

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
October 7, 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, Administrator Bo Powell and Fire Chief Jim Fain. Absent was Councilperson Chute.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Chute from the October 7, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2019 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Bethel and Boyle who abstained due to being absent from the September 16, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson informed Council Aaron Degres from the United States Census Bureau has a twenty minute presentation he would like to present to Council at the November 18, 2019 meeting. All Council approved. Thompson stated he attended the Fall Festival and thanked Susan Boyle and the Fall Festival Committee for all their hard work and a successful event. Thompson also thanked the Police Department, Public Service Department, Fire/EMS Departments and everyone else who helped with the Festival. Thompson reported he attended the Rally in the Alley, Fly-In at the New Lexington Airport and the Veteran Watch at the Library.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the August 2019 Financial Statements and the August 2019 Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell requested a Finance Committee meeting to start looking at the employee insurance and decide how many quotes they would like. Councilperson Bethel asked if there were problems with the current insurance broker. Rockwell stated there have been issues from the beginning with billing. Council requested Rockwell obtain quotes from Randy Ayers, Stacey Billingsley and Rankin & Rankin. Rockwell presented Council with a notice for a class action opioid lawsuit that includes every City, County and Local Government in the United States. The Village is automatically included in the lawsuit unless they opt out by November 22, 2019. The lawsuit is suing the manufacturers of opioids. Rockwell asked if Council would prefer the attorney look at the notice. Rockwell stated the Village does not pay anything to be a part of the lawsuit or to opt out. Council agreed the notice didn't need forwarded to the attorney and the Village will not opt out. Rockwell presented Council with an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources. Rockwell stated the Village did not receive the amounts projected by the Perry County Auditor on the Amended Amounts and Rates. Rockwell stated a motion is needed to file the Amended Certificate with the Perry County Auditor. Rockwell presented Council with a 2019 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance. Rockwell explained the adjustments to each fund in the Ordinance. Councilperson Bethel asked Rockwell to identify all revenue in the Parks and Recreation Fund. Rockwell explained the sources of revenue for the Parks and Recreation Fund to Council.

Administrator Powell reported Poggemeyer Design Group, Danis Construction and he did a walk through at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Powell stated everything is completed. Powell stated they have a punch out list to go through. Powell informed Council they have one or two more draws to complete, then the project will be done. Powell would like for Council and anyone in the public to meet at the Wastewater Treatment plant at 5:45 pm on October 21, 2019 to walk through the plant to see all the upgrades that have been done during the project. Powell stated this would let Council see what the project consisted of. Powell informed Council the Mill Street project was complete. Powell stated Chuck Hicks reported the leaf drop off was ready at the park with signs posted. Powell asked Finance Director Rockwell to post the leaf drop off on the Village website. Rockwell stated she thought the leaf drop off ran through the end of November. Council agreed. Powell reported Ryan Stenson started hooking the Administration offices to the backup generator today. When ready to complete the power will need to be interrupted to finish the project. Powell stated Rockwell informed him the IT company would like to be given a thirty-minute notice before cutting power so they can take the server down to avoid any issues. Powell stated Poggemeyer would like to meet with the Finance Committee on October 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm to discuss the Phase II project, State Route 13 project and the upgrades to Kennedy Drive and Saint Clair Street area. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for October 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Police Chief Ervin presented Officers Gibbs and Herring with the Lifesaving Award. Ervin stated on March 8, 2019 Officers Gibbs and Herring received a call of a working house fire on Orchard Street. This was reported to dispatch at 13:57 in the afternoon. At 13:59 Fire/EMS and police were dispatched. Officers Gibbs and Herring were on the scene at 13:60. Ervin stated the three minute response time is one of the best compared to national averages. Ervin reported they have always been under the national average. Police Chief Ervin presented Officer Chad Gibbs and Officer Colton Herring the Lifesaving Award and letter of recognition for saving a human life. Ervin stated on behalf of the New Lexington Police Department and the Community which they serve, Ervin thanked them for their service. Ervin reported he attended the Active Transportation meeting and participated in the Veterans Watch on September 19, 2019 at the Perry County Library. Ervin stated they have been working with the Perry County Board of DD on first responder collaboration training. Ervin stated with more DD clients moving into the community they have been learning more about the processes they have to follow. Ervin encouraged any first responders to try to attend the meetings. Ervin reported he attended a Six County Region Mental Health Board meeting on September 25, 2019 where the New Lexington Police Department received an award for the work they have been doing with the mental health patients. Ervin reported on a situation that took place on September 27, 2019 on Tile Plant Rd. Ervin stated they had to call for help to take the person into custody. Ervin stated the person was in ICU for a few days and is now in jail. Ervin stated without following policies and procedures the outcome of the incident could have been much worse. Ervin stated Officer Dodd held a fundraiser on September 28, 2019 which went well. Ervin stated on October 1, 2019 there was a situation with a mental health resident threatening someone with a knife. Ervin stated they met with the appropriate support systems for two hours to deescalate the situation. Ervin stated the call volume has been steady. Mayor Thompson stated Perry County Board of DD is doing a great job of getting information to the public about some of the DD residents who are employed and doing well.

