

**VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 21, 2015**  
**6:30PM**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

Councilperson Chute made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison and Fiore, seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Vandewater made a motion to approve the minutes for December 7, 2015 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Tom Johnson of the Perry County CIC addressed Council regarding upcoming projects and opportunities through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and other organizations.

Drew Cannon, Perry County Auditor, requested that Council waive the penalties on all county water accounts for December due to complications within the Auditor's Office. Mr. Cannon indicated that the process for the County to pay the bills would be changed in February 2016 and did not anticipate the issue arising again. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to waive the water penalties on the county water bills for December. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell indicated that a motion was needed to accept the November financial statements. Ms. Rockwell also presented Council with a 2015 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources to be filed with the Perry County Auditor as well as an ordinance to amend language in the new income tax ordinance and a supplemental appropriations ordinance. Rockwell also provided the November bank reconciliation for Council to review and sign.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to accept the November financial statements and file the Amended Certificate with the Perry County Auditor's office. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant informed Council that the New Lexington Eagles requested two handicap parking spaces in front of 129 N. Main St. Council forwarded the matter to the Municipal Concern Committee. A Municipal Concerns meeting was scheduled for December 23, 2015 at 12:30PM. Councilperson Chute requested that Councilperson Danison be contacted to attend the meeting. Bryant also informed Council that Christmas trees can be disposed of in the designated area next to the Street Garage. All ornaments and decorations must be removed from the trees. Administrator Bryant gave an update on the trichloroethylene remediation efforts at New Lexington Village Apartments and Cooper Standard. Bryant indicated the process should be completed by Tuesday and the Ohio EPA has all records available for inspection in the Logan office.

Police Chief Ervin presented five years of police call statistics to Council. The five year comparison was calculated through December 12 of each year to present a fair comparison. The total calls for 2015 as of December 12 were 5,043, the most ever recorded.

Fire Chief Hollingshead informed Council that the toy drive was a success. Six requests were made for assistance and as of the meeting five of the requests had been fulfilled. The Fire Chief reported he is still attempting to contact the sixth family.

Councilperson Vandewater reported that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission was having a mapping representative put together information regarding income statistics for our area. Vandewater also indicated that a grant tracker was available to the Village free of charge through MORPC.

Councilperson Vandewater stated that the Baptist Cemetery needs work. An organization is willing to perform the work, but they need volunteers to help. Police Chief Scott Ervin stated that the Street Department and Police Department had worked with community service workers earlier this year to resolve some of the issues at the cemetery.

Councilperson Chute requested that the Fire Chief provide a run statistic report to Council.

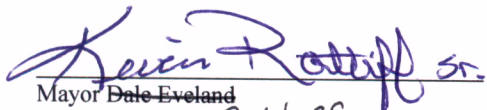
Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-28 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-28: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 181.091(A)(3) OF NEW LEXINGTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 15-28 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-29 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-29: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-4 TO INCREASE FUNDING TO THE GENERAL, STREET, FIRE LEVY, WATER OPERATING, SEWER OPERATING AND GUARANTEED WATER DEPOSITS 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 15-29 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

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~~  
Kevin Ratliff

  
Council Clerk