

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 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, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Tim Fiore, Jeff Danison and Richard Anderson. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead. Absent was Councilperson Boyle.

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

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 6, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff informed Council that Mike Kane from Wolfe's Huff-N-Puff contacted him about the bridge repair on South Main St. Kane stated that the traffic lights are blocking the entrance to his business and he is losing customers. Kane also stated that people are cutting through his parking lot to get to Union St. Mayor Ratliff stated he told Mr. Kane to speak to the ODOT project manager who is on site. Mayor Ratliff also asked Police Chief Ervin if they could watch for cars cutting through the parking lot at high speeds. Mayor Ratliff stated the Elks had donated a flag to the Village. He wanted to thank the organization for this donation. Mayor Ratliff reported he received a letter from Columbia Pipeline regarding donations to local communities. Council stated they received the same letter.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the May 2016 Financial Reports. Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the May 2016 Financial Reports. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a request from the New Lexington Football Moms for the football team to swim at the New Lexington swimming pool on August 6, 2016 from 1:30 – 3:30 for free or at a reduced price. A motion was made by Councilperson Fiore to let the football team swim on August 6, 2016 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the reduced price of \$1.00 per player. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Police Chief Ervin informed Council that he received a complaint about parking in a no parking zone on Orchard St. by the park. The complaint was from someone who had received a parking ticket for parking there previously. Ervin stated they try to watch this area and are looking into ways to prevent parking in the no parking zone.

Fire Chief Hollingshead reported that the Fire/EMS were denied the grant for the new siren. Hollingshead stated that the grant should have gone through the EMA office. Hollingshead also stated that they can reapply for the grant in July. Hollingshead informed Council that they did receive the FEMA grant which he estimates to be \$212,000 for new equipment. Hollingshead also thanked Finance Director Rockwell for her presentation of the EMS Study for the trial period 3/10/16 to 5/15/16. He also thanked the Finance Committee. Hollingshead stated he signed the permit for Hamburg Fireworks and it would be returned to them on 6/21/16.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on June 9, 2016. The Finance Committee discussed the issues with scheduling and labor costs based on the EMS Study that was performed from 3/10/16 to 5/15/16. The Committee agreed that EMS should be permitted to work 16 hours per day seven days a week for a trial period and another study should be performed. Chute stated Finance Director Rockwell will report to LGS that the EMS Study shows profitability and that they will be working 16 hours on a trial

basis. Councilperson Chute also reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on 6/16/16. Chute stated that she spoke to Chris Farmer of Community Ambulance about renting space at Village Hall. Chute stated if the Fire/EMS was not interested in renting space that the Village Police Dept. would. A Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for June 29, 2016 at 4:45 PM. Chris Farmer from Community Ambulance will attend this meeting to discuss renting space from the Village. Chute informed Council that the EMS 16 hour trial will begin on 7/10/16. Fire Chief Hollingshead stated he met with Tunnell Hill Reclamation about building a better relationship with the Fire Department. Hollingshead stated Tunnell Hill Reclamation is looking into purchasing a small tanker truck that would be donated to the Fire Department. Chute stated the Committee discussed raise scenarios and also reconstructing pay scales. Councilperson Goodfellow inquired about the allocation of the dispatching fees. Finance Director Rockwell stated Police pay 75% and Fire/EMS each pay 12.5%. Councilperson Danison stated they needed to discuss the dispatching contract with the County. Councilperson Chute stated they needed to schedule a work session to discuss this matter. A work session was scheduled for July 14, 2016 at 4:45 PM.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Municipal Concerns meeting that was held on June 14, 2016. Chute stated that the committee had three possible solutions for the ditch behind Mr. Stevenson's property on First St. A Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was scheduled for June 21, 2016 to decide on a recommendation to present to Council.

Councilperson Fiore reported to Council that a gentleman from Tunnel Hill Reclamation spoke to him about donating money for something that the parks or pool could use. Fiore stated that the money could be used for a new fence at Nash Baseball Field.

Finance Director Rockwell stated there is a Records Committee meeting scheduled for June 30, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

Councilperson Chute stated that Finance Director Rockwell did an amazing job on the EMS study. Chute also thanked Fire Chief Hollingshead for his participation. Chute informed Council that she heard rumors that Council didn't let Tractor Supply open a business in New Lexington. Chute wanted to make sure the correct information is being conveyed. Administrator Bryant stated Tractor Supply is opening a business in New Lexington and is to start construction in the fall of 2016 with plans to open in February 2017. Fiore asked if there is any update on the sale of the Community Building. Bryant stated no updates were currently available.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn