

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2019

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Trent Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Susan Boyle, Dan Bethel, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Jeff Danison, Doug Fox and James Welsh. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Fire Chief Jim Fain.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 6, 2019 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who abstained due to being absent from the May 6, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Eddie Smith from Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council presented Council with an Ordinance to place the Opt-Out Electric Service Aggregation on the ballot for the November 2019 election. Smith will be moving to another State soon and introduced Council to his replacement Luke Sulfridge.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the Nurse's week ceremony at New Lexington Care and Rehabilitation Center on May 13, 2019. Thompson informed Council he also attended the Program Advisory Council meeting at the New Lexington High School on May 15, 2019 and the Public Safety & Finance Committee meeting on May 15, 2019. Thompson reported he gave a tour of the Village Municipal Offices to third and fourth grade students from St. Rose School. Thompson stated he met with Dan Cech from Speaker of the House, Larry Householder's, office on May 16, 2019. Thompson stated he donated a new flag for the front of the Municipal Building.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the May 2019 credit card statement. Rockwell also presented Council with the April 2019 Bank Reconciliation, April 2019 Financial Reports and an Ordinance for 2019 Supplemental Appropriations to reallocate Fall Festival Appropriations.

Administrator Powell stated he was contacted by Ashley Wollenberg from the Board of DD about the DD summer camp. Wollenberg stated she would like a reduced rate for the students to swim. Powell stated this is only for six different days and he informed her the Village would take \$1 off for each student. Wollenberg also asked if they could use the old shelter house on July 29 and 30, 2019 for no charge. Powell informed Council he had an Ordinance for the replacement pages to the codified ordinances. Powell stated the swimming pool is ready to be opened on May 27, 2019. Powell stated the Health Department would be inspecting the pool on May 22, 2019. Powell reported the lifeguards were getting certified on May 20, 2019. Powell stated he is getting a written estimate for 220 V electric at the park. Powell stated Councilperson Welsh and himself would be meeting with HAPCAP on May 22, 2019 to discuss the grant application. Powell stated they are going to see if upgrades to the swimming pool can be bundled with the upgrades to the park restrooms. Councilperson Bethel informed Powell he should reach out to David Couch from the Board of DD to help with grant funding for the restrooms at the park. Powell informed Council the contract for Gary Hynus, a Class III Water Operator, is complete. Councilperson Goodfellow inquired about the status of the Streetscape Project. Powell stated currently they are working on the Pleasant Street Bridge project and the Streetscape should start in April or May of 2020. Councilperson Bethel stated HAPCAP may be able to help with the revitalization of downtown.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to decrease the cost of admission to the swimming pool by \$1 per student for the DD summer camp and to waive the shelter house fee for July 29 and 30, 2019 for the DD camp. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Chute asked Powell if the employee insurance was all taken care of. Powell stated "yes". Finance Director Rockwell stated she received an email while in the Finance Committee meeting tonight that the employee

Life Insurance had lapsed. Rockwell stated she just received the invoice last week. Rockwell stated she was going to e-mail Burnham & Flower before leaving the office tonight.

Police Chief Ervin stated he received good comments from the nursing home for all the support from Village Police, Fire/EMS and Mayor. Ervin stated on Thursday, May 16, 2019 a consortium throughout Perry County from the Catholic Churches hosted a blue mass at Crooksville, Ohio and the Village had a representative present. Ervin reported the department had thirty-nine calls last weekend. Ervin stated the department's response time is down to 2-3 minutes. Ervin stated he is proud of the department for these response times and it is below the National average. Ervin stated if anyone receives a complaint on a response time to please notify him. Ervin reported that a slow response time is usually a result of poor communication. Ervin stated they are working on the documentation that Attorney Baughman helped put together for the day to day nuisance issues the department receives calls on. Ervin stated now that they have someone who can keep track of the complaints the departments should be able to keep up with the issues better.

Fire Chief Fain reported on the event at the nursing home. Fain stated Med Flight was able to be there which everyone loved. Fain stated the department really appreciates the support they get from Med Flight for events. Fain stated he had great feedback from the tour the students from St. Rose took. Fain informed Council they had 108 EMS runs with 63 being transports. Fain stated there have been no open shifts for four weeks. Fain stated the Fire Departments has responded to 31 fire runs. Fain stated the department is going to have food and other things for EMS appreciation week on May 21, 2019 and everyone is welcome to stop in. Fain stated there would be a meeting of Fire Chiefs this week to discuss the 911 Center. Fain stated the chiefs want to come up with recommendations as to what needs to take place at the 911 Center. Councilperson Chute inquired about the hydrant testing. Fain stated they are waiting for the tools that were ordered to complete the testing. Fain stated they did five hydrants with the ISO inspector last week. Chute stated she was talking about the whole Village. Fain stated they should begin testing within two weeks.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance/Public Safety Committee Meeting that was held on May 15, 2019. Bethel stated Fire Chief Fain requested the meeting to discuss a plan for Fire and EMS moving forward since the departments are still in a deficit. Fain discussed UHF radios and safety of the crew members during rescue operations. The department requested \$133,000 to purchase six MARCS radios and UHF radios for all crew members and vehicles. Bethel stated the committee discussed turn out gear that is needed. The cost of a set of gear is \$3,000.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance/Public Safety Committee Meeting that was held on May 20, 2019. Bethel stated Fire Chief Fain presented the committee with estimates for radios. Fain stated if Council can commit to purchasing radios before May 27, 2019 they can get State purchase pricing which is about half the original cost. The department requested six MARCS radios, thirty Motorola radios and thirty portable radios. The total cost of the radios would be \$66,457.95. The committee asked Fire Chief Fain to approach Tunnel Hill Reclamation to ask for help with purchasing turn out gear. Councilperson Goodfellow asked if the purchase of radios would increase the department's deficit. Bethel stated "yes" but the safety of the crew comes first. Councilperson Bethel made a motion for Council to commit to purchase radios per quote and for Finance Director Rockwell to look for funding. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow reported on the Municipal Concerns Committee meeting that was held on May 10, 2019 at the alley by Summit Street and Maple Heights that was requested by resident Donna Shipley. Goodfellow reported Administrator Powell stated the Village plows the alley in the winter. Goodfellow stated poles were placed by Mr. Ratliff on the south side of the alley and when it rains they will be moved to minimize the width of the alley due to yard damage. Goodfellow stated an argument ensued and the police were called. Goodfellow stated after some discussion Administrator Powell will have the Public

Service Department blade the alley and put down gravel to make the alley 16 feet wide. Councilperson Chute inquired about the time frame that this will be completed. Powell stated it would be completed by June 3, 2019.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on May 13, 2019. Boyle stated the committee received a check for \$101 from the sale of pizza at their Pizza Hut fund raiser. The total amount raised from the fund raiser was \$507. Boyle stated the committee is looking for a business to showcase the bicycles that were purchased to raffle off on the July 4th celebration as a fundraiser for the Fall Festival. Boyle stated they would be hosting a 5K run and walk on September 14, 2019 and Finance Director Rockwell and herself worked on a waiver for the event which they sent to the Village Attorney for approval. Boyle reported the flowerbed at MacGahan Park is being updated. All labor and supplies are being donated by Mel Fiore. Boyle reported Lauren Chute is making a web page for the Fall Festival to advertise. Boyle informed Council she has been keeping in contact with Ivan about the MacGahan Festival. Finance Director Rockwell stated all the events for the MacGahan Festival are posted on the Village web site. Boyle stated with the help of Rockwell she wrote a grant. Boyle stated she thought it would be nice if the Village presented someone a key to the City at the MacGahan Festival. Rockwell stated the key should have a tag line as to why it was being presented. Councilperson Bethel stated it would be nice if Carma Jean Rausch could be mentioned also due to her involvement. Boyle stated Jenny LaRue asked about recognizing the Eagle Scout who put in the flowerbed and flag down at the Broadway Street Park. Mayor Thompson stated he need to be recognized at a Council meeting. Boyle stated she thought a proclamation would be nice. Rockwell stated she has the proclamation written. Rockwell stated she needs more information to add to the proclamation, but she has no contact information for the young man. Boyle stated they were going to sell only twenty five more banners but now they are going to continue to sell them.

Councilperson Bethel reported that he met with the Perry County Auditor and the Health Department and there is going to be some help in the near future with tearing down properties. Council discussed hosting a "Community Day" to help clean up the town.

Police Chief Ervin inquired about the time of the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilperson Bethel requested an executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 19-6 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-6: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 19-4 TO REALLOCATE FUNDING IN THE PARKS & RECREATION FUND 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 No. 19-6 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 19-7 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-7: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2019 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 Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-7 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only as a first reading Ordinance No. 19-8. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-8: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO**

EFFECT AN OPT-OUT ELECTRIC SERVICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE VILLAGE TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) regarding compensation of a public employee or official with Mayor Thompson and Council present. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 7:50 pm.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

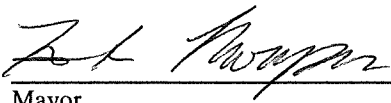
Meeting resumed at 8:10 pm.

Councilperson Bethel stated no decisions were made as a result of executive session.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk