

# VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

July 18, 2016

6:30 PM

## MUNCIPAL 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, 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 Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 5, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Fiore who abstained due to being absent from the July 5, 2016 meeting. Motion carried. Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2016 work session. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Anderson who abstained due to being absent from the July 14, 2016 work session. Motion carried.

Corlyn Altier gave an update on EMS. Altier stated billable transports are up by 30% over last year and revenue is up by 33%. Altier also updated Council on the Attorney General collections for EMS and Mayors Court.

Mayor Ratliff stated that the moving wall will be coming to New Lexington on August 25, 2016.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the June 2016 Financial Reports. Rockwell also presented Council Ordinance No. 16-12, 2016 supplemental appropriations. Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the June 2016 Financial Reports. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant informed Council that Danny Johnson requested the Village pay a bill he incurred from hiring a plumber to check a leak on his water meter. It was determined that the Village was not responsible to pay the bill. Bryant also presented Council with an application for change of corporate stock ownership for Fiore Enterprises Inc. from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion not to request a hearing. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Fiore who abstained. Motion carried. Administrator Bryant made a request on behalf of Martha Pickenpaugh that the Village supply picnic tables and port-a-pots for the annual Kayak & Canoe Event being held on August 7, 2016 at the New Lexington Reservoir. There were no objections to the Village supplying the picnic tables and port-a-pots.

Police Chief Ervin stated that there would be a parade on Saturday August 27, 2016 for the moving wall that will be in New Lexington on August 25, 2016 thru August 30, 2016. Chief Ervin introduced newly hired part time police officer Sarah Emmons. Ervin requested that the Mayor swear in Officer Emmons after the Council meeting.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated that they would be at the Perry County Fair the week of July 18, 2016. Hollingshead also informed Council that they had a Firefighter pass his state test. Hollingshead stated with the new 16 hour shifts that runs have increased. Councilperson Chute asked Fire Chief Hollingshead if he had met with Chris Farmer from Community Ambulance. Hollingshead stated they met on July 18, 2016. Councilperson Chute also inquired about the leaking wall in the Fire Department. Hollingshead stated that they put sealer on the wall and it has taken care of the problem.

The Finance Committee and Municipal Concerns Committee met on July 18, 2016 before the Council meeting. Minutes from the meeting will be available at the next Council meeting.



Councilperson Fiore stated that Tunnel Hill Reclamation presented Councilperson Fiore with a check for \$6800.00 to replace the outfield fence on the Nash ball field at the park. Police Chief Ervin asked if the existing fence could be recycled for a dog park. Administrator Bryant stated to have whoever puts the new fence in to roll up the old fence to recycle it. Councilperson Fiore stated that Rob Barnette and Ed Stevenson spoke to him about metal post in the ground on the hill at the ball park. They are worried someone will be hurt. They would like them removed. Administrator Bryant stated he would look into it.

Councilperson Boyle stated the Planning /Economic Committee met at the football field on July 12, 2016 with Bill Padgett. Padgett wanted to update the committee on the progress of the new seating area. Councilperson Boyle stated they also held a meeting on July 11, 2016. Debbie Raney presented the Committee with ideas to clean up Main Street. James Welsh stated he thought they should start on Broadway. The Committee would like to paint several houses that are currently blue. Boyle spoke to Mr. Rothschild about painting the houses. He stated he would like to attend the next meeting. Boyle stated she might be able to get funding for painting from Sherwin Williams or Habitat for Humanity. Boyle spoke to Tom Johnson from Somerset, Ohio who referred her to Renee Brunton, Mayor of Shawnee who is currently doing several projects in Shawnee. Boyle asked if we could get volunteers to help with projects, if they could sign a waiver while working on private property in case of an accident. A Planning/Economic Development Committee meeting was scheduled for July 26, 2016 at 5:00 pm at Village Hall. Chute expressed concerns with the Village working to revitalize private properties.

Mayor Ratliff stated that Barry Bowers would like to re-schedule a date to talk about a culvert on State Street. Councilperson Chute stated this type of situation normally goes to Municipal Concerns Committee. The previous meeting was canceled due to questions about what Committee should pursue the project. A Public Service Committee meeting was scheduled for July 28, 2016 at 4:30 pm at the State Street site.

Finance Director Rockwell stated there would be a Records Committee meeting on July 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm at Village Hall. Rockwell also asked to schedule a Finance Committee meeting. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for July 21, 2016 at 4:45 pm.

A work session is scheduled for July 25, 2016 at 4:45 pm to discuss property maintenance.

Councilperson Chute asked if we still have a Welcoming Committee for new businesses. Administrator Bryant stated not at this time. Councilperson Chute asked to bring the procedure back.

Councilperson Boyle stated that she joined the Perry County Historical Society. Boyle stated she attended their last meeting and Mr. Knoll who is head of the Society would like each town to have events planned to celebrate the Perry County Bicentennial in 2017. A list of events was requested in two weeks.

Councilperson Chute requested an executive session to discuss complaints against a public employee under section 121.22 (G) (1) of Ohio Revised Code.

Councilperson Chute made a motion for an executive session to discuss a personnel issues. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute stated no action was taken at this time.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-12 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16-12: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE PARKS & RECREATION LEVY FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-10 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-10: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND REALLOCATED FUNDING TO THE GENERAL, FIRE & EMS LEVY AND FIRE LEVY FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON.** Councilperson Anderson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-10 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 16-6 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 16-6: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A 2017 FORD EXPLORER TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-6 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 16-7 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 16-7: **A RESOLUTION SETTING WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY CONTRACTS.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-7 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute asked Administrator Bryant if there was any word on the counter offer for the Community Building. Bryant stated he spoke with Commissioner Ed Keister and they are still discussing it. Chute asked Mayor Ratliff if he had scheduled to be on the agenda at the next Commissioners meeting. Mayor Ratliff stated not at this time.

Mayor Ratliff 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 7:45 PM.

  
Mayor Kevin Ratliff

  
Council Clerk Lisa Spohn