

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

January 19, 2016

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Ratliff presiding. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Richard Anderson, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Susan Boyle and Tim Fiore. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead. Absent was Councilperson Danison.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the January 19, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Chute discussed attendance of Council members.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 4, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Barb Mooney presented Council with an update on the Tree Commission. She stated the Village of New Lexington will celebrate its 25th anniversary as a Tree City. Mooney also informed Council that the Southeast Ohio Tree City awards banquet will be held on April 20, 2016 at the Ludowici Show Room. Mooney asked Mayor Ratliff if he would give the welcome speech at the banquet. Mayor Ratliff agreed. She also invited all Council members to attend. Mayor Ratliff thanked Mooney for all the work she does for the commission.

Mayor Ratliff inquired about two outstanding bills from 2012. Councilperson Chute explained to Mayor Ratliff that these purchases were made without going through the proper procedure, therefore Council voted not to pay the bills. Councilperson Chute asked Finance Director Rockwell to pull the information on these invoices and bring them to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with an ordinance for supplemental temporary appropriations. Rockwell also presented Council with a letter explaining the Ohio Checkbook Program. She stated she would upload the finances to the State of Ohio where anyone can have access to the information. Rockwell also stated that this service is free and improves government transparency. Rockwell informed Council she would have to reschedule the work session scheduled for January 25, 2016 at 5:30. The work session was rescheduled for January 25, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with three resolutions: a resolution for an agreement for an Economic Development Liaison, a resolution for a contract with Pleasant Township for Fire/EMS services, and a resolution to apply for the Ohio Department of Transportation streetscape grant.

Police Chief Ervin stated the police department has been receiving complaints about trash trucks traveling on Brown and Carroll Streets again. He stated he has contacted the County about road signs for the area. Ervin informed Council that the owner of the trailer on the corner of Imperial St. and Thorn St. is getting a writ to remove the trailer from the property. Ervin also stated the police department received a Law Enforcement Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$15,308.00. Ervin requested an executive session to discuss personnel.

Fire Chief Hollingshead gave Council an update on EMS runs. Hollingshead stated he presented the Fire/EMS contract to Pleasant Township. He stated the contract would be in effect from January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016 with the contract being renewed annually. Councilperson Chute inquired about the EMS report Council used to receive. Chief Hollingshead stated he is working on getting the report.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to accept Councilperson Boyle for the Planning Committee. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to accept Councilperson Fiore for the Parks and Recreation Committee. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to accept Councilperson Danison for the Charter Revision Commission. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute rescinded her motion from the previous meeting to create a Fire/EMS Committee and to create a Public Safety Committee instead. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to accept the nominees for the Personnel Review Board. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to accept the nominees for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 4:30 pm. A Public Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm. A work session for property maintenance was scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm. A Records Committee meeting was scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 5:30 pm. A Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for January 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm. A Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 5:00 pm. All meetings will be held at Village Hall.

Finance Director Rockwell informed Council she would need a motion from Council to accept the December 2015 Financial Reports. Councilperson Chute made a motion to accept the December 2015 Financial Reports. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Rockwell also asked Council if they would like to make a motion to accept or decline the use of the Ohio Checkbook. Councilperson Fiore made a motion for the Village of New Lexington to participate in the Ohio Checkbook. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff called for an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for an executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

Mayor Ratliff stated no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 16-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 16-1: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LIAISON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 16-2 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 16-2: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-2 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 16-3 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16-3: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR ODOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE STREETScape PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-3 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

 Mayor Kevin Ratliff sr.


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn