

## VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

November 7, 2016

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 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, Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead and Police Chief Scott Ervin.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 17, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Rachel and Randy Barnette asked Council to waive two outstanding water bills on the property that they purchased on Broadway Street and Lincoln Street. Rachel stated that they were not aware of the property owner being responsible for water bills on the property if the tenant did not pay them. Councilperson Bethel asked if they had looked into turning them in on their title insurance. Councilperson Chute stated that the Municipal Concerns Committee would look into the water bills the Barnettes have questioned. A Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was scheduled for November 10, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Mayor Ratliff stated he received a call from the Perry County Commissioners about a tentative move date for the 9-1-1 dispatch. Police Chief Ervin stated they need to come up with a plan.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the September 2016 Financial Reports and the September 2016 Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell also presented Council with 3 ordinances, 2016 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, October 2016 Bank Reconciliation and October 2016 Financial Reports. Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the September 2016 Financial Reports and the September 2016 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Rockwell requested a Finance Committee meeting be scheduled. A meeting was scheduled for November 17, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Police Chief Ervin stated there would be a candle light vigil in honor of Veterans Day on November 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Monument Square. Ervin also reported there would be an ALICE exercise on November 14, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Junction City Elementary School and at New Lexington City Schools at 1:30 pm. Councilperson Chute inquired about the hiring of a property maintenance officer. Police Chief Ervin stated Administrator Bryant had advertised for the position. Mayor Ratliff stated he has been informing people to submit an application and the Village would hire from the applications submitted.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated he submitted two applications for firemen and three applications for EMS personnel to the Mayor. Hollingshead stated he has contacted and attended meetings with Pike, Pleasant and Clayton Townships about the renewal of contracts for Fire/EMS services with the Village of New Lexington. A motion was made by Councilperson Goodfellow to execute the contracts with the



townships for Fire/EMS services with the Village of New Lexington. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on October 24, 2016. Chute stated the Committee reviewed the proposed Temporary 2017 Appropriations. Chute stated the committee also discussed 9-1-1 fees to various villages in the County and how to renegotiate the 9-1-1 contract. A motion was made by Councilperson Chute for Administrator Bryant to prepare and hand deliver a letter requesting to renegotiate the 9-1-1 contract with the Perry County Commissioners with the intent of being put on the Commissioners agenda along with Dan Bethel. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Chute also stated that the committee requested Finance Director Rockwell prepare forecasts for a full time employee for Administration and two part time employees to wait the Police window from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday after the 9-1-1 center moves.

Councilperson Chute reported on the combined Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee meeting that was held on October 21, 2016. Chute stated the committees discussed the 9-1-1 dispatching moving to a new location. Chute stated the committees also agreed that they want to renegotiate the fee for services with the 9-1-1 center

Councilperson Fiore asked Administrator Bryant if anyone had submitted an application for pool manager. Bryant stated not at this time. Councilperson Fiore requested Administrator Bryant advertise for the pool manager position again.

Councilperson Boyle stated the Planning /Economic Committee met on October 18, 2016. Boyle thanked Administrator Bryant for the brooms and wheelbarrow that was provided for the committee to work on their Main Street clean-up project. Boyle also thanked Police Chief Ervin for providing safety vests. Boyle informed Council that everyone was enjoying the Halloween contest and that the committee would like to hold another contest at Christmas with a first and second prize. Boyle stated that Jim Welsh was going to donate a Christmas tree for the municipal building.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Planning/Economic Development meeting that was held on November 2, 2016. Boyle stated they finished cleaning on Main Street and had decided to politely ask the businesses on Main Street to try and help police the areas in front of their businesses and parking lots. Boyle informed Council they will have a Santa's House open for the Christmas walk. The location will be at the former GOP headquarters on Brown Street. The Committee would like to have candy canes to give to children. Finance Director Rockwell stated the Village could not purchase them but she would donate candy canes. Boyle also stated they discussed getting Hometown Hero banners in the spring. A meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the GOP office on Brown Street. Boyle asked who was responsible for trimming the trees overhanging the sidewalk on North Main St. Administrator Bryant stated he would take care of getting them trimmed.

Councilperson Bethel asked about the status of Tractor Supply moving into the Pamida building. Administrator Bryant stated they have no information at this time. He stated the owner of the building and the business cannot reach an agreement. Administrator Bryant and Susan Boyle are going to contact the owner of the building and try to help them reach an agreement. Police Chief Ervin stated they need to communicate with the owner of the property through Tony Davis.



Councilperson Chute presented Council with an Ordinance concerning the Tree Commission. Chute informed Council that it is mandatory for a representative from the Village to attend the EMA Disaster Mitigation Planning meeting to be eligible for grant money if a state of emergency is declared. The meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the EMA office. Councilperson Chute stated she would attend.

Mayor Ratliff stated he would like to thank Tim Deavers for all of his work in getting the disc golf course at the park. Ratliff informed Council there would be an open house for the course at the park on November 19, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel contracts. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

As a result of the executive session a motion was made by Councilperson Chute for Finance Director Rockwell to forecast amendments to the Finance Director's salary in the amounts of \$40,000, \$47,000, \$50,000 and \$55, 000. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only as a first reading Ordinance No. 16-17. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-17: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.**

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to file the 2016 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-18 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Councilperson voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-18: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND REALLOCATED FUNDING TO THE FEMA, FIRE & EMS LEVY, FIRE LEVY, WATER OPERATING, FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-18 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-19 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-19: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND REALLOCATED FUNDING TO 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. 16-19 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 Ordinance No. 16-20 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-20: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 91-19 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-20 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-21 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted “yes” except for Councilperson Danison who voted “no”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-21: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND WILLIAM SCOTT ERVIN.**

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 16-18 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted “yes” except for Councilperson Danison who voted “no”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 16-18: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND SCOTT A BRYANT.**

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

  
Mayor Kevin Ratliff

  
Council Clerk Lisa Spohn