Fire Chief Fain reported the department has been busy. Fain stated they responded to 164 EMS runs with 109 transports. Fain stated this is a record for the department for transports. Fain stated they had 42 fire runs. Fain informed Council Medic 3 delivered a baby girl over the weekend. Fain stated they had a lot of compliments on the Fall Festival. Fain reported the Fire Department will be hosting a haunted station on October 12, 26 and 31, 2019 with face painting, games and candy. Fain stated the department will be participating in Trunk or Treat. Fain stated there is a medic sitting in the fire bay that was on loan from Newton Township. Newton Township would like to sell the medic to New Lexington at a reasonable price. Fain stated they would like an answer by Wednesday if the Village is interested. Fain stated he would speak to the Finance Committee at the meeting on October 15, 2019 about the medic. Fain reported he met with Pleasant Township and things went extremely well. Fain stated Pleasant Township would like some numbers and other information from the Village because they would like the Village to be a bigger part of their community. Mayor Thompson asked if everyone on the Fire Department is carded now. Fain stated "yes".

Councilperson Boyle stated a Parks and Recreation meeting was held on October 2, 2019. Boyle stated they discussed suggestions and complaints about the Fall Festival. Boyle stated she was very pleased with the turn-out for the Fall Festival. Boyle reported they raised \$1700 from the Festival. Boyle stated committee member Lauryn Chute started a suggestion page to gather feedback. Boyle stated the committee has two new members: Niki Fox and Jenny Dillon. Boyle stated they are going to try and have bigger fundraisers for the Festival instead of a lot of small ones. Boyle reported Lauryn Chute is holding a fundraiser at Wendy's and Niki Fox is going to donate her time to do mini photo sessions for Christmas to raise money for the Festival. Boyle asked if they could use the Municipal Building meeting room for the photo sessions. Mayor Thompson stated "yes".

Councilperson Bethel stated he spoke with Perry County Auditor Drew Cannon about the land bank. Cannon stated the funds the land bank have can only be used for specific purposes. Cannon asked Bethel if the Village could help with the upkeep of properties within the Village of New Lexington. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to allocate \$2500 to the Perry County Land Bank for property mowing and maintenance within the Village of New Lexington. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fire Chief Fain would like to get permission from the land bank to enter houses that are scheduled for demolition for training.

Councilperson Bethel requested an executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the August 2019 Financial Statements and the August 2019 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to file the 2019 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 19-17 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-17: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 19-4 TO DECREASE FUNDING IN THE GENERAL FUND, INCREASE FUNDING IN THE PARKS & RECREATION AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS AND REALLOCATE FUNDING IN THE FIRE & EMS LEVY 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. 19-17 as read. 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 and Council present. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 7:27 pm.

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

Meeting resumed at 7:45 pm.

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

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 7:48 pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk