

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2018
6:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 5, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Aaron Mitchell addressed Council about the Village supplying a handicap port-a-potty for the Girls Softball League at the park. Mitchell stated the port-a-potty was also used for the soccer season. Mitchell stated they would need it from March 15, 2018 through November 15, 2018. Mitchell stated he locks the port-a-potty when it is not in use and meets the company at the park when they need pumped.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion authorizing Administrator Powell to order a handicap port-a-potty from Zemba Brothers for the softball field from March 15, 2018 through November 15, 2018. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the January 2018 financial statements presented at the February 5, 2018 meeting. Rockwell informed Council that she closed out the 2017 fiscal year and uploaded the information to the Hinkle System which is required by the State of Ohio. Rockwell informed Council that we are ready for the 2017 audit to begin and she is waiting to schedule a date. Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance for 2018 Supplemental Temporary Appropriations and an Ordinance to amend the Income Tax Ordinance to be in compliance with HB 49. Finance Director Rockwell and Councilperson Bethel updated Council on the changes due to HB 49.

Administrator Powell received a request to waive the fee on the new shelter house for the LAFF camp held from June 18, 2018 – June 22, 2018. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to waive the fee on the shelter house for LAFF camp. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Powell stated he has four or five different things he would like the PPM Committee to review. Councilperson Chute stated that February 20, 2018 was the final day for department heads to submit anything they wanted reviewed in the PPM. Powell presented contracts for Pike and Pleasant Township for Fire and EMS services. Powell presented Council with a list of streets to be paved with the Issue 1 paving project in 2018. The Village will have to provide a \$29,000 match. Powell also named streets to be paved under the 2019 OPWC project. Finance Director Rockwell inquired if Powell had filed the paperwork with the State for the Village to receive license tax. Powell stated he has to prepare a new Ordinance and the deadline is in April. Rockwell asked if the request for Permissive Tax was filed with the County Engineer to pay Shelley Company. Powell stated it hadn't been filed yet.

Police Chief Ervin reported that the department was very busy on the day of the ice storm. Ervin stated that the calls were unrelated to the bad weather. Ervin thanked the Street Department and Fire/EMS Departments for the team work to get things accomplished. Ervin reported one of the calls was for a break-in at a business on Main Street. Ervin stated they have apprehended one of the suspects.

Ervin reported to Council on the 4th of July committee meeting. Ervin stated the committee will be holding fundraisers on April 11, 2018 at McDonalds and May 26, 2018 at the Elks. The 4th of July parade line-up will be at St. Rose on July 4, 2018 at noon. Ervin stated the electric service at the Village Park needs upgraded.

Councilperson Bethel requested Mayor Ratliff approve the 2018 Committees. Mayor Ratliff approved the 2018 Committees. Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 12, 2018. The Committee met with Frank Harmon of Ohio Insurance Services to discuss issues with the insurance coverage for 2017.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 20, 2018. The Committee discussed issues with insurance claims and possibly retaining an attorney. The Committee requested Administrator Powell contact Fairfield Medical Center and Genesis to explain the issues with the insurance. The Committee discussed water and sewer rate changes to pay wastewater debt. Terms and options for the Medic loan were also discussed by the Committee. Administrator Powell presented the Committee with a quote for purchasing fire hydrants. Powell also requested a new water meter truck. The Committee stated they needed to work through existing projects first.

Councilperson Bethel and Finance Director Rockwell explained more to Council about the insurance issues and getting an attorney that specializes in insurance.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the 2018 Committees. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute stated it is the responsibility of the Chairman of each Committee to set meetings and notify everyone on that Committee.

Administrator Powell stated he needed to schedule a meeting with the Planning Committee so he can vacate an alley. A Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for March 1, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Danison scheduled a Public Service Committee meeting on February 23, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Danison requested Administrator Powell and Public Service Director Hicks attend.

Councilperson Boyle scheduled a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on March 9, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Goodfellow scheduled a Municipal Concerns Committee meeting on March 14, 2018 at 4:35 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Thompson stated he would have to contact members of the Public Safety Committee to schedule a meeting.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the January 2018 Financial Statements and the January 2018 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilpersons Chute, Goodfellow and Welsh scheduled a PPM committee meeting for March 21, 2018 at 4:35 pm at the Municipal Building with all department heads in attendance.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-3 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-3: **TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON INCOME TAX CODE TO ADOPT SECTIONS 718.80 THROUGH 718.95 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-3 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-4 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-4: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-21 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE PARKS & RECREATION LEVY AND GUARANTEED WATER DEPOSITS FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-4 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Mayor Kevin Ratliff



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn