

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

July 3, 2017

6:30 PM

MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Acting Mayor Bethel presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 pm. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Kathy Chute, Richard Anderson, Tim Fiore, Susan Goodfellow and Susan Boyle. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrator John McCort. Absent was Councilperson Jeff Danison.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the July 3, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 19, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except Councilpersons Chute and Goodfellow who abstained due to being absent from the June 19, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 28, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Jody Bowen gave Council an update on the New Lexington swimming pool. Bowen stated they are going to participate in the 4th of July parade. Bowen informed Council she is still receiving donations for chairs. Bowen requested to extend the hours of the pool from noon to 8PM. Council asked if this would interfere with pool parties. Bowen stated it would not. Council stated they would like to change the hours for reduced admission if the pool hours are changed. Bowen informed Council that admission to the pool would be free on July 4th. She asked if Council was opposed to having an event where patrons can float in the pool and watch the fireworks. Council stated that due to short notice they would rather this be planned for next year. Bowen discussed issues with the restrooms at the pool and the diving boards. Council discussed the status of the pool vacuum. Finance Director Rockwell stated she negotiated an extended warranty on the vacuum and is waiting for the new terms in writing from Buckeye Aquatics to place the order.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to change the hours of operation at the swimming pool to noon to 8PM, 7 days a week with half the normal staff on duty from 6PM to 8PM and \$1.00 reduced admission from 6PM to 8PM for the remainder of the 2017 pool season. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Corlyn Altier presented an update on EMS Billing through June 30, 2017. Altier stated that the Ohio Attorney General has decided to continue collecting delinquent EMS Billings for the next fiscal year. Councilperson Bethel asked how run sheets are forwarded to her for billing from the EMS staff. Altier explained that the run sheets are keyed into a computerized system and she can see if a run number has been skipped or overlooked.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the June 2017 Bank Reconciliation, June 2017 Financial Reports, an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources to increase revenue due to a request for permissive tax funds to repair Brown Street, an Ordinance for Supplemental Appropriations for Brown Street repairs and Park improvements, a Resolution authorizing employment of Glenn "Bo" Powell as Administrator and a Resolution to contract with Ohio First Responder Grants to manage the 2016 FEMA grant awarded to the Fire Department.

Administrator McCort stated he has a meeting scheduled on July 13, 2017 with Perry County to apply for CDBG funding to pave Kennedy and Elizabeth Streets. The cost of the project will be approximately \$50,000. McCort stated he applied for an Ohio Water Rehab reimbursement of \$7,000. McCort reported that the Village's share of the Pleasant Street Bridge project is approximately \$100,000. He will know an exact figure after his meeting with Poggemeyer Design Group on July 5, 2017. McCort stated he received a packet from Ohio Public Works for funding. He also reported that he found the keys for the Community Building. Councilperson Goodfellow asked if McCort had an update on the Streetscape project. McCort stated the match for the project is high and that Council should be more concerned with repairs to alleys in the Village. McCort stated the Brown Street paving should begin as early as July 5, 2017. Council discussed if the street should be completely closed for paving which could be completed in one day or if it should be reduced to one lane which would extend the paving up to two additional days. Information on the road closure will be provided to the Finance Director to put on the Village website and Facebook.

Police Chief Ervin stated the department had 72 calls for service (an increase of 10 calls). Ervin stated he has been receiving complaints about street lights out in the Village. AEP requires us to provide a pole number to have the lights repaired and will no longer accept an address to locate them. Ervin stated the 4th of July parade will line-up at Saint Rose and will begin at 1PM on July 4, 2017. Ervin also reported that the school will be opening the stadium at the football field for residents to watch the fireworks. Park traffic following the fireworks will be routed so that it will be a one-way exit to help with traffic flow.

Councilperson Chute reported on the combined Finance and Public Safety Committee meeting held on July 3, 2017 at 5:30PM. The committees discussed EMS coverage of the Perry County Fair. They also discussed the property maintenance officer position, the land bank and liens for delinquent water bills on property taxes. The committees agreed that the new Administrator will need to make property maintenance a priority. The Nuisance Abatement committee will be an integral part of the property maintenance process and will need to be established. The committees requested that Finance Director Rockwell forecast a full time property maintenance officer and bring the information to the July 17, 2017 Council meeting. The committees also requested that Police Chief Ervin forward a couple of property maintenance cases to the Nuisance Abatement committee to establish a procedure. The committees recommended Jan Baughman, Village Prosecutor, be involved in the process. A Finance Committee meeting to discuss pay restructure was scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 9AM.

Councilperson Chute made a motion for EMS to schedule a second crew to cover the Perry County Fair during special events with New Lexington calls taking priority and Fire Chief

Jordan Hollingshead coordinating with other departments in the County for mutual aid. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated that the Municipal Concerns meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled. The date and time of the rescheduled meeting will be forwarded to Finance Director Rockwell to post on the website and Facebook.

Finance Director Rockwell introduced Jamie Hedges and Rose Spangler of the HAPCAP Summer Youth Program. They will be working in the Administration Offices for the summer along with two other workers.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to file the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-9 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-9: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION LEVY AND PERMISSIVE TAX FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-9 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-10 as a second 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.** Councilperson Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-10 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-11 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-11: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF GLENN "BO" POWELL AS NEW LEXINGTON VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-11 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-12 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-12: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND OHIO FIRST RESPONDER GRANTS, LLC TO MANAGE THE FEMA GRANT AWARD EMS-2016-FO-00155 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Resolution

No. 17-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Bethel entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn