

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2015
6:30 PM
MUNCIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison and Anderson from the December 7, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the special Council meeting that was held on November 24, 2015. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Kevin Ratliff addressed Council. Ratliff asked if the Village was broke. Mayor Eveland stated that the Village was in a deficit. Ratliff also inquired about the renewal of contracts before they had expired. Mayor Eveland stated that any contract can be brought before Council at any time. Finance Director Rockwell stated she brought her contract before Council to put an expiration on her contract instead of being a continuous contract with no end date. Rockwell also stated she asked for a four year contract with no increase in wages for four years.

Mayor Eveland informed Council that an Income Tax Board of Review has to be in place before January 1, 2016. Council Clerk Spohn gave Council two recommendations for the board. Council asked Bill Rockwell if he would mention that members are needed for the board.

Finance Director Rockwell informed Council she needed a motion to file the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the County Auditor. Rockwell also presented Council with Ordinance 15-27 for 2015 Supplemental Appropriations. Rockwell stated that she did not have the November Financial Statements ready for the meeting tonight and that she would deliver them to Council members upon completion so they could review them before the next meeting. Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to file the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a Resolution to accept the bid from Waste Management for New Lexington trash removal. Councilperson Chute inquired about the cost increase. Tom Turchiano, a representative from Waste Management, stated that the Village generates a lot of waste. He stated the price is locked in for three years. Bryant stated that one other bid was submitted late which disqualified them and that they did not have a bid bond. Bryant also presented Council with a resolution to renew Steve Davis's contract for one year for legal services. Bryant informed Council that he received an email from Hamburg Fireworks stating if the Village wanted to have their celebration on the 4th of July that they would need to secure a contract and a 50% down payment was needed. Councilperson Fiore stated they would have to schedule a meeting for the Parks and Recreation Committee and the 4th of July Committee for the first of the year. Administrator Bryant also informed Council that he received a call from the OEPA Directors Office stating there is a potential contamination at New Lexington Village apartments. He stated the OEPA and ODH are conducting air quality testing. Bryant will have a briefing via phone with the OEPA Director at 10:30 am on Tuesday, December 8, 2016.

Police Chief Ervin stated the Police Department responded to the Village apartments along with the OEPA. Ervin also stated that the Christmas walk was a success. Councilperson Pletcher thanked everyone that helped make the event a success. Ervin reported that the Police Officers are finishing their State mandated training that has to be completed by December 31, 2015.

Fire Chief Hollingshead gave an update of the EMS runs. Hollingshead stated the Fire Department is doing a toy drive along with Dollar General for the community for Christmas. Councilperson Chute asked Hollingshead if they were cross-

checking with other organizations. Hollingshead stated that they were checking with the other organizations. Hollingshead informed Council that they would be posting a position for EMS coordinator and that they do not have to be a resident. This position will be filled at the first of year.

Councilperson Vandewater stated that the membership with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission expires December 31, 2015. Vandewater stated it would cost the Village \$1700.00 to renew their membership with the organization for the 2016 calendar year. He stated we could pay this in quarterly installments. Vandewater stated he has a lot of information that he has received from MORPC which he hopes would benefit the Village. Councilperson Vandewater stated at the end of his Council term he would like to be appointed to head a committee and have office space at Village Hall to help with economic development. Councilperson Fiore asked if the Village could legally give him a title if he is not a Councilman. Bryant stated they could appoint him to the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Councilperson Chute to renew the membership with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-27 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-27: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-4 TO REALLOCATE AND INCREASE FUNDING TO THE GENERAL, STREET, FIRE & EMS LEVY, WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING 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 15-27 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Vandewater made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-19 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-19: **A RESOLUTION AWARDED RESIDENTIAL TRASH COLLECTION CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-19 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

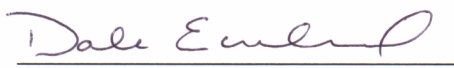
Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-20 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Thompson who voted "no". Motion carried as a first reading. Resolution No. 15-20: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-20 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Thompson who voted "no". Motion carried as a first reading.

Councilperson Chute asked Councilperson Thompson if he did not want Steve Davis as the Village solicitor did he have a suggestion for someone else.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor Dale Eveland


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn