

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

December 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 and Susan Boyle. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead and Police Chief Scott Ervin. Absent was Councilperson Danison.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the December 19, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 5, 2016 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Brian St. Clair spoke to Council about Emily Tarbert who had addressed Council at a previous meeting about the Law Director position. St. Clair stated he had been involved in a personal case with Tarbert. St. Clair accused Tarbert of ethics violations in his case. St. Clair requested Council take this into consideration when filling the Law Director position.

Rob Gleason spoke to Council about getting permission to access the Taylor farm through the Village property on Airport Road to remove timber. Gleason also inquired if the Village would be interested in selling some timber from the Airport Road property and the reservoir. Police Chief Ervin stated his concern is with the condition of the road when they are done. Gleason stated he would be willing to obtain a contractors bond. Gleason left information with Council to review.

Mayor Ratliff informed Council that he met with the Perry County Commissioners and Mike Boley and signed the papers for the 911 dispatching center to move out of City Hall. Ratliff stated the center would be moving after the first of the year. Ratliff also presented Council with an invoice from Steve Thompson for one month's rent for the building used for the Santa house. Councilperson Chute stated Boyle had reported to Council that Thompson was allowing the Village to use the space for this event for free. Finance Director Rockwell stated she could not pay an invoice for the rent of this building due to it being a violation of Ohio Budgetary Law. Ratliff stated he would contact the Village Law Director to inquire about this. Ratliff presented Council with a letter from someone complaining about pot holes.

Finance Director Rockwell informed Council that she received an invoice from MORPC for the annual membership dues and would like to know if Council wanted to renew the membership. Boyle stated she did not think it was necessary to continue the membership. Boyle stated most of the information she could get through other sources for free. Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the November 2016 Financial Reports and the November 2016 Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell also requested a motion to file the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Rockwell also presented Council with a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. Councilperson Anderson made a motion to accept the November 2016 Financial Reports and the November 2016 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes." Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a resolution for a contract between the Village and Sitterley, Vandervoort & Davis for legal counsel. Bryant also presented a resolution for the Pleasant St. bridge project. Bryant requested a meeting with the Finance Committee and the Public Service Department to discuss equipment failures. Councilperson Fiore inquired about the funding for the Pleasant St. bridge project. Bryant stated most of the project is being funded through a grant from ODOT. Councilperson Goodfellow inquired

about the date of completion for the bridge. Bryant stated it would be late 2018. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for December 21, 2016 at 4:30 pm at the municipal building.

Police Chief Ervin presented Council with Provisional Certification Review for the New Lexington Police Department. Ervin stated all the feedback was good.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated all Township contracts have been signed for 2017 Fire and EMS services except for Pike Township. Hollingshead stated Pike Township wants to write their own contract and have their attorney review it. Hollingshead stated the Fire/EMS department was doing their toy drive again this year and would be helping six families.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Municipal Concerns Committee meeting that was held on 12-19-16. Chute stated the committee recommended the tap fee for 115 Porcelain Street be waived. Councilperson Chute made a motion to waive the tap fee for 115 Porcelain Street. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Boyle reported that the Santa House did very well on its last day. Boyle stated that everyone enjoyed their visit. Boyle also reported that Santa was great.

Councilperson Bethel informed Council that he and Administrator Bryant met with Rita Spicer, Brent Runge and John Arkley, supervisors over the 911 center to discuss reducing the Village dispatching fees by \$25,000. The supervisors are going to present the request to the TAC Committee. Bethel stated they have not received a decision yet.

Councilperson Boyle inquired about the status of the siren. The Fire Chief and Council agreed that we do not need a new siren. The current siren needs moved from 125 S. Main Street to 215 S. Main St. because there is no backup generator at 125 S. Main St., therefore if there is a power outage the siren would not work. Finance Director Rockwell asked if we could get help with the purchase of the utility pole to move the siren. Fire Chief Hollingshead stated he has contacted the electric company and they are not able to help. Rockwell inquired if that is something maybe Oxford could help with. Mayor Ratliff suggested asking Waste Management also.

Councilperson Boyle inquired about the status of Community Ambulance leasing space in the sally port. Councilperson Chute stated she texted Chris Farmer from Community Ambulance but has not heard back from him. Community Ambulance is still interested in renting space.

Police Chief Ervin stated the County will be contacting the Finance Director regarding consolidating internet services.

Councilperson Chute inquired about automated calls to residents when there is a water leak or other situations to inform the community. Finance Director Rockwell stated she is looking into a service that works in coordination with the water software. Police Chief stated we have that service through Everbridge. Administrator Bryant stated the last boil alert was given to Chief Ervin and put on the Everbridge.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal counsel 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.

Councilperson Chute stated no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

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

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-26 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-26: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE SEWER FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Anderson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-26 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16-21 was tabled until the Mayor gets clarification from Tony Fiore and Jan Baughman.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 16-22 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 16-22: **PLEASANT ST BRIDGE, THE FOLLOWING IS A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON OF PERRY COUNTY, OHIO HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY(LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-22 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Boyle made a motion to not renew the MORPC membership. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore asked what the Village is going to do about the administrator position. Councilperson Goodfellow stated we need to advertise for the position. Goodfellow stated when she was administrative secretary and there was no administrator, she answered the phones and gave the messages to the mayor. It was pointed out that we currently do not have an administrative secretary. Goodfellow asked Bryant to supply her with his job description. Councilperson Chute made a motion to hire Bryant back on a month to month basis until a new administrator can be hired and trained. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. Councilpersons Fiore, Bethel and Chute voted "yes". Councilpersons Anderson, Goodfellow and Boyle voted "no". Mayor Ratliff had the deciding vote. Mayor Ratliff voted "no". Motion failed.

Police Chief Ervin requested to be notified when a new Law Director is chosen so he knows who to contact regarding cases.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Fiore who voted "no". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn