

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

September 3, 2019

6:30 PM

MUNCIPAL 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, Doug Fox, and James Welsh. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrator Bo Powell. Absent was Councilperson Chute.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Chute from the September 3, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 19, 2019 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the Fire Department pancake breakfast on September 2, 2019. Thompson reported he has been with the Street Department and Bob Heavener checking on the projects they are working on.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with a 2019 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance to adjust the budget based on a motion passed at the August 19, 2019 meeting. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the July 2019 Financial Statements and the July 2019 Bank Reconciliation. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to approve the July 2019 Financial Statements and the July 2019 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council vote "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Bethel stated he was waiting to sign the purchase order for the Firefighter training until he had a list of the firemen going to the training. Mayor Thompson stated in the future the names will be attached to the purchase order.

Administrator Powell stated he has been working on letters for the Streetscape project to send to residents and businesses. Powell stated he had five encroachment letters and four working letters which means that ODOT will have to repair storm drains. Powell informed Council he spoke with McKee Paving about paving the parking lot at the Municipal Building. Powell reported McKee stated a storm drain needs to be installed in the parking lot. Powell informed Council he has been in contact with Attorney Baughman about the house on Elizabeth Street. Powell stated Baughman discovered liens on the property. Powell is going to send letters asking for the liens to be waved so the property can be turned over to the land bank. Powell informed Council the grinding has been completed on the streets that are being paved. Paving should begin next week. Powell stated the 2020 Issue II paving application goes to Buckeye Hills on September 5, 2019. Powell stated the Village match would be \$35,578. Streets being paved in 2020 would be grinded as needed. The streets being paved would be Swigart Street, McKinley Ave., Water Street and Jefferson Street. Powell stated he spoke to Dave Couch and Couch stated they do not do projects, but they will donate money for matches on grant money received. The application for the HAPCAP grant is due in the fall of 2020. Councilperson Welsh stated before they apply for any grants, they need to have a meeting with Poggemeyer. Welsh stated Poggemeyer told Council they needed to be careful on what grants they apply for. Welsh stated they need to have a meeting with Poggemeyer to discuss upcoming projects so they can prioritize which projects they want done first before applying for grants. Mayor Thompson stated they should wait until the Phase I project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is complete before setting a meeting with Poggemeyer. Powell stated it should be complete within two weeks. Mayor Thompson asked if the holes on Pleasant Street had been repaired. Powell stated "yes". Councilperson Danison stated potholes on the corner of Pleasant Street and Water Street by the stop sign need patched. Councilperson Bethel stated the alley behind his house needs more gravel. Councilperson Welsh stated the bushes on the corner of Fowler Street need trimmed.

Police Chief Ervin reported things are going well at the schools. Ervin stated they have attended some staff meetings at the school. Ervin reported the contract for the second School Resource Officer has been signed. Ervin informed Council on August 21, 2019 the department held a cookout for all employees which was a success. Ervin stated on August 26, 2019 they responded to a call about a stolen car which they found wrecked on State Routed 345. Ervin reported they had some good leads on the case. The department also responded to a call about an erratic driver. The officers were able to stop the vehicle and apprehend the driver. Ervin stated he attended the Suicide Prevention meeting. Ervin stated the Drug Coalition did not receive the grant they applied for.

Mayor Thompson reported to Council on behalf of Fire Chief Fain. Thompson stated the department has been busy. Finance Director Rockwell stated the EMS revenue for August was \$29,856. Thompson stated the pancake breakfast went well. The department received a donation from George Adams. Thompson reported the department received a grant for five thermal imaging cameras with no match. Thompson stated Councilperson Bethel, Fire Chief Fain and himself met with Colrlyn Altier and her assistant to discuss how communications should be handled between the department and Altier. Councilperson Fox asked about the EMS revenue that was reported to be down at the last Council meeting. Thompson stated not all payments are received within the month they are billed.

Councilperson Bethel stated a Finance Committee meeting was held on August 26, 2019. Bethel stated Finance Director Rockwell presented a five-year forecast for all Village Funds to the Committee and they discussed each fund. Bethel reported the committee discussed staffing and scheduling issues at the swimming pool. The committee agreed a separate meeting should be held to discuss these issues in depth. Bethel stated Councilperson Chute would like to end the agreement with Local Government Services to monitor the Village. Mayor Thompson strongly advised against this. Bethel stated the committee agreed no other changes would be made to the 2019 budget.

Councilperson Boyle stated there is a Parks and Recreation meeting Sunday September 11, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Boyle stated the Glow Run is scheduled on September 14, 2019 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Police Chief Ervin stated they should be receiving a notice that the 911 Center would like to sit down and discuss protocol with the Village. Ervin stated he would like for the Public Safety Committee members to be present when they start negotiating. If not all the committee members, at least some of them. Ervin stated the Fire Chief, Police Chief and one or more of the Public Safety Committee should be present. Mayor Thompson asked Ervin to send out an e-mail to everyone when the date is scheduled. Councilperson Bethel asked if they had one year to negotiate. Finance Director Rockwell stated the contract says either party has to give a one-year notice to end the contract. Councilperson Welsh stated the safety of the Fire/EMS, Police and the community should be the top priority.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked Administrator Powell to look at the curbs on Brown Street that are crumbling. Goodfellow asked about the blue house on South Main Street. Powell stated that is one of the houses to be demolished by the Landbank. Councilperson Bethel asked if there was anything the Village could do about the lack of maintenance on the empty lot on South Main Street. Chief Ervin stated he has sent letters which were returned. Ervin stated it is listed as one of the properties for back taxes.

Mayor Thompson stated Administrator Powell and Councilperson Welsh have estimates for LED signs for the Brown Street and State Street intersection. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to purchase LED signs for Brown Street and State Street. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Thompson asked Finance Director Rockwell if the cost of the signs could come out of restricted funds. Rockwell stated the State Highway Fund is the restricted fund and since the streets involved are not a state highway you cannot use this fund. Rockwell stated there was money in the street fund to purchase the signs. Rockwell stated if it is a new vendor, she will need the vendor's information to set them up in the system.

Thompson stated the land by the creek bed on State Street needs mowed. Thompson stated he has reached out to Perry County Engineer Cannon to see if the Village could use one of their mowers to mow down the area. Thompson stated if this is not an option maybe the Village could reach out to HAPCAP or Perry Behavioral Health for assistance on clearing the area between along the creek from the Brown Street Bridge down State Street until it reaches Main Street.

Mayor Thompson present Council with a report for a two week pay period for the swimming pool. Thompson stated there was poor scheduling of employees which caused payroll to be over budget. Thompson stated next pool season will have to be monitored better.

Councilperson Bethel asked if dumpsters promised by Waste Management were still available. Administrator Powell stated four per year. Bethel stated maybe the Village could utilize the dumpsters and have a clean up day. Councilperson Welsh asked about renting a street sweeper before the Fall Festival. Welsh asked if the funds were available for renting a sweeper. Finance Director Rockwell stated "yes". Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to rent a street sweeper for one week. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel requested an executive session.

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 and Council present. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 7:46 pm.

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

Meeting resumed at 7:59 pm.

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

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 19-14 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-14: **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND WILLIAM SCOTT ERVIN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-14 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No.19-15 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-15: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 19-4 TO INCREASE FUNDING IN THE SEWER OPERATING FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-15 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 19-14 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 19-14: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE FOR PERMISSIVE TAX FUNDS FROM THE PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER AND DECLARING AN**

EMERGENCY. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-14 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 19-12 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 19-12: **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 19-13 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 19-13: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-13 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 8:07 pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk