreement on behalf of the Village with Peoples State Bank for bunker gear and radios. Councilperson Bethel inquired about the terms of the loan. Rockwell stated the bank offered an unsecured loan for 60 months at 6% interest. Rockwell stated a Resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting. Councilperson Danison seconded the motion. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to fix the filter flange at the swimming pool. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) regarding compensation of a public employee or official with Mayor Thompson, Police Chief Ervin and Council present. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 7:48 pm.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

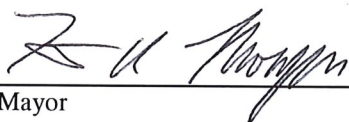
Meeting resumed at 8:20 pm.

Councilperson Bethel stated no decisions were made as a result of executive session.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk