

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 2021

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Doug Fox, Jim Welsh, Susan Boyle, and Jeff Danison. Also present were Finance Director Rockwell, Police Chief Ervin and Administrator Emmert. Administrator Powell joined the meeting virtually. The public was invited to attend the meeting in person or view the meeting live online through the Village website and Facebook page. Absent were Councilpersons Chute and Goodfellow.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Chute and Goodfellow from the July 19, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 6, 2021 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the grand opening of the Bike Park on Friday July 16, 2021. Thompson stated it was well attended. Thompson stated he attended the Perry County Fair opening luncheon.

Finance Director Rockwell informed Council the American Rescue Plan Funding Act registration was approved for \$244,646. Rockwell stated Council will have to decide what projects the funding will be used for. Rockwell stated an annual report will be due in October. Rockwell stated the same amount of money will be distributed to the Village in June/July next year. Rockwell presented Council with a 2021 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, 2022 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, an ordinance for Supplemental Permanent Appropriations, a resolution to request an auditor's certificate and a resolution establishing an "American Rescue Plan Act" Fund. Rockwell stated she received notice from the Perry County Auditor that it was time to renew the park levy this year. Rockwell stated she thought it was up for renewal next year which is correct. The Auditor's Office thought the Village might want to place it on the ballot this year so they will have two more opportunities for renewal if it fails. Rockwell stated if it passes on this year's ballot it would be good for six years. Rockwell presented Council with the June monthly financial statements, bank reconciliation, and the July credit card statement. Mayor Thompson stated reports he received from Rockwell show the swimming pool has only used 35% of its budget this season. Everyone stated what a good job Dave Ratliff does managing the pool.

Administrator Emmert stated his first week has gone well. Emmert informed Council the storm sewer project is near completion. Emmert stated he observed the Public Service Department repair a water main break on State Street. Emmert stated they did an amazing job. Emmert informed Council he has been to the Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant and has worked on some building permits. Administrator Powell stated he is going to review zoning and the Issue I paving project for 2022 with Emmert tomorrow. Powell informed Council the list of streets for the 2022 Issue I paving that he will submit to Perry County Engineer are W. Brown Street, W. Water Street, High Street, Dallas Avenue and Park Avenue. Mayor Thompson wished Powell well with his future endeavors upon his

retirement from the Village at the end of July. Tim Fiore wished Powell good luck. Mayor Thompson asked Powell about the status of the hydrant project. Powell stated they have twelve hydrants in stock. Powell stated Bob Heavener needs a few days to get back on schedule after completing the sewer project on High Street before beginning on the hydrant project. Powell stated Poggemeyer Design Group completed the hydrant flow and hydrant location report. Powell stated they will replace the hydrants that are bagged first. Councilperson Fox asked Powell about the shed at 422 W. Brown Street. Powell stated they did not get a permit and he is working on this. Powell stated the Health Department is looking into the area also. Fox stated the shed looks like someone is going to live in it and the property is a mess. Powell stated he can't deny the permit. Mayor Thompson thanked Bob Heavener and American Boring for the long hours and great job they did to complete the storm sewer project.

Police Chief Ervin reported 3,287 calls for service in 2021 as of tonight. Ervin stated they have been dealing with grass, cars and chickens. Councilperson Welsh asked if the Village was still looking at the property on 500 Tile Plant Rd. Ervin stated the Health Department is looking into this area. Council inquired about the house on Elizabeth Street. Ervin stated it is waiting to go to tax sale. Council asked about the house on High Street. Ervin stated the Health Department is working on this. They also asked about the property on Summit Street where there was a house fire. Ervin and Rockwell informed Council the fire damage escrow was released and the owner plans to rebuild. Ervin reported the property on Fairview was cleaned up. Mayor Thompson stated he received a request for a list of vacant properties owned by the Village. Police Chief Ervin and Administrator Powell stated they received the same request. Powell stated he informed them to look at the Perry County Auditor website.

Mayor Thompson reported on behalf of Fire Chief Fain that the department has been busy. Thompson stated the department had two medics down the other day. One medic has been repaired and the other one should be repaired and back in service on Wednesday.

Councilperson Boyle reported Phil Wollenberg contacted her about grant money the Elks would like to use for parks within the Village. Boyle stated they had \$1,000 to use. Boyle stated they are going to purchase two new benches and two baby swings for the park on Broadway. Boyle suggested concreting the benches on Broadway Street Park and that some of the benches at Arethusa Springs Park need concreted also. Rockwell stated for insurance purposes they should all be set in concrete.

Councilperson Bethel reported Attorney Everitt reviewed the draft ordinance and stated it looked good. Bethel stated he needs to get more clarification from Attorney Everitt. Bethel suggested asking Everitt to attend the next Council meeting via zoom to answer any questions they might have on the ordinance.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to file the 2021 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to file the 2022 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 21-5 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 21-5: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 21-1

TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND 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. 21-5 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 21-10 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-10: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR AUDITOR’S CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-10 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 21-11 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-11: **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN “AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT” FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-11 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh requested an executive session.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(5) with Council, Mayor, Police Chief, Administrators Powell and Emmert, Finance Director Rockwell and Council Clerk Spohn present. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 7:04 pm for executive session.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:14 pm.

Councilperson Welsh stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

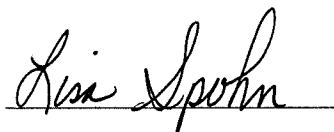
Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Boyle made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk