

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

August 21, 2017

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, Tim Fiore, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute and Susan Boyle. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrator Bo Powell. Absent were Councilpersons Richard Anderson and Jeff Danison.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Anderson and Danison from the August 21, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 9, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Boyle who abstained due to being absent from the August 9, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Theresa Snyder stated a representative from Congressman Stivers office will be coming to present an award to the Village of New Lexington for being a treatment friendly Village. Snyder presented Council with the floor plans for Clearview. Snyder stated that she would need a decision on the permit that she applied for by Wednesday. Administrator Powell stated he would have the permit for Snyder by Wednesday.

Fritz Lunas, ancestor of Januarius MacGahan presented the Mayor and Council with the Seal of Batak from Bulgaria. Lunas and his family recently visited Bulgaria and was asked to bring the Seal and present it to the Village.

Ryan O'Connor from Congressman Stivers office presented the Mayor and Council with a proclamation in recognition of being a treatment friendly Village.

Mayor Ratliff informed Council that the head of the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival would like a Council member or the Mayor to compete in a corn eating contest. Mayor Ratliff stated the Ohio Department of Transportation has informed him that the Main Street Sidewalk Improvements project has been selected for funding in the Transportation Alternative Program. Administrator Powell stated that Poggemeyer is helping with this grant. Mayor Ratliff stated that the Fire/EMS are not eligible to apply for the grant like the one they received for the ring cutter for one year due to paperwork not being filed in a timely manner. Ratliff stated going forward the Fire Chief, Mayor, Finance Director and Administrator will set something up to help with grant processing.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance for 2017 supplemental appropriations and 2017 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources both retroactive on August 9, 2017. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the July financial statements. Councilperson

Bethel made a motion to approve the July 2017 Financial Statements and the July 2017 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Powell stated the Issue One paving project will begin in the fall of 2018. Powell stated the project is around \$132,000 and the cost to the Village is around \$29,260. Powell presented Council with a Resolution for capital improvements for paving and a resolution for capital improvements to the New Lexington Wastewater Treatment Plant. Powell informed Council that Councilperson Bethel and himself attended the Land Bank meeting. Powell stated that 326 and 328 North Main Street are scheduled to be the first properties to be demolished through the Land Bank. About 15 more New Lexington properties will go through the land bank. Powell would like input in prioritizing the remaining properties. Powell informed Council that the Farm Bureau would like to have the fee for the shelter house waived for a picnic September 9, 2017. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to waive the shelter house fee for the Farm Bureau on September 9, 2017. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Powell stated he has received conflicting reports for inspections done on the Brown Street Bridge. Powell informed Council that he inspected the bridge and that he had the street department erect five ton limit signs for the bridge. Powell stated that the engineer's office stated they do not own the bridge. Powell informed Council that he has a meeting scheduled with the Engineer's office along with Poggemeyer Design Group to discuss repairing the bridge. Councilperson Bethel stated the finances would have to be forecasted before any decisions could be made. Police Chief Ervin stated there needs to be a sign at the light stating no right turn for trucks weighing more than five tons. Powell informed Council that a tin ceiling is needed in the old shelter house to deter birds from leaving a mess in the shelter house. Powell stated he found the keys to lock the lobby doors at 4:00 pm. Powell informed Council that Columbia Gas has scheduled a meeting on August 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building for the public to ask questions about the line replacement project. Powell stated a meeting is scheduled with Ohio Department of Transportation, Poggemeyer and himself to discuss the Pleasant Street Bridge right of way. Powell informed Council he has two estimates for the repairs to the air conditioning unit in the meeting room. Powell stated the Brown Street paving project is scheduled to start around September 1, 2017 and Brown Street will be open with one lane.

Police Chief Ervin stated the department has been busy. Ervin also informed Council that traffic will probably be bad starting on August 22, 2017 due to paving on State Route 345.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated he has received three estimates to move the fire siren. The cost ranges from \$3,300 to \$4,400. Hollingshead also informed Council that the Perry County Engineers office is going to lend the Village a crane to move the siren. Chute stated the Finance Committee will review the quotes at the September 5, 2017 meeting.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on August 21, 2017. Chute stated the committee discussed starting a bridge match fund. They also discussed the pool budget and needed improvements and switching the Village dumpster to totes. Administrator Powell is going to get quotes on resurfacing the Municipal Building parking lot.

Chute stated the Mayor and Department heads are in charge of pay restructure. Chute stated the Village will advertise for a pool manager for the 2018 season.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 9, 2017. The committee approved an increase to the EMS budget of \$2,200 to repair Medic 10. Chute stated the committee discussed potential grants and funding for a skate park, how they would complete pool improvements and developing rules and stipulations for future pool seasons. A Finance Committee meeting will be held at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building before every scheduled Council meeting.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated the Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was canceled. Goodfellow presented Council with a copy of the new water ordinance to review.

Councilperson Boyle stated on September 1, 2017 the shelter house will be power washed and netting put up to help reduce bird droppings. Boyle informed Council that Barry Bowers is donating a pole for the Colonel White Memorial Bridge Banner to be put up. Star Engineering donated the brackets for the banner. Boyle stated she would like someone to help her apply for the State Farm Recreation grant for 2018 that opens for applications on September 1, 2017. Boyle reported that they are still looking into the skateboard park for next year. Councilperson Chute suggested getting an estimate to put a tin ceiling in the shelter house before purchasing the netting.

Administrator Powell is going to look into updating the zoning map. Powell stated he can get an aerial photo from the County for viewing only to review the area. Police Chief Ervin inquired if all new business have acquired the proper permits. Ervin also advised Council to consider enacting laws regarding marijuana shops due to recent State Legislations.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to file the 2017 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources retroactive to August 9, 2017 with the Perry County Auditor. 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. 17-12 and declaring an emergency retroactive to August 9, 2017. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-12: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE PARKS & 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 Chute made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-12 as read retroactive to August 9, 2017. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-13 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-13: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL**

IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-13 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. 17-14 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-14: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-14 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn