

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING

November 23, 2020

3:00 PM

The Village of New Lexington met in emergency session via telephone phone conference due to an increase of Covid cases within the Village. Mayor Thompson presided over the meeting which was called to order at 3:00 PM. Council Members present were Susan Goodfellow, James Welsh, Susan Boyle, Jeff Dansion and Doug Fox. Also present were Finance Director Rockwell, Police Chief Ervin and Fire Chief Fain. Absent were Councilpersons Chute and Bethel.

Mayor Thompson stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss CARES Act funding.

Finance Director Rockwell provided an update on Councilperson Chute.

Finance Director Rockwell stated they needed to discuss reallocating purchase orders for spending of CARES Act funding. Fire Chief Fain stated four purchase orders were submitted for a pick-up truck, UTV, a MARX radio for the truck and building materials to finish three bunk rooms in the Fire Department so they can separate if they have two crews on station.

Councilperson Danison stated he wanted to make sure these purchases were allowable under the CARES Act funding guidelines. Fire Chief Fain stated if he had to choose between a radio and the bunk room he would prefer the radio. Fain stated they actually need two radios. Finance Director Rockwell stated they would need additional funding to purchase two radios because the bunk room materials cost less than the radio. Councilperson Fox asked if \$125,000 was encumbered for wages and \$70,000 for a Covid response vehicle. Fain stated "yes". Fox stated he thought the vehicle was to transport a Covid patient. Fox asked what the problems were with the current UTV. Fain stated the current UTV has many issues and is unable to transport a patient. Councilperson Welsh stated the truck they want to purchase is an excellent price. Welsh asked if they could put a cap on the back of the truck to transport a patient. Fain stated there is not enough time to color match the truck to order a cap.

Finance Director Rockwell stated they would need to discuss where the extra funding was coming from to purchase an additional radio. Fain stated if they don't use the money to purchase an additional radio, they will have to purchase them out of the 2021 budget. Councilperson Fox asked what the shortage was to purchase the additional radio. Rockwell stated \$1,700 is needed. Fox suggested reallocating the \$125,000 for EMS wages toward the amount needed to purchase an additional radio. Rockwell stated Council will need to motion the changes. Rockwell informed Council if they used \$123,300 toward EMS wages the reduction could be used for the additional radio. Councilperson Welsh asked if Fain had time to take care of this today. Fain stated "yes". Rockwell stated she could have the reallocated purchase orders to Fain within twenty minutes.

Councilperson Fox made a motion to approve CARES Act Funding for reallocating \$123,300 toward 2020 EMS wages and \$70,000 toward a Covid response truck, UTV and two MARX radios. 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 3:20 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk