

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

September 19, 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, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Tim Fiore, Jeff Danison and Susan Boyle. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell and Police Chief Scott Ervin.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 6, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the September 6, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Karen VanMeter spoke to Council about the vacant property at 219 Orchard Street. VanMeter stated the property is infested with roaches and that the neighbors would like something done. She stated that they have contacted the Perry County Health Department but they stated they could not do anything. Police Chief Ervin stated that Administrator Bryant has followed up on all of the complaints for this property. Bryant has forwarded all of the complaints to Chief Ervin and Mr. Rothschild who heads the receivership for the property. Ervin stated that Mr. Rothschild has been communicating with Bryant on a regular basis. Administrator Bryant is going to contact Mr. Rothschild and request a meeting with Mayor Ratliff.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the August 2016 Financial Reports and the August 2016 Bank Reconciliation. Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the August 2016 Financial Reports and the August 2016 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Police Chief Ervin asked about the progress on following up on Senate Bill 11 which pertains to part time police officers dependents fund. Ervin stated a board needs to be in place. Councilperson Chute asked if anyone could be put on the board. Finance Director Rockwell stated some stipulations apply. Chief Ervin is going to get more information on the process.

Councilperson Chute reported on the combined Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee meeting that was held on September 13, 2016. Chute stated that the siren grant submitted by Larry Hatem was denied. Chute informed Council that Councilperson Boyle and Janie Depinto were going to work on a grant that might be used for the siren. Chute informed Council that Boyle and Depinto were unable to submit the grant before the deadline. The Committee discussed two quotes that Fire Chief Hollingshead had presented at the meeting for a new medic. Additional quotes were requested by the committees. Chute informed Council that they discussed a part time property maintenance officer and the rate of pay for this officer. A new dump truck for the Street Department was also discussed. Administrator Bryant informed the committee a new dump truck would cost around \$70,000.00. Councilperson Chute requested a copy of all loan due dates, expiration dates of all levies and contracts. Chute stated Administrator Bryant informed Council that the contracts with the townships for Fire/EMS expire December 31, 2016. Chute stated Mayor Ratliff and Fire Chief Hollingshead need to contact the townships in January 2017 to discuss renegotiating the contracts. Chief Ervin stated that if the dispatch

location moves out of City Hall it does not mean that they will quit dispatching for the Village. Ervin stated they will have to consider someone to wait on customers at the Police Department window. A Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for September 28, 2016 at 4:45 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Chute asked which committee will look into a request for a street light on Vine Street. It was decided that Municipal Concerns Committee would look at the request. A Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was scheduled for September 22, 2016 at 4:45 at Vine Street. Police Chief Ervin stated the committee should also visit the location after dark.

Councilperson Fiore stated there would be a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on September 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the swimming pool.

Councilperson Boyle stated the Planning /Economic Committee met on September 12, 2016. Boyle stated the properties on East Broadway are being cleaned up by another organization and the rest of the residents on East Broadway are the receivership and that Mr. Rothschild required a contract before allowing any help with the cleanup of these properties. Boyle stated the committee felt that West Broadway should be maintained by the businesses at that location. A Planning/Economic Committee meeting was scheduled for September 26, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Fiore asked about the bridge on Pleasant Street. Administrator Bryant stated they have a contract with an engineer. Bryant stated they held a meeting with the engineers and Ohio Department of Transportation. Bryant informed Council that it would be approximately three years before the bridge is complete.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked if there are plans to hire an assistant to help the Finance Director. Finance Director Rockwell stated this is something the Finance Committee will need to look at, but we need to go slow with the hiring process as to not get us in a deficit again.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn