

# VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

May 1, 2017

6:30 PM

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Ratliff presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Tim Fiore, Jeff Danison and Susan Boyle. Absent was Councilperson Anderson. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead and Administrator John McCort.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Anderson from the May 1, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 17, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who abstained due to being absent from the April 17, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Rick Chuvalas spoke to Council about renaming a portion of Lincoln Street to Corporal White Way. Chuvalas told Council he had a second option to rename a bridge instead of renaming Lincoln Street. Chuvalas stated he contacted ODOT about naming a bridge after his uncle and also to honor other veterans. Council asked Chuvalas what his preference would be, renaming Lincoln Street or a bridge. Chuvalas stated he would prefer the bridge so as to honor all veterans. A motion was made by Councilperson Bethel to initiate the process to name the N. Main St. Bridge after Corporal White. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Administrator McCort will meet with Chuvalas to start the process.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the April 2017 Bank Reconciliation and the April 2017 Financial Reports. Rockwell stated the drug free safety training was completed with only a few test papers to be turned in by Fire Chief Hollingshead and EMS Coordinator Jones. Rockwell stated the Mayor needs to take the online test.

Administrator McCort stated himself and Public Service Director Hicks went to look at the bridges on Brown and State Street. McCort stated he asked Poggemeyer for their bridge inspector to look at these bridges the next time they are in the area. McCort stated he and Councilperson Bethel have a meeting with HAPCAP for funding. Councilperson Bethel asked if this is the same bridge that ODOT looked at. Mayor Ratliff stated it was and that he has called several times to get in writing their opinion on the bridge but has had no response.

Police Chief Ervin stated they participated in a disaster table top exercise that the Perry County Health Department sponsored.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated the Fire Department received their washer and dryer. Hollingshead reported they would have a training on May 2, 2017 on how to operate the washer and dryer. Hollingshead stated they had two applications for EMS for the Mayor to review and approve and they are waiting on background checks on two other applicants. Hollingshead stated they have an estimate from Central City Electric Company to move the siren. The estimate is for \$4,433. Hollingshead reported the Pike Township contracts are complete and just need Councils approval.

Councilperson Chute reminded everyone of the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for May 9, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated she had a person contact her about serving on the Nuisance Abatement Committee. Councilperson Chute stated they needed to set a meeting to discuss the water ordinance. A Municipal Concerns committee meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2017 at 5:45 pm at the Municipal Building.



Councilperson Boyle reported on the Pool Committee meeting that was held on April 20, 2017. The committee recommended raising pool manager wages to \$400.00 a week and raising admission for students and senior citizens to \$3.00. Councilperson Chute stated part of the wages for the pool manager was the profits from running the concession stand. Boyle stated they had received a \$1,000.00 donation for the pool and Administrator McCort stated Poggemeyer had donated \$200.00. Councilperson Chute asked if money donated to the pool could be used for pool manager wages. Councilperson Fiore stated he spoke with Attorney Davis and the money would go into the pool fund. Finance Director Rockwell stated that she was not asked to forecast the budget for this raise in wages. Councilperson Goodfellow stated we have a levy for the pool. Finance Director Rockwell stated the pool needs \$130,000 in repairs and that \$30,000 in repairs are to be done this year. Councilperson Bethel stated if the pool manager gets the profits for the concession stand they need to make sure that no lifeguards are working in the concession stand when they are working for the Village as a lifeguard. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to move forward with the pool committee recommendation. Council decided this needed to be done by resolution. Councilperson Goodfellow rescinded her motion.

Councilperson Chute inquired about applications for a new administrator. The deadline for submitting an application for administrator was April 26, 2017. Mayor Ratliff stated he has a few applications but has not scheduled any interviews at this time. The deadline for submitting an application for the meter reader position is May 3, 2017. Councilperson Danison inquired about the property maintenance position. Police Chief Ervin stated he had a couple of applications but at the present time the police officers are still doing the property maintenance. Ervin stated once we get the Nuisance Abatement Committee formed he feels it will help with the property maintenance process.

Councilperson Bethel stated he would like to change the distribution for the dispatching contract payment beginning July 1, 2017 to come out of the general fund only and no payment come out of Fire/EMS fund. Councilperson Chute stated she thought they were going to wait till January 1, 2018 to begin this process. Bethel stated the money was there and that no other Fire Department pays for dispatching services. A motion was made by Councilperson Bethel starting July 1, 2017 Fire/EMS will no longer pay for dispatching services. All dispatching contract payments will come out of the general fund. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Chute and Fiore who voted "no". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff asked Councilperson Chute if she had spoken with Sherriff Barker about attending a meeting. Chute stated she had spoken with him and he is willing to attend a meeting but there would have to be other people in attendance also to get all of the information required. Chute also stated he would have to give a presentation to Council and that Barker would need to know what level of service the Village would require. Councilperson Danison stated this should be done in a work session. Police Chief Ervin stated he was confused about what Council wants. Ervin stated Council has to decide what level of service they want to provide to the community. Councilperson Fiore stated Mayor Ratliff and Police Chief Ervin should have a meeting before setting up a meeting with Sheriff Barker.

Councilperson Chute inquired about the phone situation once the dispatching center moves. Police Chief Ervin stated this does not need to be addressed at this time.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal issues with Police Chief Ervin and Administrator McCort remaining for the session. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

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

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

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-6 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-6: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2016 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-6 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-7 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-7: **RESOLUTION OMITTING ORDINANCE 15-3 RESETTING THE RATES OF PAY FOR THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL EMPLOYEES AND FEES FOR MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-7 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

  
Mayor Kevin Ratliff

  
Council Clerk Lisa Spohn