

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

April 17, 2017

6:30PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Chute from the April 17, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for April 3, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes" except Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the April 3, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Rick Chuvalas, who was scheduled to appear before Council, contacted the Administrator to request placement on the agenda for the May 1, 2017 meeting.

Finance Director Rockwell indicated that a motion was needed to accept the March 2017 financial statements. Ms. Rockwell also presented Council with questions pertaining to the handling of overtime on the payroll and the fireworks contract with Hamburg Fireworks Display. Rockwell presented Council with an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and a Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance to make adjustments to the budget for Permissive Tax, Fire and other funds.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the March 2017 financial statements and bank reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to execute the contract with Hamburg Fireworks Display and for the Village to pay \$6,000 of the \$10,000 cost of the display. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator McCort presented Council with a Resolution to request permissive tax funds from the County Engineer and a Resolution for CDBG funds. McCort stated he had met with Poggemeyer Design Group regarding the status of current and upcoming projects. The Streetscape project was 95% grant funded with the Village needing matching funds of \$70,000 to \$80,000. The project should begin in 2019. The Pleasant Street Bridge project was 95% grant funded and should begin construction in 2019. McCort stated he received a request from Perry County Juvenile Court to waive the shelter house rental fee for a kid's movie night. McCort reported that the port-a-potties for the park for 4th of July and the ball fields had been ordered and would cost \$85.00 per month for each one. McCort will be attending the Tree City Awards in Marietta, Ohio on April 20, 2017 on behalf of the Village.

Police Chief Ervin inquired as to the status of establishing Nuisance Abatement committees. The Mayor must appoint two different residents to serve on the committees. Ervin reminded Council that the future goal of the 4th of July Committee is to put funds they raise into improvements to the park instead of paying for fireworks. Ervin stated the Police Department had a lot of traffic stops and other activity.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated that EMS has received ten applications for employment and they will soon be conducting interviews. Hollingshead requested on behalf of EMS Coordinator Gary Jones that the 24 hour EMS coverage be postponed until May 14, 2017 to allow more time for hiring additional personnel. Hollingshead also reported that FEMA will be performing an audit of the AFG grant on April 18, 2017 at 6:00PM and the fire gear washer and dryer are scheduled for delivery the first week of May.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to postpone the EMS 24 hour coverage until May 14, 2017. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on 4/4/17. The committee discussed quotes for repairs to Brown Street that need to be done before the paving begins. The committee discussed 9-1-1 dispatching service and the level of service the Village wants to provide to the residents. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2017 at 4:30PM to begin the pay restructure process.

Councilperson Boyle reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met on 4/10/17 at 5:30PM. The committee discussed power washing and cleaning up the shelter houses in the park. The committee is making plans to clean up the tennis courts and possibly trim pine trees that obstruct the courts and lighting. An update was provided regarding improvements to the Broadway Park. The committee stated they would like to contact the Village of Roseville to see if parts from the pool they are deconstructing could be salvaged and used at New Lexington's swimming pool.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated the Mayor needs to move forward with appointing two residents for the Nuisance Abatement committees. Rockwell stated she would place an advertisement on the Village website seeking volunteers to serve on the committees.

Finance Director Rockwell reminded Council that someone needed to represent the Village at the meeting on April 20, 2017 at the Perry County Commissioners.

Councilperson Bethel stated he has been approached by residents requesting the Village annex outlying streets into the Village corporation limits. Residents should obtain a petition from the Board of Elections, circulate the petition for signatures and present it to Council. Mayor Ratliff felt the annexation would be the duty of the Planning Committee according to Ohio Revised Code. Council discussed scheduling a Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting to explore annexation options. A meeting was not scheduled at this time.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to file the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-5 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-5: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND REALLOCATED FUNDING TO THE PERMISSIVE SALES TAX, FIRE & EMS LEVY, FIRE LEVY FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-5 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-5 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-5: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE FOR PERMISSIVE TAX FUNDS FROM THE PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-5 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-6 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-6: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-6 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk