

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 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, Kathy Chute, Richard Anderson, Tim Fiore, Jeff Danison and Susan Goodfellow. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator John McCort and Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead. Absent was Councilperson Susan Boyle.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to excuse Councilperson Boyle from the August 7, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 17, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except Councilpersons Anderson and Fiore who abstained due to being absent from the July 17, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Theresa Snyder of Perry Behavioral Health Choices and Attorney Steve Schnittke addressed Council regarding a zoning issue at 511 N. Main Street which was recently purchased by Perry Behavioral Health Choices. Snyder stated they applied for a permit and discovered a conflict in the zoning for the property. One-third of the property is zoned as R-2 and two-thirds of the property is zoned as R-3. Snyder stated her organization would prefer the property be zoned entirely as R-3 in order to expand the services offered. Councilperson Goodfellow asked if Snyder had looked into purchasing property at the industrial park and expressed concerns with another treatment center being opened in New Lexington. Snyder explained the contributions to the local economy by having the treatment centers. Snyder stated that groceries, furniture and other items needed to set up and run the treatment centers are all purchased locally. The centers have also added fifty new jobs which have also increased the local tax base. Councilperson Chute asked if Snyder had appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the matter. Snyder stated she was instructed by the Administrator to bring the matter to Council. Chute stated she didn't believe Council has the authority to deal with the matter; it should be heard by the Zoning Board. Attorney Schnittke agreed. Administrator McCort provided a written opinion from the office of Village Law Director Steve Davis. Council reviewed the opinion from the Law Director and recommended the permit be denied so that Snyder can appeal to the Zoning Board.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the July 2017 Bank Reconciliation, July 2017 Financial Reports, the most recent credit card statement and an Ordinance for Supplemental Appropriations for T-shirts for the pool, repairs to the fuel tank on Medic 10 and an EMS Grant. Chute stated she wanted Administrator Powell to make sure the pool manager knows that the T-shirts will be the property of the pool, not the lifeguards. Chute asked Fire Chief Hollingshead if service records are available for Medic 10. Hollingshead stated he would provide them. She also requested a second estimate for the fuel tank repair and clarification on the quote from Finley Fire listing miscellaneous parts. Mayor Ratliff stated that the fuel tank issue may not be something that would be inspected during routine maintenance.

Administrator McCort stated he needed approval for Administrator Powell to submit \$181,330 in storm and flood damages to the Perry County EMA for reimbursement. The amount consists of \$21,000 in damage from trees, \$44,570 in storm sewer damages and \$115,760 in curb and gutter damages. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion authorizing Administrator Powell to submit \$181,330 to the Perry County EMA for reimbursement. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator McCort stated that "No Trucks" and load limit signs were ordered to post along East Brown Street. The condenser for one of the air conditioning units for the Municipal Building needs replaced. The two quotes obtained are for \$4,677 and \$6,200. McCort stated that Perry County Engineer Kent Cannon is submitting \$100,000 for paving for New Lexington. The Village match for this project will be approximately \$27,500 and the streets included are Academy, Clayton, Saint Clair, Eastern, Woods and an alley east of Main Street. McCort stated that paving on East Brown Street may be low on the priority list for the paving company due to larger jobs. Councilperson Bethel stated that Council still needs to be notified prior to the paving beginning so that there is time to inform the businesses and residents. Council discussed if Brown Street would be open during paving. The consensus was that Brown Street would be closed during paving so the project could be completed in one day. McCort reported that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were obtained to pave Kennedy Street. McCort also reported that Mayor Ratliff had executed a letter appointing Administrator Powell as his representative at the Land Bank meetings. The Waste Management dumpster outside the Municipal Building will be traded out for four smaller containers. Repairs were recently made to the ten inch water main on State Route 13. The Street Department applied hot mix by the Post Office and on East Brown Street. Chute asked if Administrator McCort was certain the repairs on Brown Street would correct the drainage problems. McCort stated the repairs should fix most of the issues, but it can't all be corrected because the storm drains are unable to keep up during periods of heavy rain.

