

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

June 6, 2016

6:30 PM

MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Ratliff presiding. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Richard Anderson, Jeff Danison, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Susan Boyle and Tim Fiore. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and EMS Coordinator Gary Jones.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 16, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison and Anderson who abstained due to being absent from the May 16, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Margie Esselstein spoke to Council on behalf of her daughter who will be visiting the New Lexington area in August. She stated her daughter is training for a triathlon and would like to use the New Lexington swimming pool in the mornings to continue her training while she is here. Council approved for her to use the swimming pool in the mornings and informed her to speak with the pool manager to sign a waiver.

Mayor Ratliff stated he has several addresses that need to have property maintenance forms issued. Ratliff also stated that he received a letter from Bill Barks, an EMS specialist and consultant. Ratliff stated that Mr. Barks is willing to meet with EMS for an initial consultation.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the May 2016 bank reconciliation and May 2016 financial reports. Rockwell stated that the Fire/EMS fund is recovering. Mayor Ratliff asked Rockwell if Pike Township paid for the full year. Rockwell stated they paid their first half installment and the second isn't due yet.

Administrator Bryant informed Council that the Perry County Commissioners had submitted a bid for the purchase of the Community Building. Bryant asked Council if they would like to counter offer. A motion was made by Councilperson Danison for Administrator Bryant to make a counter offer of \$150,000.00. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Bryant also informed Council that ODOT would start construction on the on North Main Street Bridge on June 13, 2016. Councilperson Danison asked how traffic would be maintained and slowed down to avoid accidents. Police Chief Ervin stated there are stop lights in place and that he would set up the manual speed limit sign to slow down traffic on the hill. Bryant stated that the Village received the grant for the Pleasant Street Bridge repair. There will be some match to the grant that the Village will have to supply. The project will start in 2019. Bryant also reported that the CDBG Grant for paving will be used on E. Brown St. Councilperson Chute asked about the two bad areas on Brown St. that keep breaking up. Bryant stated they are going to speak to the construction company to see if there is something that can be done to make those areas more stable. Bryant informed Council that Gary Stevenson would like the Village to take over maintaining the drainage ditch on his property. The matter was turned over to the Municipal Concerns Committee. A Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2016 at 4:45 pm at the drainage site on 1st Street.

Police Chief Ervin stated they have been very busy with a couple of high profile cases, overdoses and breaking and entering. Ervin stated that the K-9 fundraiser held at the park on June 4, 2016 was a success with the event raising around \$4,000.00. Ervin reported that he has had several calls about people soliciting donations at the intersections. Council decided to have the Planning Commission establish a procedure for people that want to solicit donations at intersections. Ervin asked Council if the procedure for him to hire part time help is still in place. Administrator Bryant inform Police Chief Ervin that nothing in the procedure has changed.

Councilperson Chute reported a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2016 at 4:45 PM.

Councilperson Fiore gave an update on the Parks and Recreation committee meeting that was held on May 18, 2016. Fiore stated that the committee met with the pool manager to discuss the opening of the pool. Fiore informed Council that the event held at the Elks to benefit the 4th of July Committee raised a couple thousand dollars. Fiore stated that the Baptist Church is going to let the 4th of July Committee use their bus to transport patrons from the church parking lot to the Village park for the 4th of July celebration.

Councilperson Boyle stated that they have combined the Planning Committee and the Economic Development Committee. Boyle stated there is an Economic Development meeting scheduled for June 13, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at Village Hall. A representative from Heritage of Ohio will be attending this meeting. A Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. at Village Hall.

Councilperson Fiore gave an update on the Public Service Committee meeting that was held on May 4, 2016. Fiore stated they discussed the lift station on Lincoln Park Dr. Perry County Commission Jim O'Brien stated the Village and the Commissioners need to communicate better about the lift station. O'Brien stated it may be possible to get a grant to improve the lift station.

Councilperson Chute gave an update on the Public Safety Committee meeting that was held on May 26, 2016. Chute stated that Fire Chief Hollingshead was a no/call no/show. Chute stated that Finance Director Rockwell could not locate the original Ordinance that created the Public Safety Committee. Chute stated the Committee should have a representative from Fire, EMS and Police Departments at every meeting. Chute informed Council that Trent Thompson was going to contact Community Ambulance to request their attendance at the next Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss rental space with the Village.

Finance Director Rockwell gave an update on the Records Committee meeting that was held on June 2, 2016. Rockwell stated that Carla Dunn resigned from the committee. Rockwell informed Council that Janie DePinto is interested in being on the committee and that she will be invited to attend the next meeting.

Councilperson Chute stated that she had received an e-mail from LGS stating they needed an update on the recovery plan for Fire/EMS. Mayor Ratliff stated he felt the firefighters would all quit if Council takes away the \$5.00 per run they are paid. Councilperson Danison agreed. Chute stated she didn't say that all items must be implemented, but we do need to keep LGS updated on our progress, including reporting that an idea is not feasible.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn