

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

September 4, 2018

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 Trent Thompson, Kathy Chute, Susan Goodfellow, Susan Boyle and James Welsh. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrator Bo Powell. Absent were Councilpersons Dan Bethel and Jeff Danison.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Bethel and Danison from the September 4, 2018 meeting. Second by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 20, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Corlyn Altier presented Council with an EMS update. Altier informed Council she will file 2015 unpaid EMS bills with the Attorney General at the end of September. Altier stated she has seen an increase in run volume since the new Emergency Room has opened in Somerset. Altier stated this is due to the Medic being back in service sooner.

Rich Chuvalas thanked Council for their support in dedicating North Main Street Bridge to Corporal White. Chuvalas inquired if the family could put a small monument at the bridge. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to allow the Chuvalas family to place a monument at the North Main Street Bridge in honor of Corporal White. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff presented a revised incident log and pay sheet forms to Council. Ratliff stated the form will require two signatures: the incident commander and one other person that was present on the run. The incident logs and payroll sheet will be given to the Finance Director for payroll. Ratliff presented a signed letter of resignation from Fire Chief Hollingshead; which Mayor Ratliff accepted effective September 4, 2018. Mayor Ratliff stated he appointed Rob Stallings as the interim fire chief. Councilperson Chute stated the Mayor could recommend an interim Fire Chief and Council votes to approve. Ratliff stated his attorney informed him he could appoint an interim Fire Chief without Council voting. Councilperson Chute stated the Village's Attorney advised that Council votes to approve. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Rob Stallings as interim Fire Chief. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who voted "no". Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the July Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell presented a 2018 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and an Ordinance for 2018 Supplemental Appropriations. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the July 2018 Financial Statements and the July 2018 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Powell informed Council that a walkthrough of Main Street was performed to check for coal bins and encroachments of the ODOT right of way for the streetscape project. Powell stated one awning will have to be removed and the owner stated he would remove it. Powell stated they found all the coal bins and a cistern. They will inform the contractor of these items prior to construction. Powell stated before the 2020 Streetscape Project begins the Village is responsible for an ADA compliant ramp at Church and Main Streets. Powell informed Council the pricing for the Issue One paving project for 2019 was submitted in the amount of \$31,263 for Elizabeth Street, Jackson Street, Sunset Lane and Maple Heights. Powell stated the 2018 paving project will be over budget by \$2,100. Powell reported that the Community Development Block Grant to pave Kennedy Drive was short by \$6,383 which the Village will have to pay. Powell stated the price of road salt increased \$11.40 per ton due to the cost of petroleum. Powell stated the cost to repair the W. Brown Street Bridge is \$120,000 and could possibly be open in February 2019. The repaired bridge should have a 50 year life span. Powell stated the Nuzum Bridge was inspected by ODOT. ODOT recommends the Nuzum Bridge load limit be reduced to three tons. Powell was advised that it would be cheaper to purchase the three homes across the Nuzum Bridge than to replace the bridge. Mayor Ratliff inquired about the water line going under the Brown St. Bridge. Powell stated Poggemeyer Design Group is still working on the design.

Police Chief Ervin informed Council there would be a 5K race beginning at C-Kays on September 8, 2018 sponsored by the Suicide Prevention Coalition. Ervin stated he has been receiving inquiries about the legality of golf carts on Village roadways. Ervin stated that laws regarding golf carts changed in recent years. Ervin contacted Attorney Baughman for a legal opinion, but has not received a response at this time. Ervin asked Council to consider the options of allowing golf carts on the streets and discuss at a future meeting. Ervin reported that the complaints on high grass have been addressed. Ervin reported the permit to close a portion of S. Main St. for the Fall Festival was received. Ervin reported that the Police Department is enforcing the two hour parking limit on Main St. Ervin has been receiving complaints on burned properties in the Village and is working to resolve them.

Councilperson Thompson reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on September 4, 2018. Thompson stated Finance Director Rockwell discussed the run out claims through the Ohio Public Entity Consortium. Thompson reported Rockwell explained the Amended Certificate and Supplemental Appropriations. Thompson reported that Councilperson Chute requested an update on the employee uniforms. Administrator Powell informed the Committee he is having issues developing a policy which is needed to move forward. Thompson stated the committee discussed the streetscape walk-through, Issue One paving and the increased price for road salt.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on August 21, 2018. Boyle stated the committee received approval from the State of Ohio to close S. Main St. for the Fall Festival. Boyle informed Council as of August 21, 2018 the Fall Festival Committee has \$2,748 and invoices totaling \$1,200 as of August 21, 2018. Boyle stated the applications for the Fall Festival Queen were delivered to New Lexington High School. Theresa Snyder confirmed she would be a judge and The Peoples National Bank will donate \$100 to the winner. Boyle stated Monica Lollo resigned from the committee. The County is allowing the Village to use a stage for the Fall Festival. Boyle stated the committee is still seeking business sponsors. Replacement baby swings for Balls Court were ordered and she is working on Christmas Banners. A Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was scheduled for September 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Thompson presented Fire Chief Hollingshead's resignation. Hollingshead provided the document to Thompson to present each Council member with a copy. Thompson presented a \$200 check from Hollingshead to pay the Village restitution. Councilperson Chute stated a legal document would have to be prepared before the Village could accept any payment. Councilperson Thompson stated he will return the check to Hollingshead. Council directed Administrator Powell to contact Attorney Sitterley to draft an agreement for restitution. Mayor Ratliff inquired about Hollingshead's pay for the months of July and August. Finance Director Rockwell stated she was advised by Attorney Sitterley not to issue payment until further notice. Mayor Ratliff stated he would contact Attorney Sitterley to get clarification.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to file the 2018 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

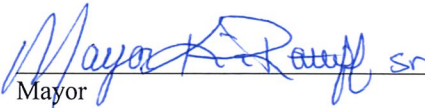
Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-23 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-23: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 18-9 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE CEMETERY, FIRE & EMS LEVY AND FIRE LEVY FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-23 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-12 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-12: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER 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.**

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk