

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

November 4, 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, Doug Fox, Kathy Chute and James Welsh. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Fire Chief Jim Fain.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2019 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Donna Shipley presented Council with a survey that was prepared by Cannon Surveying in 1991. Shipley stated she was not there to object to the line that was established by the survey the Village had prepared by Knisley Surveying. Shipley stated she is disputing the placement of the pins that Knisley Surveying placed. Councilperson Bethel asked Shipley if she could get a current survey from Cannon and submit it to Administrator Powell. Once Powell has her current survey, Powell is to contact Knisley to verify his survey. Mayor Thompson requested Powell copy him on the e-mail to Knisley.

Mayor Thompson informed Council he attended the Perry County Mayors Association Meeting. Thompson stated Mayor Redfern from Crooksville will represent the Perry County Mayors on Issue I funding. Thompson reported he has been on site at Mechanic Street and Broadway Street to resolve drainage issues. Thompson stated he had meetings with Finance Director Rockwell, the head of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the head of the Water Treatment Plant to discuss budgets for the upcoming year. Thompson stated he went through the Haunted Station the Fire Department hosted, the Mount Aloysius 50th Anniversary and the Caring for Kids Auction.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance to increase funding for storm sewer issues. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the September 2019 Financial Statements and the September 2019 Bank Reconciliation presented at the October 21 meeting. Rockwell informed Council quotes for employee insurance are coming in. Rockwell requested a Finance Committee meeting. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for November 7, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Rockwell stated she is trying to complete the Tree City USA Certification for the Village, but is unable to get information needed from Jenny LaRue. Mayor Thompson stated he will contact LaRue to get the information Rockwell needs. Mayor Thompson asked if we had a replacement tree city flag due to the current one being torn. Rockwell stated "yes". Rockwell informed Council the Ohio Department of Transportation will be awarding \$70 million in state funding to local agencies for public transportation. Rockwell stated the Federal Transit Authority has awarded \$35 million in funding to assist Ohio's rural transit providers. Rockwell also gave Council an update on the opioid lawsuit. Councilperson Danison stated Perry County Transit provides a good service for the community.

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

Administrator Powell stated he attended a transportation meeting and transit extended its route to the Columbus Airport for \$25. Powell reported the ceiling in the shelter house is complete. Powell stated he spoke with Dave Couch from the Board of DD and they will match some of the funding for the Streetscape Project. Powell stated Couch would like to install some handicap accessible playground equipment at the park. Powell stated the Streetscape project is on schedule and that all paperwork has been completed. Powell stated the Nuzum Street Bridge has been accepted by the Ohio Department of Transportation Municipal Bridge Program. The cost of repairs to the bridge is \$406,000 with the Village match being \$94,000. Powell stated this includes everything from Poggemeyer. Powell stated they are also going to apply for funding from the CDBG grant. Powell

reported three houses have been demolished through the Land Bank and five more are scheduled. Mayor Thompson stated he spoke to Drew Cannon who would like to give a presentation on the Land Bank to Council. Councilperson Fox stated he sent Powell an e-mail about a sink hole on W. Brown Street. Fox stated the resident called the Administration office and could not reach anyone, so they contacted Street Superintendent Hicks. Fox stated the Street Department filled the hole with gravel without checking out the cause. Powell stated he would check out the situation tomorrow. Mayor Thompson asked if the streets that were discussed at a previous meeting were repaired. Powell stated "no", that they were going to have to repair them with cold mix. Councilperson Chute stated paving projects in the future should include aprons at the intersections. Councilperson Welsh asked why the repairs have not been completed. Welsh stated the request to repair them was months ago. Powell stated the street department has been busy. Councilperson Danison requested Street Superintendent Hicks attend a Council meeting.

Police Chief Ervin stated the department has had a steady call volume. Ervin stated he attended a think tank meeting on October 23, 2019 at Saint Rose. Ervin stated they discussed ideas for revamping the criminal justice system. Ervin stated it is an interesting group and recommended Council attend one of their meetings. Ervin stated Trunk or Treat went well. Ervin stated the Red Ribbon Campaign went well and was started due to the death of a DEA Agent. Ervin encouraged everyone to go on the DA web site at the national level to learn more. Ervin stated he attended a meeting for Family and Children First on October 29, 2019. Ervin reported on Trick or Treat night they had a minor incident brought to their attention by a resident. Ervin stated no conclusion was made that the candy had been tampered with. Ervin stated on October 31, 2019 he attended a SIMS (Sequential Intercept Mapping System) meeting. They received a grant through the coalition to revisit the criminal justice system. Ervin stated the rest of the meeting was held on November 1, 2019 which addressed more law enforcement issues.

Fire Chief Fain reported they responded to 148 EMS runs with 84 transports. Fain stated they had 50 fire calls. Fain stated they have completed testing of five more fire hydrants. Fain stated they attended Trunk or Treat. Fain reported the Haunted Station was very busy on Halloween night. Fain stated they are trying to sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner for the kids at Children Services. He stated he would know more tomorrow. Fain stated they were going to start placing boxes out for donations for the departments Toys for Tots drive.

Councilperson Goodfellow scheduled a Municipal Concerns Committee meeting on November 13, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Goodfellow stated they will discuss Streetscape issues, the curb in front of Sech-Kar Company and the thrift shop on Carroll Street.

Councilperson Boyle stated a Parks and Recreation meeting was held on October 30, 2019. Boyle stated they discussed fundraisers for the Fall Festival. Boyle asked if the committee could set up in the meeting room on the Saturday before the mini photo session fundraiser on December 1, 2019. Council stated they could and directed Boyle to mark the dates on the meeting room calendar.

Mayor Thompson stated a potential business may be going in where the thrift store is on Carroll Street. Thompson stated if this does happen, they need to put in curbs and sidewalks. Councilperson Chute stated the Village zoning book must be enforced. Chute stated they need to know the Village zoning laws before they start anything.

Councilperson Chute asked if the new time clocks were ready. Finance Director Rockwell stated they have been received, need to be installed and will be programmed on November 11, 2019. Department Head training is scheduled for November 19, 2019. Chute asked the status of the IT upgrades. Rockwell stated the Police Department and Water Treatment Plant still need to be completed. Chute asked Mayor Thompson about the budget wish lists. Thompson stated he is waiting on information from Poggemeyer. Rockwell stated they need the project list from Poggemeyer.

Police Chief Ervin reported the Veterans Day Ceremony will be on November 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Monument Square. Ervin stated Family and Children First are building a new facility by Hocking College.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 19-19 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-19: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 19-4 TO INCREASE FUNDING IN THE SEWER 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. 19-19 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

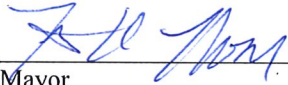
Councilperson Bethel presented Council Clerk Spohn with Ordinance 19-20.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only as a first reading Ordinance No. 19-20. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-20: **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND HEATHER ROCKWELL.**

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