

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 2019
6:30 PM
MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Trent Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Kathy Chute, Jeff Danison, James Welsh, Susan Goodfellow, Susan Boyle, Dan Bethel and Doug Fox. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Fire Chief Jim Fain and Administrator Bo Powell.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 7, 2019 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who abstained due to being absent from the October 7, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated October is Fire Prevention month and he would like to recognize Justin Morrow and Josh Amspaugh for the work they do within the community for fire prevention. Thompson also thanked Justin for all the work he does for the Fire Department on fire prevention and education. Morrow thanked Council, Mayor Thompson and everyone else for their support in Fire Prevention education.

Mathew Roberts from Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council introduced himself to Council and stated he is the new Director of Marketing for SOPEC. Roberts stated he has been canvassing the Village for the last two days to educate people about electric aggregation which is on the ballot for the November 7, 2019 election. Roberts stated SOPEC held their board meeting in Logan, Ohio today and a date was set to hold their General Assembly meeting on November 14, 2019 with a tentative time of 6:00 pm at the Grange Hall in Amesville, Ohio. This meeting is held to allow members of the communities to come together to learn what they have done in the past year and collectively what all the governments involved in SOPEC want to do moving forward into the next year. Roberts invited Council, the Mayor and anyone who would like to attend to come to the meeting. Roberts asked if the Village had a way of notifying residents of why he is going door to door. Finance Director Rockwell stated if he would draft a statement, she could post it on the Village website and the Village Facebook page. Councilperson Bethel asked if he was going to host a public forum for the residents to ask questions. Roberts stated he would and that he would e-mail Council Clerk Spohn with a date. Council agreed to post a notice on the website and Facebook as long as it is neutral on the aggregation issue.

Councilperson Bethel requested an executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) regarding compensation of a public employee or official with Mayor Thompson and Council present. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 6:50 pm.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:18 pm.

Councilperson Bethel stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended a walk through of the Fire/EMS Haunted Station and the Perry County Cancer Alliance candlelight ceremony. Thompson presented Council with an invitation from Alex Misner for his Eagle Scout Court of Honor to be held at the Somerset United Methodist Church on November 23, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the September credit card statement, September 2019 Bank Reconciliation and September 2019 Financial Reports. Rockwell presented Council with a Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance which Councilperson Bethel will discuss during the Finance Committee report. Rockwell stated two of the three insurance brokers have been provided with our employee census to start the quoting process. Rockwell stated she does not have the contact information for Billingsley to give him the information. Councilperson Bethel provided Rockwell with Billingsley's information.

Administrator Powell stated they did a walk through at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Mayor and several Council members to look at the upgrades that were completed at the plant. Powell informed Council they only have some punch out work to do. Powell stated the ceiling at the shelter house was almost complete. Powell informed Council the back-up generator for the administration side of the building should be complete within the week. Powell stated the Land Bank demolished the house at 230 E. Lincoln Street. Powell stated the houses at 119 Water Street and 808 Johnson Avenue are next. Powell stated the survey was complete on the alley off Summit Street. Powell stated there was no encroachment on the alley running North and South. Powell stated he will send both residents a copy of the survey. Powell informed Council the Street Department will start maintaining the alley.

Mayor Thompson asked Administrator Powell if the Village was going to get any more hot mix. Powell stated we might get one or two more loads. Thompson asked for the area of Park Ave. and Maple Heights and the alley intersection on Maple Heights where the new pavement meets old be smoothed out and on Elizabeth Street when pulling out of Whitlatch Bait and Carry Out drive thru. Thompson asked the status of the drainage problem by the fairgrounds and Mechanic Street. Powell stated he spoke with Bob Heavener about running a camera and providing the Village a quote if anything needs repaired. Councilperson Danison asked Fire Chief Fain if he got any information on training they wanted to do with houses that the land bank is going to demolish. Fain stated he left a message with Perry County Auditor Cannon.

Police Chief Ervin stated on October 10, 2019 he attended a meeting for Perry Behavioral Health. Ervin stated at approximately 5:00 pm on October 10, 2019 a reported shoplifting case turned into a robbery at CVS. Ervin stated the suspect was apprehended. Ervin stated he attended the Finance Committee meeting. A meeting was held afterward to discuss 911. Ervin stated he attended the flu clinic at the Perry County Fairgrounds on October 16, 2019. Ervin stated on

October 18, 2019 he along with the Perry County Health Department and Genesis attended a meeting at Southern Local Schools for the Stop the Bleed Program. Ervin stated it went well. Ervin reported the homecoming parade went well except for some complaints about aggressive candy throwing. Ervin suggested before the next parade to notify everyone in the parade lineup to hand out the candy.

Fire Chief Fain stated the department is hosting a Haunted Station on October 26 and 31, 2019 from 6-8 pm. Fain stated the department will be attending Trunk or Treat. Fain reported they are going to be able to get one or two houses to perform training from the land bank before they are demolished. Fain requested the department keep Medic 10. He presented Council with a quote for a new medic and the cost of buying a new chassis for Medic 10 and using the current box. Council discussed the options. Fain asked Council to reconsider selling Medic 10 to purchase the medic from Newton Township. Councilperson Chute stated Medic 10 was supposed to be sold by a previous fire chief. Chute stated in the Finance Committee meeting the committee stated he could buy the medic from Newton for \$15,000 with \$7,500 to be paid this year and \$7,500 to be paid in 2020. This is contingent upon selling medic 10. Council discussed the warranty on a vehicle with a rebuilt box. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to table the sale of Medic 10. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes", except for Councilpersons Chute and Welsh who voted "no". Motion carried. Councilperson Chute stated she would like to go on record stating that the medics will end up needing major repairs. Mayor Thompson stated the Newton Township medic is a great value.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on October 15, 2019. Bethel stated the committee met with Poggemeyer Design Group to discuss the Wastewater Phase II project. Poggemeyer informed the committee funding for the Wastewater Phase II project can be applied for as early as June 1, 2020. The committee discussed the State Route 13 Waterline Replacement project, Streetscape project and the 6" water line on Brown Street to help with the pressure in the Kennedy Drive area. The committee discussed the purchase of the medic from Newton Township. Pleasant Township contracts for fire and EMS contracts were also discussed.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 19-18 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who voted "no". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 19-18: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 19-4 TO INCREASE FUNDING IN THE FIRE & EMS LEVY FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-18 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who voted "no". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute asked Administrator Powell about the request from Perry Behavioral Health to move a fence. Powell stated they allowed them half the distance and that they were not going past the pole. Chute informed Powell not to circumvent the process. Once the issue went to the Municipal Concerns committee and he checked on some other things it should have come

back to the committee to decide a recommendation for Council. Chute asked Powell and Goodfellow to follow procedures in the future.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting that was held on October 2, 2019. Boyle stated the Fall Festival Committee is going to host a mini photo session and bake sale on December 1, 2019 at the Municipal Building from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The cost of a session will be \$25.00. A Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Chute reviewed the working document and requested status updates.

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Meeting suspended for executive session at 8:06 pm.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 8:29 pm.

Councilperson Bethel stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk