

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2019

6:30 PM

MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Council President Trent Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, James Welsh and Susan Boyle. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Interim Fire Chief John Benson. Absent was Councilperson Jeff Danison.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the January 22, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who voted "no". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 7, 2019 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson thanked the street department, fire department and police department for the good work they did with the recent inclement weather. Thompson informed Council he has been in the office every morning to meet with Finance Director Rockwell, Administrator Powell, Police Chief Ervin, Interim Fire Chief Benson and the employees. Thompson stated he attended the Pike Township meeting with Interim Fire Chief Benson. Thompson informed Council all Township contracts are renewed. Thompson stated on January 10, 2019 himself, Administrator Powell and Councilperson Susan Boyle met with Ivan Anchev, the Consul General of Bulgaria in Chicago. The group showed Anchev the location of the street that would be renamed for Januarius MacGahan. Thompson reported Nate Bailor from Unlimited Diesel Performance contacted him about the additional repairs needed to Medic 14 and that he gave the information to Finance Director Rockwell. Thompson reported that Administrator Powell, Councilpersons Chute, Bethel and himself conducted interviews on January 15, 16, 17 and 18 for the Fire Chief position. Thompson stated Councilperson Bethel and he established the 2019 Committees.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the 2019 committee members. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute stated Jennifer Sitterley is listed as the Law Director on the list of committees and this will have to be updated when a new contract for Law Director is executed.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to pay Council President Thompson mayor's wages while he is Acting Mayor. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell stated at this time she did not have the monthly financial reports for Council due to working on 2018 year end. Rockwell presented Council with the credit card statement and questionnaires to complete for the upcoming audit. Rockwell informed Council that year end is about 40% complete. The monthly financial reports will be presented at the February 4, 2019 meeting. Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance for 2019 Supplemental Temporary Appropriations. Councilperson Chute inquired if Rockwell had the information for timekeeping software. Rockwell stated "yes". Finance Director Rockwell stated they needed to schedule a Finance Committee meeting. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for January 25, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Rockwell stated she would bring the timekeeping software information to the Finance Committee meeting.

Administrator Powell informed Council he was going to start advertising for the 2019 pool manager. Powell asked Council for a motion for permission for all supervisors and himself to attend a seminar on how to

supervise people in Zanesville, Ohio in April. The cost of the seminar is \$149.00 per person. Powell stated he was making the seminar mandatory and if a supervisor could not attend the seminar in Zanesville there will be another one in Athens. Powell presented Council with a Resolution for a new contract for Attorney Baughman along with the new contract. Powell stated the landowner of 811 Saint Clair Street is free and clear. Finance Director Rockwell requested documentation for audit to release the fire damage escrow. Bethel stated they did not need a motion for the supervisors to attend the seminar. Bethel asked if they needed to get a purchase order. Finance Director Rockwell stated "yes", a purchase order is required for any purchase. Bethel asked what happens if there is an emergency after hours. Rockwell explained to Council that there are blanket purchase orders for departments to use in case of an emergency. Councilperson Welsh inquired about the status of fire hydrants near the Saint Clair area. Powell stated Poggemeyer is on task for the asset management. Councilperson Chute stated this is two different things and that Poggemeyer is not responsible for the flow testing and color coding the hydrants. Councilpersons Chute and Welsh stated this needs done immediately. Interim Fire Chief Benson stated the fire department used to do the flow test. Rockwell stated the water plant has been performing the test and that the street department used to do it also. Administrator Powell will get with the Fire Chief to get the flow/pressure testing and color coding performed.

Police Chief Ervin informed Council on January 9, 2019, during a State update on the MARCS radios, some service was lost, but the Village Police Department was able to stay online. The situation was resolved within a couple of hours. Ervin stated the high band radios were working and served as a backup. Ervin reported that at the last 9-1-1 TAC meeting, the error in the minutes concerning the amount of the new 9-1-1 software at the previous meeting was being addressed. Ervin stated they had two cruisers break down during the inclement weather, but they are repaired and back on the road. Ervin thanked Thompson for coming in the office and meeting with everyone on a regular basis. Ervin stated he has not heard back from the Village Solicitor about the Elizabeth Street property. Ervin stated he is concerned about the lack of urgency from the solicitor in this matter. Ervin stated the new contract for the solicitor needs to be addressed as far as the priority in which the issues involving Village business is addressed. Ervin stated someone needs to reach out to the solicitor on the matter. Councilperson Chute stated she wanted to read the new and old contract and is not comfortable with emergency language in the Resolution. Ervin and Councilperson Chute stated the solicitor does a good job but the Nuisance Abatement issues need to be addressed in a timely manner. Councilperson Thompson asked if the Resolution needs to be put on hold. Councilperson Chute stated Council members need time to read the old and new contract. Council will need copies of the old contract for review. The Resolution was put on hold to correct language.

Interim Fire Chief Benson requested a motion to sell rescue tools that are out of service to Fire Chief Ron Cook from Murray City for \$500. Councilperson Thompson stated that is on hold. Councilperson Welsh inquired about the status of the new tools. Benson stated it is with the Finance Committee.

Councilperson Welsh reported on the Tree Commission meeting that was held on January 22, 2019. Welsh stated the committee discussed the Streetscape and other projects. Welsh informed Council the Tree Commission needs members. Finance Director Rockwell stated she could post it on the Village website. Welsh stated the next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2019 at 5 pm. Rockwell stated she would post this on the website also.

Councilperson Bethel asked for the pool report for 2018. This will be available once year end is complete. Councilperson Thompson stated Ivan Anchev presented the Village with a bottle of wine and books written to honor Januarius MacGahan.

Councilperson Chute thanked Chris Harbaugh, Jim Fain, Cameron Anderson and Chris Spencer for clearing sidewalks during the last snowfall.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 19-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council vote "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance

No. 19-1: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 18-31 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE FIRE & EMS LEVY FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(3) with only Council present. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 7:17 pm.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) with only Council present. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 7:31 pm.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:50 pm.

Councilperson Thompson stated no decisions were made as a result of either executive session.


Council President and Acting Mayor Thompson recommended Jim Fain as Fire Chief. All Council voted “yes” except for Councilpersons Bethel and Goodfellow who voted “no”.

Jim Fain was appointed Village of New Lexington Fire Chief.

Council President Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

  
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Acting Mayor

  
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Council Clerk