

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 2016

6:30 pm

MUNCIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Chute made a motion to excuse Councilperson Fiore. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 work session that was held at 4:45 pm as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 work session that was held at 5:30 pm as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the April 2016 bank reconciliation and April 2016 financial reports. Rockwell also requested a motion to approve the March 2016 Financial Reports. Rockwell also presented Council with the results of the Ohio Trust in Local Government Survey that the Village participated in. Rockwell gave Council copies of the e-mail response from LGS pertaining to the deficit reduction plan for Fire and EMS. Rockwell also reported that the 2015 audit is 50% complete. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the March 2016 Financial Reports and bank reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with information on a Community Clean-up Day. The event will be held on May 7, 2016 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Bryant informed Council he had received an initial offer from the Perry County Commissioners of \$100,000.00 for purchase of the community building. Bryant stated he should have more information on the Municipal Building & Fire Station square footage discussed in the work session by the next Council meeting. Bryant stated he was contacted by the New Lexington Athletic Boosters to reserve the shelter house on May 7, 2016 and asked if the Village would waive the fee. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to waive the fee for the shelter house for the Athletic Boosters on May 7, 2016. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Bryant presented Council with Ordinance No. 16-9. Councilperson Goodfellow asked why the Ordinance has to be an emergency. Bryant stated he just received the information last week and this is the first Council meeting since receiving the information. Bryant informed Council that

Councilperson Fiore reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee requested that the fees for pool passes for the 2016 season be reduced. He also stated that some citizens have requested the purchase of three pop-up canopies. Bryant informed Council that the North Main St. Bridge and paving project was awarded to the Shelly Company. There has been no scheduled start date on the project.

Police Chief Ervin informed Council that they are finalizing plans for the ALICE training. The training will be held on May 11, 2016 in the morning and afternoon at the New Lexington Middle and High Schools.

Fire Chief Hollingshead presented Council with an update on EMS runs. He stated they are continuing to cover all shifts. Hollingshead stated the Fire/EMS will be holding a pancake breakfast on Memorial Day. Hollingshead informed Council that Community Service workers will be painting the yellow lines in front of the Fire Department with paint that was purchased by the Fire/EMS department. Hollingshead stated that he and Trent Thompson have met with Community Ambulance about renting a bay from the Fire/EMS department. Hollingshead reported that he has not spoken to members of the Fire Department about working as volunteers until the deficit is recovered. He stated they have a meeting scheduled for May 3, 2016 when he will discuss this with the Fire Department.

Councilperson Chute scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for May 5, 2016 at 4:45 pm. A Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 5:00 PM. A Public Service Committee meeting was scheduled for May 4, 2016 at 4:00 PM. Councilperson Danison asked Council if Councilperson Anderson could attend the meeting in his place if he is unable to attend. Council had no objections.

Councilperson Chute reported that a Public Safety Committee meeting was held on April 26, 2016. Some items are still not resolved due to Fire Chief Hollingshead being absent from the meeting. The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2016 at 4:45 PM. Councilperson Chute stated that EMS Coordinator Gary Jones can come in Fire Chief Hollingshead's place if he is unable to attend.

Councilperson Boyle informed Council that Jeff Zigler from Heritage Ohio would like to be put on the agenda to speak to Council about economic development. Boyle asked Council how long he would have to address Council. Boyle was informed that he would have five minutes.

Finance Director Rockwell stated that a subcommittee has been formed by the Records Committee to work on information to be submitted for a grant. The deadline to apply for the grant is May 15, 2016. The next scheduled meeting for the Records Committee is June 2, 2016 at 5:30 pm. Rockwell also informed Council that Attorney Steve Davis has supplied the Committee with the most recent retention schedules and they will be working to bring the schedules current.

Councilperson Chute stated there was an opening on the Planning Commission. She stated that Bill Cozad would like to serve on the committee. Councilperson Chute asked Attorney Davis if Cozad could serve on the committee since he is Councilperson Boyle's brother. Davis stated he could, but Councilperson Boyle could not vote on the appointment. Councilperson Chute also

stated she would like to add more members to the Public Safety Committee. A motion was made by Councilperson Chute to appoint Bill Cozad to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Boyle who abstained. Motion carried. Councilperson Chute made a motion to appoint Councilperson Boyle, Councilperson Goodfellow, Trent Thompson and Janie Depinto to the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff asked Fire Chief Hollingshead if he has received any information about the grant to move the fire siren. Hollingshead stated not at this time. Councilperson Bethel inquired about submitting a counter-offer to the Commissioners for the Community Building. Councilperson Chute wants Council to reconsider the selling of the Community Building. Chute stated she would like to give Councilperson Boyle a chance to look into using the building for other purposes. Boyle stated the Baptist Church had some interest in using the facility for a youth center for the community. Bethel asked how long the Perry County Commissioners have signed a lease for. Bryant stated he thought it was for six months, but he would have to check on this information. Bryant also stated that the building was for sale for a long period of time and that this is the first offer we have had. Finance Director Rockwell stated that leasing the building pays for the utilities. Councilperson Anderson stated that the Village paid \$60,000.00 to complete the Community Building project.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-9 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Goodfellow who voted "no". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-9: **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. 16-9 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Goodfellow who voted "no". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Kevin Ratliff



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn