

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

March 21, 2016

6:30 PM

MUNCIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the March 7, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Theresa Snyder from Perry Behavioral Health spoke to Council about the treatment centers on Main St. that they own. Snyder informed Council that Perry Behavioral Health had purchased the Pasta Fresca building on Main St. Snyder stated the building would be used for art classes for people in recovery in the upstairs with hopes of opening up lessons to the public, an exercise studio in the back, consignment art gallery downstairs and a meeting place in the back. Snyder stated that all of their properties have cameras inside and outside. She stated this is the only place in the six counties that offers in-house treatment. She stated that Perry Behavioral Health is using local contractors and buying all the supplies locally to remodel the facilities. Snyder is also a member of the Perry County Cancer Alliance. Snyder stated that the money raised by the Alliance serves Perry County residents only. Snyder asked Council if they would waive the fee to rent the shelter house on September 3, 2016 for a fund raiser for the Cancer Alliance. They plan on having concerts in the park from 1:00 pm – 6:00pm. Councilperson Fiore made a motion to waive the fee for the shelter house for the Perry County Cancer Alliance. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff stated he had a letter from the Fire Chief to appoint Gary Jones as the EMS Coordinator. Ratliff stated Larry Hatem applied for a grant to move the fire siren.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the February Financial Reports. Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the February Financial Reports. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the meeting. Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant stated the Planning Committee voted to approve vacating the property on S. Maple Hts. Bryant presented Council with an Ordinance to vacate the property. Bryant informed Council that the Law Director advised the Municipal Concerns Committee should make the recommendation for giving the New Lexington City Schools a small portion of property by the concession stand. Councilperson Chute made a motion to vacate the end of S Maple Hts. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Police Chief Ervin stated the police department has issued some citations for littering. He stated it is hard to keep up with the problem when people move out before you can issue a citation. Councilperson Chute inquired about the empty houses that were boarded up by the receivership. Administrator Bryant informed Council that the receivership is trying to generate capital to do some of the work that needs done on the houses. He also stated they are looking into grants to tear them down. Chief Ervin stated boarding the houses up is a good thing because it helps to prevent squatters. Ervin stated a guy from the state came and inspected some of the trailer parks in the Village. He stated there were multiple violations. Ervin informed Council that the state is the only one that has authority over trailer parks.

Gary Jones spoke to Council on behalf of Fire Chief Hollingshead. He stated the Fire Department would be holding a pancake breakfast on April 16, 2016 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm to benefit the 4th of July Committee.

Jones also informed Council that he inquired about the Explorer Program which is conducted through the Boy Scouts of America. The cost is \$24 a year per child to learn EMS or Fire. The fee will be paid by the participant.

Alan Vandewater informed Council he was resigning as Economic Development liaison. He stated Heritage Ohio would like a dedicated work session with Council.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on March 10, 2016. She stated another meeting will be scheduled in April.

Councilperson Fiore scheduled a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on March 28, 2016 at 5:00 at Village Hall. Fiore also inquired if they ever stock the reservoir with catfish or if it is only trout. Administrator Bryant stated he would call ODNR to see if they ever stock catfish.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on March 21, 2016. Boyle stated the committee voted to vacate a portion of S. Maple Hts.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting that was held on March 16, 2016.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked Administrator Bryant for copies of the original contract for the Municipal Building. Councilperson Chute made a motion to change two members on the list of committees. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council vote "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who vote "no". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to accept Alan Vandewater's resignation and to void his contract as Economic Development liaison. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion for Susan Boyle to be in charge of the Economic Development and the representative for MORPC. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-5 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-5: **AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF SOUTH MAPLE HEIGHTS SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO.**

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn