

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2021
6:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Jim Welsh, Susan Boyle, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Doug Fox and Jeff Danison. Also present were Finance Directors Rockwell and Milner, Police Chief Ross, Administrator Emmert and Fire Chief Fain. The public was invited to attend the meeting in person or live online through the Village website and Facebook page. Absent was Councilperson Bethel.

Councilperson Boyle made a motion to excuse Councilperson Bethel from the September 20, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 7, 2021 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Boyle who abstained due to being absent from the September 7, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the Emergency Council meeting held on September 10, 2021. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Chute who abstained due to being absent from the September 10, 2021 emergency meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended a ceremony at the Fire Department in honor of the anniversary of 9/11. Thompson stated he attended the Fall Festival and thanked everyone involved for all their work on the festival. Thompson thanked Police Chief Ross, Fire Chief Fain and Administrator Emmert for doing a great job with an incident on Airport Rd.

Rockwell presented Council with the August monthly financial statements, credit card statement and bank reconciliation. Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance for water and sewer rates and a Resolution for 2022 amounts and rates. Rockwell stated the Parks and Recreation Levy will be on the November 2021 ballot. Rockwell stated the Village still has signs from when the levy was on the ballot previously. Rockwell stated they should put them up soon. Rockwell stated the new Finance Director, Heidi Milner is doing a great job. Mayor Thompson introduced Milner to Council. Thompson stated he had signs for the levy also. Councilperson Danison stated they should start putting up the signs the first of October. Rockwell stated the levy is a renewal levy and will be for five years.

Administrator Emmert reported the hydrant project is on hold until next week due to the contractors' employees being ill. Emmert stated someone hit the dump truck at the Fall Festival. Emmert reported the State Highway patrol took care of the incident and the insurance company has been notified. Emmert stated the Water Treatment Plant has two pumps that need repacked due to leaking. Issues with the oxidation ditches at the Wastewater Treatment Plant have been repaired. Emmert presented Council with two Resolutions: the State Route 13 waterline project and the Water Treatment Plant filter and valve replacement project. Councilperson Danison asked Emmert when they would start the Issue One paving

within the Village. Danison stated it seems New Lexington is always the last town to be paved. Emmert stated he would call and inquire tomorrow.

Police Chief Ross reported the company that does the recalibration of the lidar and radar on the cruisers is going out of business. Ross stated he is going to contact the State Highway Patrol Office in Cambridge to see if they can do this for the department. Ross stated he received an email from the Criminal Justice System regarding a grant for body cameras. Ross stated he is contacting vendors to see what the cost would be to purchase cameras for the department and looking into the grant. Ross stated Police Chief Ervin gave him a purchase order for a new cruiser from Ridenours and wanted to know the status. Rockwell told him to contact Ridenours. Ross reported 4,240 calls for service in 2021 as of tonight. Ross reported on the incident on Airport Rd. on Saturday night. Ross stated they called the Hocking County Swat Team and the situation was resolved with no injuries.

Fire Chief Fain reported they have been busy. Fain stated they have been keeping a low profile due to members having COVID. Fain stated everyone is fine now and he is going to resume holding fire meetings. Fain reported he received some complaints during the fall festival that he will address during the Park and Recreation report.

Councilperson Welsh reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on September 10, 2021. Welsh stated the committee discussed an increase to sewer rates.

Councilperson Boyle reported the Fall Festival went great. Boyle stated they raised \$1,454 from the games, 50/50 and wrist bands. Boyle reported they ran out of pumpkins for the pumpkin decorating. Boyle stated Sweet Misery gave a great performance. Boyle stated the committee is making a list of things to improve for next year. Fire Chief Fain stated the complaints he received were about the parking on MacGahan Avenue. He stated the residents did not receive previous notification banning parking on MacGahan Ave. Boyle reported the Public Service Department did an awesome job at the festival.

Mayor Thompson stated he was approached by a resident requesting the alleys behind Eagles and New Dimensions one way. Rockwell stated the County Engineers office could lend the Village a counter to check traffic in these areas. Administrator Emmert stated they need to consider making MacGahan Avenue one way in the other direction since it is the fire lane.

Finance Director Rockwell explained Resolution No. 21-16 to Council.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 21-12 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 21-12: **ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20-12.**

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 21-15 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-15: **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-15 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 21-16 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-16: **A CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-16 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 21-17 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-17: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HULL & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER AND CONTROL VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-17 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 21-18 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-18: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HULL & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE ROUTE 13 WATERLINE PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-18 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson thanked Finance Director Rockwell for her many years of service with the Village and wished her luck with future endeavors. Rockwell thanked Thompson for the kind words.

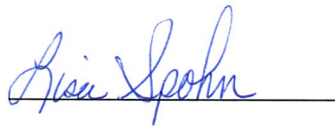
Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk