

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

September 16, 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 Kathy Chute, Jeff Danison, James Welsh, Susan Goodfellow and Doug Fox. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Fire Chief Jim Fain and Administrator Bo Powell. Absent were Councilpersons Bethel and Boyle.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Bethel and Boyle from the September 16, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 3, 2019 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who abstained due to being absent from the September 3, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Jenny LaRue and Lisa Garey addressed Council about tobacco use among the youth in the community and ways to help. LaRue stated a new law was passed on July 17, 2019 which will take effect ninety days from this date, which states you must be twenty-one to purchase tobacco products. Garey stated they would like more policies in place to keep the youth in the community tobacco free. Garey asked Council if they would try to think of some ways to help. Garey stated she would come back to Council with some policies that Council might want to pass in support of Tobacco 21.

Mayor Thompson stated he, Fire Chief Fain, Councilperson Danison, Police Chief Ervin and Mariah Mongold attended a meeting at the Perry County Commissioners office on September 12, 2019. Thompson informed Council he attended the Glow Run fundraiser for the Fall Festival. Thompson reported the Fowlers Lane project was complete and newly paved streets in town turned out nice.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the August credit card statement, August 2019 Bank Reconciliation and August 2019 Financial Reports. Rockwell stated the Village received the second half settlement from the Perry County Auditor. Rockwell reported the insurance broker would like the Village to start their applications for insurance renewal for January 2020. Rockwell asked Council if they wanted this to go to the Finance Committee. Rockwell presented Council with a Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance to pay for the street sweeper. Rockwell reported the new white boards were installed in the meeting room.

Administrator Powell stated they would start sweeping the streets September 17, 2019. Powell reported they would be working on the streets from 3:00 am to 11:00 am. They are going to start with Broadway Street, Main Street and Mill Street. Powell informed Council Poggemeyer wants to schedule a meeting about upcoming projects. Powell stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant

project should be completed in October. Powell reported Poggemeyer would bore under the railroad and install a six-inch pipe in conjunction with the State Route 13 project to help with water pressure in the Kennedy Dr. area. Powell reported a sink hole was discovered in the Mill Street area. Powell stated they would like to have Bob Heavener camera the hole to see if a pipe collapsed. Councilperson Fox asked if this tied into the Fowlers Lane project. Mayor Thompson stated "no". Powell stated he received paperwork from Attorney Baughman for the house at 327 Elizabeth Street. Powell reported there are three liens on the property. Powell stated he posted notice of abatement action on the house. He also sent certified letters to the lien holders.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to contract with Bob Heavener to camera pipe in the Mill Street area for \$2,500. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh asked about patching potholes within the Village. Administrator Powell stated the Street Department would be running hot mix to patch potholes this week. Councilperson Chute asked about putting an apron where one street that was paved joins a street that has not been paved to make it a smoother transition. Powell stated the Street Department should be able to correct the areas.

Police Chief Ervin reported positive feedback from the public about the paving projects. Ervin stated with the last-minute notices from the paving company the Village did a good job of notifying the residents on that street. Ervin stated he is helping the Health Department with data on crime involving empty houses within the Village. Ervin stated on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 he spoke with ODOT about the signage for street closures for the Fall Festival. Ervin stated if they have not contacted him by noon tomorrow, he is going to call them. Ervin reported to Council he met with Finance Director Rockwell on September 11, 2019 to discuss the budget. Ervin informed Council he attended the TAC meeting. Ervin stated he attended the 911 meeting on September 12, 2019. Mayor Thompson stated they need to set a Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss 911 negotiations. Councilperson Danison asked if all Council members had a copy of the current 911 contract. Some Council members stated they do not have a copy. Ervin stated he would supply those Council members with a copy of the contract. Ervin stated their call volume has been steady. Ervin stated the Police Department and Fire/EMS Department did a great job handling a gunshot call. Ervin stated Officer Emmons resigned from the department to work for the Muskingum County Sheriff's Department. Ervin asked when the Village was going to hold Trick or Treat. Council stated Trick or Treat would be held on October 31, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm rain or shine. Ervin reported Trunk or Treat would be October 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Fire Chief Fain reported for the month of August they had 151 total EMS runs with 95 of those runs being transports. Fain stated he has been working with Corlyn Altier on a daily basis to try and maximize payments from insurance companies for EMS services. Fain stated Jakes Day and the Glow Run were a success. Fain stated the department would be serving food at the Fall Festival. Fain reported with the grant money they received from the Shriners, the department received five thermal imaging cameras and pediatric bags for the medics.

Mayor Thompson reported on behalf of Councilperson Boyle the Fall Festival will be held on September 21, 2019 from noon through 10:00 pm. Thompson stated Boyle wanted to thank the Police Department, Fire Department and everyone on the Committee for helping with the Glow Run.

Councilperson Chute stated Mayor Thompson was Chairman of the Records Committee and asked where he was on this. Finance Director Rockwell stated there is a records policy in place. Thompson stated he would get something going with the records retention. Chute inquired about the timekeeping software. Rockwell stated she is working to provide information to set up the system. The IT project must be complete first. Rockwell stated after the installation they will run three payrolls in tandem. Rockwell stated supervisor training on the timekeeping software will be held on November 19, 2019. Chute asked about the IT upgrades. Rockwell stated they are currently tying up loose ends. Chute asked if the funding was still available to repair the ceiling in the shelter house. Rockwell stated the funding would need to be moved from the pool to the parks. Chute told Administrator Powell to get the purchase orders submitted to get the repairs done on the ceiling. Chute asked the status of the wish list for the 2020 budget. Mayor Thompson stated department head meetings would be starting next week to discuss with list.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 19-16 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-16: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 19-4 TO INCREASE FUNDING IN THE STREET FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-16 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk