

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2015
MUNCIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to excuse Councilperson Fiore from the February 2, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Robert Burlenski of Ohio Local Government Services presented Council with the Fiscal Caution/Watch/Emergency Overview. Councilperson Chute inquired what level we are at now. Mr. Burlenski stated that currently we are not at any level. Finance Director Rockwell stated that we do meet the conditions for caution or watch due to the Fire/EMS deficit. Mr. Burlenski stated it is up to the elected officials to come up with a plan to restore the Fire/EMS deficit and should be submitted as soon as possible.

Kathy Chute spoke to Council about the alley behind her house. She stated there is constant traffic in the alley which has caused pot holes. Also there is constantly mud or dust from these road conditions. She also stated cars do not obey any speed limit in the alley. This complaint was turned over to the Municipal Concerns Committee.

Mayor Eveland stated we do qualify for two or more fiscal categories.

Finance Director Rockwell stated that the General Fund has recovered \$101,000.00 in 2014. She presented Council with an Ordinance for 2015 Supplemental Temporary Appropriations due to water breaks and engineering fees that were due for the Sewer Plant. She presented Council with a 2015 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources Summary. Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to file the 2015 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a permit transfer request from the Bullpen Pizzeria & Pub LLC to Antoddios, DBA Antonios II LLC. Council made no objections to the transfer. Bryant also stated that five members of Council are required to participate in training for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWAF) in order to receive grant money. Councilperson Danison asked Administrator Bryant if he could request the training be done at the Village Municipal Building. Administrator Bryant informed Council that Law Director Davis stated that members of the Planning Commission, according to the Charter, must be electors. Council informed Councilperson Vandewater he could ask non-resident business owners for ideas but they could not vote or be considered members of the committee.

Police Chief Ervin informed Council that a LEPC exercise would be held at Cooper Standard on May 5, 2015 at 5:30 pm. He also stated that he feels all department heads are doing a good job. He suggested it is time to get all department heads together to come up with a plan to help with the Fire/EMS deficit.

Acting Fire Chief Jones presented Mayor Eveland with an addendum to the existing Pike Township Fire and EMS Contract. He also gave an update on EMS runs. Councilperson Chute requested he provide the EMS Statistics report. Council inquired if billing for non-transport has started. Acting Fire Chief Jones stated he has to speak with Corlyn Altier from CSA Enterprises to come up with a billing form. He also gave Mayor Eveland his plan to reduce the deficit for Fire/EMS. Administrator Bryant asked Acting Fire Chief Jones if he had assigned a cost savings number to his plan. Fire Chief Jones stated not at this time.

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

Councilperson Chute made a motion for an executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.


Mayor Eveland stated that under the nepotism policy they would employ husband and wife but neither could hold a position of authority.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-3 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-3: **2015 SUPPLEMENTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-3 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Dale Eveland



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn