

## VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2017

6:30 PM

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the April 3, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 20, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 28, 2017 emergency meeting with the correction of applications are kept on file for two years. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Aaron Mitchell addressed Council about the Village supplying a port-a-potty for the Youth Softball League at the park. Mitchell stated the baseball fields have permanent restrooms and the girls' softball field does not have any restrooms close to the field. Mitchell informed Council they would need the port-a-potty for five months. Mayor Ratliff asked if the money would come out of the Parks and Recreation Fund. Finance Director Rockwell stated yes. Administrator McCort stated he would get two quotes for the port-a-potty.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve a port-a-potty for the softball field for 5 months with Administrator McCort getting two quotes. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Ben Carpenter from the Perry County Commissioners office addressed Council about the flood plain advisor. Carpenter stated former Administrator Bryant served as the flood plain advisor for the Village. Carpenter stated someone needed to be appointed to this committee, either the new administrator, mayor or someone else. Carpenter stated he was willing to help whoever was appointed and that the Village needed to do this to be eligible for FEMA benefits if necessary. Carpenter informed Council that the County has a sewer treatment at the industrial park on Commerce Dr. and that they would like to discuss the Village taking this over with the sewer going to the Village sewer treatment plant. Public Service Director Chuck Hicks stated the Village did not take over this area due to capacity. Carpenter spoke to Council about the tap fee for the Fairfield Medical Lab. Councilperson Chute stated that was already brought to Council.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the March 2017 Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell stated on the front page of the reconciliation is an adjustment for payroll checks that had not been cashed and had to be reissued. Rockwell also presented Council with the March 2017 Financial Reports. Rockwell stated on the Financial Statement that the Fire/EMS deficit has

increased but next month will go down due to the first half of the tax settlement being received from the Perry County Auditor.

Administrator McCort stated he submitted the paperwork from the Village to the Perry County EMA for countywide reimbursement for flood damage. McCort informed Council he had a meeting scheduled with Bob Jablonski of Poggemeyer Design Group on April 5, 2017 to discuss the Wastewater Treatment plant project. McCort stated the EPA contacted him and a meeting was scheduled for the same time with Jablonski.

Public Service Director Chuck Hicks stated he had two quotes for the drainage repair on E. Brown Street that needs done before paving begins. Hicks stated Perry Reclaiming had the lowest quote. Hicks reported that County Engineer Cannon will do the final inspection on the project for free. The work for this project will be paid with permissive tax. Hicks informed Council that he met with the logging company using the Village property for access and informed them not to take any of the Village trees. Hicks stated he informed the company to replace gravel on the drive. Hicks stated himself and Police Chief Ervin have been working on contacting the railroad about a washed out area on S. Main Street.

Police Chief Ervin stated the police department had been very busy. Ervin stated they had 45 calls for service and they had incarcerated two individuals.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance/Public Safety Committee meeting that was held on March 27, 2017. Chute stated after reviewing the results of the EMS Study of 16 hour coverage for the period 11/13/16 through 3/4/17 Finance Director Rockwell recommended that EMS should proceed to 24 hour coverage using part time staff because they have remained profitable. Rockwell also recommended that the 24 hour coverage begin tentatively on April 30, 2017 to allow EMS Coordinator Jones to hire additional staff. EMS Coordinator Jones will report to Council on the progress of hiring additional staff at the April Council meetings. The committees decided that a new study will be performed for a period covering the first three months at 24 hour coverage. Councilperson Bethel made a motion for EMS to tentatively begin 24 hour coverage on April 30, 2017. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute inquired about the letter they all received from Cornerstone Baptist Church regarding not being able to contact anyone at the Village for information. The letter stated they left messages on the administrative and Mayor's voice mail. Mayor Ratliff stated there was no message on his phone and when he received the letter he tried to contact several numbers on the letter. Administrator McCort stated he would contact the church.

Councilperson Boyle stated there would be a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on April 10, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Anderson stated the Village turned everything over to the Law Director concerning the Barnette's property on 308 W. Broadway Street regarding the ownership of the alley.



Councilperson Chute asked if all the Township Contracts with Fire/EMS had been signed. Finance Director Rockwell stated all had been signed except Pike Township. Rockwell stated Pike Township's attorney is reviewing the contract. Rockwell also informed Council that Fire Chief Hollingshead was going to contact Pike Township to check on the status of the contract and they should speak with him for more information.

Councilperson Chute inquired about the opening at the street department. Hicks stated the current meter reader had applied for the position. Hicks stated the Administrator needs to sign off on the transfer and they would need to post the meter reader position. Councilperson Chute stated they also needed to discuss the water treatment plant and the raise that was requested by the water treatment plant supervisor. Chute stated they would discuss this at the Finance Committee meeting on April 4, 2017.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

  
Mayor Kevin Ratliff

  
Council Clerk Lisa Spohn