

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2015
MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Eveland presiding. Council Members present were, Trent Thompson, Richard Anderson, Polly Pletcher, Kathy Chute and Al Vandewater. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Acting Fire Chief Gary Jones. Absent was Councilpersons Tim Fiore and Jeff Danison.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Fiore and Danison from the January 20, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who abstained due to being absent from the January 5, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the December 2014 bank reconciliation. She also gave Council the December 2014 monthly reports. Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance for the allocation of EMS billing revenue and a supplemental temporary appropriations Ordinance. Councilperson Chute inquired about the EMS billing revenue Ordinance. Finance Director Rockwell explained that the portion of EMS billing revenue currently deposited to the General Fund is used to cover expenses for the EMS Department. The result is a "wash" of the billing revenue. With the adoption of this Ordinance, EMS department expenses will no longer be paid from the General Fund. Rockwell also explained that moving the revenue to the Fire & EMS Levy Fund would not help in the recovery of the Fire & EMS Levy Fund deficit. The Ordinance was written with a retroactive date of January 1, 2015 so that all EMS billing revenue received so far in 2015 will be reallocated 100% to the Fire & EMS Levy Fund.

Police Chief Ervin gave Council an update on property maintenance. He stated that two search warrants were executed on property in New Lexington. They are currently waiting on the reports before they can proceed. Councilperson Anderson stated that the new owner of the old elementary school has been doing a lot of work cleaning up the property. Councilperson Chute inquired about the status of properties at Orchard St., Railroad St. and Eastern Ave.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a contract from Hamburg Fireworks Display Inc. for the 2015 Fourth of July display. He stated due to the Fourth of July falling on a Saturday this year, they need to get the contract signed as soon as possible if they choose to proceed. He also asked Council to close the Administrative Office Lobby Windows on February 24, 2015 for computer system software upgrade training. All of Council agreed.

Acting Fire Chief Jones stated that he will be submitting his deficit recovery plan next week to the mayor. He also informed Council that he is in the process of hiring a paramedic and an EMT. Acting Fire Chief Jones also stated that he is considering taking classes to be licensed to perform fireworks displays.

Councilperson Vandewater inquired about how many people, according to the Charter, he can appoint to the Planning Commission. He also wanted to know if someone owns a business in town, but lives outside of the corporation limits, can they serve on the committee. Administrator Bryant will check with the Law Director on this matter.

Councilperson Anderson asked Administrator Bryant if he could look into trying to get a grant for the repairs to the swimming pool.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-1: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF EMS BILLING REVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-2 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-2: **2015 SUPPLEMENTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Vandewater made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Thompson seconded. All Council voted "yes." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Dale Eveland



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn