

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING  
April 6, 2015  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Eveland presiding. Council Members present were Trent Thompson, Richard Anderson, Kathy Chute, Jeff Danison, Polly Pletcher, Al Vandewater and Tim Fiore who arrived late. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell and Police Chief Scott Ervin.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for March 16, 2015 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Chute and Pletcher who abstained due to being absent from the March 16, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Susan Anderson who was supposed to speak to Council had to cancel. Mayor Eveland stated he would call her.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the March 2015 bank reconciliation. She also presented the monthly departmental reports for March 2015. Rockwell stated that the 2014 audit is scheduled to begin in late April. She also presented Council with a 2015 Supplemental Temporary Appropriations Ordinance. Finance Director Rockwell stated that the deficit for the general fund is now below \$100,000.00. A motion was made by Councilperson Pletcher to accept the February 2015 Financial Report presented at the previous meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Chute and Pletcher who abstained due to being absent from the last meeting.

Administrator Bryant informed Council there was a request for a street light in the alley behind 108 S. Maple Hts. Bryant stated that she can have a light installed by AEP for around \$10.00 a month. The Village has never installed a street light in an alley. He informed Council that a request was made by the New Lexington City Schools Summer Food Program to waive the fee for the shelter house from June 8, 2015 to July 31, 2015 from 12 noon to 1:00 pm. Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to waive the fee for the shelter house for the New Lexington City Schools Summer Food Program. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Administrator Bryant also informed Council that the Ohio Division of Liquor Control sent paperwork for the transfer of a liquor license for Certified Oil Corporation. A motion was made by Councilperson Fiore to request no hearing. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Bryant reminded Council about the required OEPA training that is taking place on April 15, 2015 from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm.

Police Chief Ervin gave a presentation to Council about the procedures followed by the 911 dispatchers. He stated that we are not getting the response that is needed to cover the number of 911 calls coming into the Village. Mayor Eveland stated that he would like to contract with Portsmouth Ambulance Service to cover Village EMS calls. The Mayor feels this would better serve the community. He also stated that a number of our EMS personnel already work for Portsmouth full time and that Portsmouth Ambulance service is hiring if anyone wishes to seek employment with them. Those that choose to work for Portsmouth will actually receive higher wages than what they are currently receiving. A motion was made by Councilperson Pletcher to enter into a contract with Portsmouth Ambulance Service. Seconded

by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Danison and Thompson who voted "no". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute informed Council that she has circulated a petition for people wanting the alley fixed behind Highland Dr. Police Chief Ervin stated that maybe a speed limit sign would slow the traffic down. Administrator Bryant stated that at present time all the street department can use is cold mix to patch pot holes. This is just a temporary fix. He said that starting sometime in May when the weather gets warmer they will be able to use hot mix which is a more permanent solution to the pot holes.

Councilperson Fiore stated that a Parks & Recreation meeting was held on March 24, 2015. Some of the teachers that campaigned to get the Parks & Recreation levy passed were present so that if questions were asked about the levy the teachers could answer. Councilperson Fiore asked for a motion to be made to sign a contract with Hamburg Fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration to be held on Friday July 3, 2015. A motion was made by Councilperson Fiore to sign a contract with Hamburg Fireworks and have the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration on July 3, 2015. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Vandewater reported that he attended a meeting in Somerset to get ideas on how to draw people into the Village. He also stated that he is having trouble getting members for the Planning Committee. Vandewater stated that Debbie Raney from the Perry County Health Department would like to present ideas to Council to spruce up Main St. in New Lexington.


Councilperson Chute inquired about property maintenance. Police Chief Ervin stated it is going well at this time.

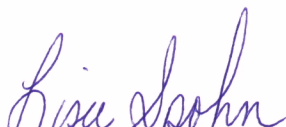
Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-7 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-7: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 14-16 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE WATER AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-7 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.

  
Mayor Dale Eveland

  
Council Clerk Lisa Spohn