

## VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2016

6:30 pm

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Ratliff presiding. Council Members present were Richard Anderson, Dan Bethel, Kathy Chute, Susan Boyle, Tim Fiore and Susan Goodfellow. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell and Police Chief Scott Ervin. Absent was Councilperson Jeff Danison.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the March 7, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting as read. Councilperson Boyle stated there was a correction to the minutes on the opening of Lyons Urgent Care. Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes with correction from the February 16, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Belinda Lee from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee spoke to Council about the upcoming fundraisers that the committee is holding. She also informed Council about some of the events that will be at the celebration. Lee stated they will be holding a fundraiser at McDonalds on April 12, 2016 from 4:30 pm -7:30 pm. She stated anyone wanting to work at the fundraiser would be appreciated. Lee also asked if the fire department would help the committee do a canvas fundraiser. Larry Hatem stated he would check with the fire department. Larry Hatem also stated the fire department would like to hold a pancake breakfast to help raise money for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. Hatem also stated the fire department would donate the tickets to the committee for their 50/50 drawing. Lee informed council that they are trying to set up a shuttle bus from the Baptist Church to the park to help with parking on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Administrator Bryant thanked the members of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for all the hard work they are doing to make the celebration a success. The Committee asked Council if they were going to open the pool for free during normal operating hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilperson Fiore made a motion to have free admission to the pool during normal operating hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff presented Council with an invitation to the Perry County Chamber of Commerce banquet. Ratliff also informed Council that Judge Dean Wilson gave him an update on the hours of community service that have been done at the Village. Mayor Ratliff also stated that LGS wants Council to review the Deficit Recovery Plan. He presented Council with the 2015 Levy Funds and copies of 2010 -2014 audits.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the February 2016 bank reconciliation. She also gave Council the February 2016 monthly reports. Rockwell present Council with the 2016 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and an Ordinance for permanent appropriations. Rockwell described items included in the budget. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to file the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.



Administrator Bryant stated he received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control about an application for a D5 liquor permit for Los Mariachis. Councilperson Fiore inquired about how many D5 permits we were allowed to have. Bryant stated we were allowed three and currently have two. Bryant asked Council if they wanted a hearing on issuing the permit. Councilperson Chute made a motion not to have a hearing. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Bryant stated he submitted a letter of interest to ODOT to apply for a grant for the streetscape project. He received an invitation to apply for the grant from ODOT. Bryant also stated that the New Lexington City Schools requested the Village vacate an abandoned section of S. Maple Heights. Bryant presented Council with a survey and description of the property. Bryant asked for the recommendation from the committee. Councilperson Chute made a motion to vacate an abandoned section of S. Maple Heights. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Administrator Bryant will forward to attorney for review.

Police Chief Ervin stated a pancake breakfast was held on February 27, 2016 to raise money for the K-9 fund. He stated they raised around \$2,300.00. Ervin stated a new School Resource Officer contract was negotiated with New Lexington City Schools. He stated they are looking into the Community Development Block Grant to purchase new cruisers.

Fireman Larry Hatem spoke on behalf of Fire Chief Hollingshead. He informed Council that the Fire Department is going to trade the current UTV that they purchased with grant money for a new UTV through Ray Hatem. Ray Hatem is going to make an even trade on the UTV. Larry Hatem asked Council if they could switch titles. Finance Director Rockwell stated they should look at the cost of insurance to see if there will be any difference in cost. She asked if this should go through the Finance Committee. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion for Finance Director Rockwell to make the decision on the trade based on cost of insurance. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ryan Saegert presented Council with a recommendation for EMS to work 16 hour shifts instead of 12 hour shifts. Chris Spencer gave Council an update on the grants that the Fire/EMS have submitted. Saegert and Spencer also asked Council for an amount they can bid on the Somerset squad. Councilperson Chute stated this will have to go through the Finance Committee. Larry Hatem thanked Spencer and Saegert for all the hard work they have done applying for grants for the Fire/EMS. Larry Hatem reported that there will be a training session with Norfolk Southern Railroad on March 22, 2016 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Councilperson Chute gave an update from the Finance Committee meeting that was held on February 18, 2016. A motion was made by Councilperson Chute to hire one full time police officer. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2016 at 4:45 pm.

Councilperson Chute gave an update on the Municipal Concerns Committee meeting that was held on February 22, 2016. Chute stated that the New Lexington Schools will pay to cut down the trees at the park on the hill.

A Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was scheduled for March 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm at Village Hall.

Councilperson Boyle gave an update on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on February 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Boyle stated they met with Attorney Steve Davis to outline the duties of the Planning Commission. A Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

Councilperson Chute asked Finance Director Rockwell if she would attend the Public Safety Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm. She also stated two other council members may be present at this meeting.

Alan Vandewater updated Council on the Economic Development. He stated that Mayor Ratliff and he met with a prospective business. Vandewater stated he met with Eileen from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Vandewater also stated that he attended a grant writing workshop in Marietta. Vandewater indicated he would be handing over the economic development responsibility to Susan Boyle after his next two meetings are complete.

Councilperson Chute asked those attending the training at Ludowici to look into the Sunshine Law. Chute also asked about the protocol for toning Fire/EMS. Hatem indicated the protocol had been changed and would be presented to the TAC committee on March 8, 2016.

Finance Director Rockwell informed Council that the Village is one of the first in Perry County to participate in the Ohio Checkbook Program. She stated that a meeting was held at Village Hall on March 3, 2016 and an official announcement is on the Village website and Facebook page.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-4 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-4: **A ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-4 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.

  
Mayor Kevin Ratliff

  
Council Clerk/Lisa Spohn