Police Chief Ervin stated the department had to issue multiple citations during the Perry County Fair for parking in the roadway and too close to the railroad crossing. The items were discussed during an after-action review following the Fair. Ervin stated that Councilperson Boyle is working on the Fall Festival and will need approval to close Brown Street for the event. Ervin stated the movie in the park conducted by the Perry County Juvenile Court had the best attendance to date. A community awareness event is being planned by the Homeless Shelter Committee which will include live music and camping in cardboard boxes in McDougal Park. The event may require closing part of Brown Street. Ervin reported that the Alzheimer's Walk went well. The HAPCAP Summer Youth Program is finished for the season and workers will no longer be at the Municipal Building.

Fire Chief Hollingshead reported that he is waiting for a quote from Gleason Electric to move the fire siren from 125 S. Main St. to 215 S. Main St. Hollingshead asked how many quotes Council wanted to compare pricing. The Gleason Electric quote will be the third quote obtained. Hollingshead stated that he doesn't believe the fuel tank issue on Medic 10 would be something that would be checked during routine maintenance. Finley Fire Equipment is currently loaning the New Lexington EMS a medic to use in place of Medic 10 with the only cost to the Village

being insurance coverage. Hollingshead expressed concerns about Finley Fire Equipment wanting the loaner medic back. Hollingshead also requested to have a key to the meeting room. Administrator McCort stated Hollingshead could have his key when he leaves next week.

Administrator McCort requested to alter his schedule for his final week. He would like to work on Monday when Administrator Powell returns so he can review items that will be passed on to Powell. McCort's pay will be prorated per the previous motion by Council.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 7, 2017 at 4:30P. The Committee discussed Village matching funds that will be needed for upcoming projects. Water and sewer projects may require altering the water and sewer rates. The overall effect of the changes will not increase customer water bills, only redistribute the funds to help with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. The Committee will be discussing the issue further in future meetings. The Committee discussed how to get funding for paving projects to improve Village streets. Poggemeyer Design Group recommends the Village develop a street inventory including if the streets need to be paved or reconstructed. Administrator McCort was asked to obtain further information regarding a license registration fee to help with street funding. The Committee discussed conflicting inspection reports for the Brown Street Bridge as well as confusion over who is responsible for the bridge. The Committee discussed moving the Municipal Building dumpster and the upcoming end date for the EMS 24 hour study. The Committee discussed establishing a procurement policy and supplemental appropriations to be presented at the upcoming Council meeting. The next Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for August 9, 2017 at 4:30P.

Councilperson Goodfellow reported that the Nuisance Abatement Committee met on July 25. Village Prosecutor Jan Baughman provided information to the Committee regarding the property abatement process. Baughman recommended the Village adopt section 1331.99 into the property maintenance code involving fees to be assessed.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on July 25. The Committee discussed updates needed to the current zoning map and book including the property at Panther Drive and State Route 345, Main Street properties from Walnut Street to Mill Street, property on East Brown Street and properties along Tile Plant Road from State Street to Academy Street. The Committee also discussed livestock, wholesales and storage within Village limits.

Councilperson Goodfellow schedule a Municipal Concerns meeting to discuss water billing on August 15, 2017 at 4:30P.

Councilperson Danison asked Police Chief Ervin when the new cruiser would be finished and used for patrol. Police Chief Ervin stated the department is currently waiting for the light kit to be received by the vendor so that installation can be scheduled. The department is using the cruiser for as many things as possible in the meantime.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-11 omitting Section 3, item 1, an increase in contractual services for EMS, and declaring an

emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 17-11: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE PARKS AND
RECREATION LEVY AND FIRE & EMS LEVY FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF
NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL
OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Anderson made a motion to adopt
Ordinance No. 17-11 as read with the changes. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council
voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn