

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

June 19, 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, Richard Anderson, Jeff Danison, Tim Fiore and Susan Boyle. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrator John McCort. Absent were Councilpersons Susan Goodfellow and Kathy Chute.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Goodfellow and Chute from the June 19, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 5, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Jody Bowen gave Council an update on the New Lexington swimming pool. Bowen stated things are going very well. Bowen informed Council they have started swimming lessons and that charging \$1.00 for admission from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm has helped with attendance. Bowen stated the lifeguards and herself are going to receive Narcan training. Bowen stated they will be having a dog swim the last day the pool is open. Proceeds will go to the Humane Society. Bowen informed Council she posted on Facebook a need for chairs at the pool. Currently the Village has received \$2,000 in donations for chairs for the pool and five umbrellas have been donated.

Councilperson Bethel inquired if a decision had been made on the price for Little Learners morning swim. Finance Director Rockwell stated she had not been provided an answer. Council discussed the cost for Little Learners. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to charge Little Learners \$10.00 per visit for the morning swim. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel stated the Village needs to start talking to the citizens about the Parks & Recreation Renewal Levy. Bethel stated the citizens need to be informed of the cost of repairs that are needed to the pool which is currently \$105,000.00. Councilperson Fiore stated they need to be aware that the levy is for parks and recreation, not just the swimming pool.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance for 2017 supplemental appropriations. Rockwell also presented Council with a Resolution to renew the Parks Levy and a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the Perry County Auditor. Rockwell also requested a motion to approve the May 2017 Financial Statements and the May 2017 Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell informed Council that the 2016 audit was complete. Rockwell stated there were no new citations. Rockwell stated she just needed Mayor Ratliff to sign the paperwork to finalize the audit.

Administrator McCort stated Councilperson Danison, Councilperson Anderson and himself discussed the bad shape that the 10 inch main water line is in and the video of the inspection of the water tanks. McCort stated Poggemeyer will survey the main water line to come up with the cost to replace the line. McCort informed Council that Hap Cap stated there is a Residential Public Infrastructure grant that the Village may be eligible to receive to help pay for the water line replacement in 2018. McCort stated the Village needs to have a main water meter at the water plant. McCort informed Council there is a County CDBG meeting on June 27, 2017 at 10:15 am at the Perry County Commissioners office to try to get funding for paving Kennedy Street and Elizabeth Street. Council informed Administrator McCort to request the breakdown of what funding would be needed by the Village for the repair of the Pleasant Street Bridge. McCort stated the Village needed a sign to show the location of the Community Building. Finance Director Rockwell stated we did not need a sign if we were going to lease the building. Rockwell stated Councilperson Boyle and herself discussed having an open house at the Community Building to let businesses see the space available. Police Chief Ervin stated they may want to try and use the building for a youth center. Councilperson Danison stated the Municipal Concerns Committee would discuss the building. Danison stated he would have to get with the other members of the committee and schedule a meeting.

Police Chief Ervin stated the department has been busy with a steady call volume.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated the contract with Hamburg Fireworks has been signed and he will return it to Hamburg on June 20, 2017. Hollingshead stated the rain date has been scheduled for July 8, 2017 at 10:00 pm. Hollingshead requested a Finance and Public Safety Committee meeting in regards to the EMS working at the Perry County Fair. A Finance/Public Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for July 3, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Bethel inquired about a plan when the 911 center moves out of the Municipal Building. Police Chief Ervin stated he would let them know when it is going to happen.

Councilperson Boyle stated the softball game between the Police Department and the Fire Department will be held on June 25, 2017 at noon at the New Lexington High School softball field. Boyle inquired if the street department could trim the trees at the tennis court. Boyle stated Kathleen Young from the Governor's office will be at the Village on June 21, 2017 from 9:00 am – 9:30 am to discuss finding grants.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the May 2017 Financial Statements and the May 2017 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel inquired about the procedure for re-zoning a lot. Councilperson Danison stated the Municipal Concerns Committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-8 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-8: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO**

THE FEMA HOSE/APPLIANCE GRANT AND FIRE & EMS LEVY FUNDS 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. 17-8 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-10 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-10: **A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR A LEVY OF TAX IN EXCESS OF TEN MILL LIMITATION.**

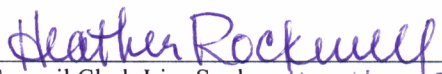
Mayor Ratliff recommended Glenn Powell for the Village Administrator. Councilperson Bethel asked Mayor Ratliff if Council could set up a time to speak with Powell. Bethel also recommended waiting until all Council is present before making a decision. Ratliff stated that was fine.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.


Acting Mayor ~~Kevin Ratliff~~ Dan Bethel


Council Clerk ~~Lisa Spohn~~ Heather Rockwell
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