

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

October 5, 2015

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Eveland presiding. Council Members present were Polly Pletcher, Kathy Chute, Al Vandewater, Richard Anderson, Jeff Danison and Trent Thompson. Councilperson Fiore arrived late. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Vandewater who abstained due to being absent from the previous meeting and Councilperson Fiore who had not arrived yet. Motion carried.

Steven Koehler addressed Council about four wheelers and dirt bikes being ridden late in the evening during the week and weekends on Ridge Ave. He stated he has installed a privacy fence to try to keep out the noise and dust but this has not worked. Councilperson Chute stated it looks like a race track for off-road vehicles. Police Chief Ervin stated the noise ordinance is not specific on this issue. Administrator Bryant asked the Municipal Concerns Committee to address this issue. A Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was scheduled for October 6, 2015 at 4:30 to be held at Village Hall.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the September 2015 bank reconciliation and monthly reports. Rockwell also presented Council with a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance.

Administrator Bryant stated that for the rezoning of the property at 231 E. Brown St. they needed to publish a notice thirty days in advance for a public hearing. Bryant scheduled the public hearing on November 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM to be held at Village Hall. The first reading of the Ordinance will be on November 16, 2015. Administrator Bryant informed Council that the paving project was complete and that the water line replacement project is 90% completed. Bryant presented Council with a Resolution regarding a contract for employment.

Police Chief Ervin stated he is working with the County to update signs on Wilbren road for trucks. He stated they are trying to educate drivers on the proper routes. Ervin also

stated that anything over 50 gal. becomes hazardous. Ervin informed Council they have had 4080 calls year to date and have issued approximately 45 parking violations.

Councilperson Chute stated that the Charter has to be followed to appoint a new Fire Chief. She also asked if Fire Chief Hollingshead had been given copies of the Charter and Personnel Policy Manual. Mayor Eveland stated that he had received copies of both. Mayor Eveland made a recommendation to appoint Jordan Hollingshead as of September 21, 2015 as Fire Chief. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to accept the recommendation. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated that this is Fire Prevention Week. He informed Council that the Fire/EMS will hold an open house on October 6, 2015 from 7PM to 9PM. He stated that engine 11 needs repairs. Hollingshead inquired about the application for Don Abram and the paper to appoint Jeremy Brown EMS Coordinator. Mayor Eveland stated he did receive the paperwork and would meet with Jordan at a later date regarding these.

Councilperson Thompson reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on October 5, 2015. He stated the Committee discussed the sale of the Community Building. The Committee's recommendation is that Council entertain any reasonable offers. A recent appraisal is available. The Committee also recommended that Council check with the law director to insure the legality of the sale due to grant funds involved in the original purchase. Administrator Bryant will inform the Perry County Commissioners of the Committee's recommendation.

Councilperson Vandewater gave an update on his communication with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Vandewater stated there was a press release announcing the Village as a new member. He stated he received an e-mail from developers in Indiana working in Xenia on a project that could also benefit New Lexington. Vandewater stated he would like to research this project more and meet with the Mayor to discuss. He also stated that a gentleman that develops smartphone apps for Villages approached him and that he referred him to the Perry County Chamber of Commerce. Councilperson Vandewater requested Councils approval to use the property maintenance vehicle to attend his MORPC meetings in Columbus.

Councilperson Vandewater stated he got the State to stripe the lines on Carroll St. and E. Broadway. He also stated that he would like to have new street signs purchased for W. Brown St. and W. Water St. Councilperson Vandewater stated he would like an ordinance written before next spring addressing cleaning gutters, mowing clippings in the roadways and edging of lawns to expose curbs. Councilperson Chute stated that the mowing clippings is already addressed in the ordinance as littering.

Councilperson Anderson inquired about the bridges within the Village that need repaired. Administrator Bryant asked Finance Director Rockwell if we had the funding for this project. She stated that bridge work would be paid for with permissive tax funds, and they were just used for the paving project. Police Chief Ervin stated we need a working document to track unfinished business for Council. Administrator Bryant stated issues should be put into a committee then the committee would report to Council. A Public Service Committee meeting was scheduled for October 12, 2015 at 4:30 PM at Village Hall. Councilperson Thompson stated a citizen approached him about brush and a tree on AEP property on Broadway. Administrator Bryant stated the street department is handling the removal of the brush.


Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-17 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-17: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND DECREASED FUNDING TO VARIOUS FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-17 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-13 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Anderson, Danison and Thompson who voted "no". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-13: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND SCOTT A BRYANT.**

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Dale Eveland



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn