

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

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

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the March 2, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes for February 17, 2015 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Chute and Vandewater who abstained due to being absent from the February 17, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Keith Cheney spoke to Council to get approval to proceed with getting a Trex from the State of Ohio. If approved they will transfer a license to sell alcohol at the New Lexington Certified Gas Station. He also stated if this goes through the company plans to expand the New Lexington business. Councilperson Fiore made a motion to proceed with Mr. Cheney applying for the Trex. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the January 2015 bank reconciliation. She also gave Council the January 2015 monthly reports. Finance Director Rockwell asked for a motion to accept the reports. Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to accept the January 2015 Bank Reconciliation and monthly reports. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant stated he had a Resolution for OEPA Water Revolving Loan Account Funding. He also informed Council that a decision had to be made about entering into a contract with Hamburg Fireworks for the Fourth of July celebration. He stated half of the payment is due when signing the contract. Councilperson Fiore inquired about where we get the money to pay for fireworks. Councilperson Pletcher stated that when she was on the committee they had fundraisers to help pay for the celebration. Councilperson Fiore asked if some of the money could be taken out of the Parks and Recreation Fund. Finance Director Rockwell stated it could be done but wanted them to understand that the Parks and Recreational Fund is for the swimming pool also. She also stated that all expenses related to the parks and swimming pool have to be out of the Parks and Recreation Fund. Councilperson Fiore asked Acting Fire Chief Jones if they could do a boot drive to help raise funds for the Fourth of July celebration. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to enter into a contract with Hamburg Fireworks. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant informed Council that we were awarded the OPWC grant in the amount of \$160,000.00 for paving projects in the Village. He also stated the money would be available on July 1, 2015.

Councilperson Fiore asked Police Chief Ervin how the new 911 system was working. Police Chief Ervin stated that it is going well.

Acting Fire Chief Jones present Council with an update for Fire/EMS. He also stated that they are going to an electronic patient reporting system which they were able to get through grants.

Councilperson Thompson gave an update from the Finance Committee meeting that was held on February 25, 2015. He stated that they are forming a Committee apprised of three members from the Fire/EMS department, himself and Jeff Danison to come up with a plan to put an operational levy on the November ballot. Finance Director Rockwell asked Councilperson Thompson if he wanted her on the committee since she has all the information necessary to complete this project.

Councilperson Chute stated that she did not appreciate the Municipal Concerns Committee not contacting her before looking at the alley behind her house. She spoke to Council as a citizen at the February 2, 2015 meeting about the alley. She stated that past practice was to notify the resident before looking at the property. She asked what the next step should be. She was informed that the alley in question was not in need of attention at this time.

Councilperson Vandewater stated he has created a Village Economic Revival Board to try to improve the economic development within the Village. He is looking at five members to be on the board. He also presented a copy of a survey that the county is using for economic development.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-1: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

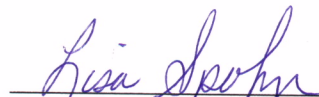
Acting Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Dale Eveland



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn