

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING

March 28, 2017

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

6:30 PM

The Village of New Lexington met in emergency session on March 28, 2017 with Mayor Ratliff presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Kathy Chute, Dan Bethel, Richard Anderson, Jeff Danison, Susan Goodfellow, Tim Fiore and Susan Boyle. Also present was Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Law Director Steve Davis.

Mayor Ratliff inquired about what the meeting was for. Councilperson Goodfellow stated she thought they were going to vote on an administrator and hiring John McCort to train them.

Mayor Ratliff appointed Nick Pease for the administrator position. Ratliff stated he was the second candidate after the last round of interviews.

Law Director Steve Davis stated after looking at the Village Charter, once the Mayor makes an appointment Council has the option of going into executive session to discuss the appointment. Councilperson Chute stated it was already discussed in executive session at the last Council meeting. Davis stated you are permitted to go into executive session to discuss further but not legally required. Councilperson Goodfellow inquired if Council could just vote. Davis stated after the Mayor has made his appointment Council can vote or discuss further.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

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

Councilperson Bethel stated no decision was made as a result of the executive session.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to decline Mayor Ratliff's appointment of Nick Pease as administrator. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Appointment by Mayor not confirmed by Council.

Mayor Ratliff appointed John McCort as administrator at rate of \$28.00 per hour for six months with no benefits. Attorney Davis stated it should be salary not hourly for legal reasons. Davis stated the \$28.00 hourly rate is the equivalent of a yearly salary of \$58,240.

Councilperson Bethel stated if employment is terminated early the Village is not required to pay out salary. Finance Director Rockwell inquired about how the salary would be paid. Attorney Davis stated a straight salary paid every two weeks regardless of hours worked.

Mayor Ratliff appointed John McCort as administrator with an annual salary of \$58,240 and no benefits for a period not more than six months beginning April 3, 2017. McCort will train the new administrator.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the appointment of John McCort under the terms set forth by the Mayor. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff told Finance Director Rockwell to advertise in the Tribune for a full time Administrator for the Village of New Lexington for two weeks. Ratliff also told Rockwell to post the position in-house.

Robert Wolfe asked how long applications are kept on file. Ratliff stated for ~~one~~ year <sup>possibly</sup> ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup>.

Finance Director Rockwell asked what the deadline for submitting an application for the administrator position should be. It was decided that the deadline would be April 26, 2017.

Mayor Ratliff informed Council Tree City USA would be held in Marietta. If anyone is interested in going he has the information.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM.

  
Mayor Kevin Ratliff

  
Council Clerk Lisa Spohn