

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 2015
MUNCIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2015 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Danison and Fiore who abstained due to being absent from the May 4, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Chris Shonk from the Ohio Department of Transportation presented Council with several different designs for bridge railing. The bridge project, which will begin in the summer of 2016, is located on N Main St.

Ray Hatem addressed Council on the status of the Fire/EMS deficit. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the Village signing a contract with Portsmouth Ambulance.

Rita Spicer from the EMA Office asked Council to set a protocol for toning Fire/EMS personnel. Councilperson Thompson stated Fire/EMS want to have dual tones. This would tone New Lexington EMS and Community Ambulance at the same time.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with a letter from Josh Mandel, Treasurer of Ohio, regarding the promotion of government transparency via a website called OhioCheckbook.com. Rockwell requested that Council review the information and decide if they want participate. There is no cost for the Village to participate. She also presented Council with a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. Finance Director Rockwell also stated that she needed a motion from Council to approve the April 2015 Financial Reports that were presented at the previous meeting. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to accept the April 2015 Financial Reports. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Fiore and Danison who abstained due to being absent from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a resolution for setting pool rates with the recommendation for these rates coming from the Parks & Recreation Committee. Bryant stated that the tentative date for opening the pool is June 6, 2015. He also presented Council with a resolution for OWDA funding. Bryant presented Council with an Ordinance to approve a contract between the Village of New Lexington and Portsmouth Ambulance. Administrator Bryant stated that Local Government Services wanted to remind Council if the Fire/EMS deficit is not addressed it could result in fiscal caution, fiscal watch or fiscal emergency.

Councilperson Thompson stated that the discussion at the Finance Committee Meeting was about the Fire/EMS deficit.

Councilperson Fiore stated there would be a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on May 21, 2015 at 3 PM at Village Hall.

Councilperson Vandewater gave an update on volunteers cleaning the Cemetery.

Councilperson Pletcher stated that Debbie Raney from the Perry County Health Department has delayed the Main St. project.

Councilperson Thompson informed Council that he donated two new flags for the flag pole in front of Village Hall.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to set the protocol for Fire/EMS to dual tones which would be New Lexington EMS and Community Ambulance first. Second would be Portsmouth Ambulance. Third and fourth would be Junction City Fire/EMS and Crooksville Fire/EMS depending on the location of the run. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute requested a report after this protocol is in place showing who responded to each run.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-9 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-9: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE GENERAL, WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-9 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to table Ordinance No. 15-10. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-3 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-3: **RESOLUTION OMITTING ORDINANCE 14-10 RESETTING THE RATES OF PAY FOR THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL EMPLOYEES AND FEES FOR MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-3 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-4 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-4: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BETWEEN VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-4 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland stated that they will be contacted by Local Government Services about the Fire/EMS deficit.

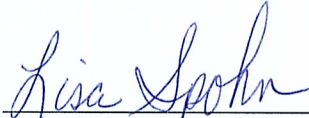
Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Dale Eveland



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn