

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

December 7, 2020

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:32 PM. Council Members present were Susan Boyle, Dan Bethel, Jeff Danison and Doug Fox. Councilperson Welsh attended the meeting virtually. Also present were Finance Director Rockwell, Police Chief Ervin and Fire Chief Fain. Administrator Powell joined the meeting virtually. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the public was invited to view the meeting live online through the Village website and Facebook page. Absent were Councilpersons Chute and Goodfellow.

Councilperson Fox made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Chute and Goodfellow from the December 7, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 16, 2020 meeting and November 23, 2020 emergency meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the November 16, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he swore in a Fair Board member. Thompson stated the decorations on Main Street look great and a lot of people are commenting on them. Thompson asked for prayers for Councilperson Chute.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with a 2020 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, Ordinance for 2020 Supplemental Appropriations and a Resolution for employee bonuses. Rockwell updated Council on the CARES Act. Rockwell stated EMS wages will be reallocated this week. Mayor Thompson stated he and Finance Director Rockwell need wish lists to work on the 2021 budget.

Administrator Powell stated he has the contract for legal services from Attorney Jan Baughman. Powell stated there is no change in rates. Powell stated he would need a motion to execute the contract.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to execute the contract for legal services with Attorney Jan Baughman. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Powell stated the street sweeping was complete. Powell stated Perry County Engineer Cannon is working on Nuzum Bridge. Powell reported half of the trees have been planted on Main Street. Powell stated he would submit his wish list. Mayor Thompson asked Powell the status of repairing the road at the reservoir. Powell stated he is having Water Plant Superintendent Kleinert get quotes to fix the road. Thompson stated he just wanted the pot holes fixed. Powell stated he will have Hicks repair the holes with cold mix. Thompson asked Powell when the new street lights will be turned off during the day. Powell stated any day now. Councilperson Welsh stated he received a letter from ODNR regarding Form -15 about surface brine from 2019 to be filled out. The letter stated the Village had never responded to the first letter. Finance Director Rockwell will pick the letter up from Welsh and give it to Administrator Powell. Councilperson Bethel stated he received a lot of compliments on the Streetscape. Rockwell asked if letters to Main Street businesses should be sent with the sidewalk salt guidelines. Mayor Thompson stated himself and Council will sign bonus letters for employees. Councilperson Welsh will draft the letter for employees.

Police Chief Ervin reported 520 calls have come through dispatch. Ervin stated the department responded to a robbery. The suspect was identified, and a stolen car was recovered. Ervin thanked IT and reported the department is getting the crash reports entered. Ervin stated he turned in the roster information and he is working on training. Administrator Powell stated the Public Service Department appreciates the new dispatch at

the Police Department stating they are getting less ridiculous calls. Ervin stated they are working on radio issues.

Fire Chief Fain stated the department had 145 runs and 77 transports in September, 168 runs and 83 transports in October and 155 runs and 85 transports in November. Fain stated a lot of days they have 10 plus runs. Fain stated everything is ordered and in route. Fain stated everyone needs to stay tuned for a message from Santa soon. Councilperson Boyle asked Administrator Powell if it was too cold to paint curbs. Powell stated yes but they can hand paint them. Boyle stated the corner of Maple Heights and Mill Street needs painted. Police Chief Ervin stated Pleasant Street and Factory Street needs painted also.

Finance Director Rockwell reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on December 7, 2020. The committee discussed quarantine pay. Lee Conkel of Poggemeyer Design Group reported the pre application was submitted by HAPCAP for critical infrastructure funding for the State Route 13 Waterline replacement project. Conkel stated the Village will know by January 13, 2021 if the project qualifies. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project could qualify for a 1% interest WPCLF loan. More points could be awarded if the Village obtains an EPA permit at an estimated cost of \$95,000 for the permit and plans. The Water Treatment Plant Improvement project was rated poorly by OPWC for funding. The project will be sent to the small government round for funding. Conkle stated he will have the hydrant reports to Administrator Powell later this week. Powell and Hicks will work on repairing the hydrants. Conkel stated the hydrant map will need updated. Poggemeyer will update the map and it will contain flow rates. Fire Chief Fain reported that Medicount is up and running. Fain stated he will soon have all the Township contracts for 2020 and 2021. The committee discussed the final round of CARES Act funding. Respirators were already purchased with some of the funding at the advice of the EMS Medical Director. The Committee approved using the remaining funding to purchase a Lucas Device for EMS, keyless entry system for the Municipal Building, additional respirators for Fire, EMS and Police, additional disinfecting supplies for all departments, the remaining balance for the Zoom Room and possible wages to be paid due to the Families First Coronavirus Act. Mayor Thompson apologized for missing the Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee recommends Council approve these projects for the CARES Act funding.

Councilperson Boyle asked if the Village could purchase a building in 2021 to have a Santa House.

Mayor Thompson stated he needs to schedule two Charter Revision Committee meetings.

Mayor Thompson reviewed the working document. Councilperson Danison asked if the hydrant report will include which ones need replaced. Administrator Powell stated "yes".

Councilperson Welsh stated the Village needs to limit the number of people in the Administration office. Administrator Powell will put out a memo and post a sign on the door.

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

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 20-21 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 20-21: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 20-8 TO PROVIDE DECREASED FUNDING IN THE GENERAL AND FIRE LEVY FUNDS AND INCREASED FUNDING IN THE STREET MAINTENANCE, PERMISSIVE TAX AND CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-21 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. 20-18 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Resolution No. 20-18: **A RESOLUTION TO PAY ONE TIME BONUSES TO VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-18 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) regarding compensation of an employee with Council, Mayor, Finance Director Rockwell and Administrator Powell present. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 7:45 pm for executive session.

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


Meeting resumed at 7:57 pm.

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

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk