

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 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 Goodfellow, Doug Fox, Dan Bethel and Jeff Danison. Also present were Finance Director Milner, Police Chief Ross, Administrator Emmert and Fire Chief Fain. The public was invited to attend the meeting in person or live online through zoom. Absent was Councilpersons Kathy Chute and Susan Boyle.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Chute and Boyle from the October 18, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 4, 2021 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated the paving that was done in the Village looks good. Thompson reported Pike Township mowed the bank on State Street and the railroad will have to do the rest of the area.

Finance Director Milner stated she did not have the bank reconciliation for September due to three errors with check issues. Milner reported she spoke to McFadden Insurance per the Mayors request to get a quote on increasing the Village cyber insurance. Milner stated they are sending her the application to receive a quote which is 32 pages. Milner reported McFadden stated it will probably be very expensive. Milner presented Council with an Ordinance for 2021 Supplemental Appropriations for the Vietnam War Memorial repairs. Milner stated she received approval from the State of Ohio for the K9 fund. Milner informed Council the electric bill contract is up on November 9, 2021. Milner stated they may want to bid it out.

Administrator Emmert reported Fiore Contracting will be repairing the Vietnam War Memorial at a cost of \$19,200 this doesn't include the \$4,500 already paid to remove the damaged tile. Emmert stated Public Service Director Hicks will be putting up signs for leaf drop off location. Emmert stated the paving project is complete. Emmert reported repairs to the dump truck have been completed and they should have it back this week. The cost to the Village for the repairs was \$3,200 for depreciation cost. Emmert stated he is currently working on new water meters. There are around 70 meters currently needing repair. Emmert stated the new meter reader is doing a great job. Councilperson Welsh stated there is paperwork somewhere with information on new meters. Welsh stated he would like to find grant funding for a new waterline project for the Village. Councilperson Danison asked if all vacant positions have been filled. Administrator Emmert stated "yes". Councilperson Goodfellow asked if the fire hydrant project is completed. Emmert stated they completed three hydrants and are continuing to work on them. Finance Director Milner stated there is grant money for waterline projects.

Police Chief Ross reported 4,691 calls for service in 2021 as of tonight. Ross stated there was two more overdoses in the Village in the last two weeks. Ross stated he contacted several companies regarding a CAD system. The company with the best price is a web-based company out of Utah. The cost would be \$25,788.51 up front. Ross stated he spoke with Finance Director Milner about using the \$30,000 in the Law Enforcement Trust fund. After the initial cost it would be \$2,000 a year. Milner stated she would bring a Resolution to the next Council meeting to use the funds. Administrator Emmert asked if other things can be added to the system later. Ross stated "yes". Ross stated he researched a program through the Ford Company to purchase new cruisers. Ross informed Council you can lease a car for five years for \$10,263.63 a year with full maintenance and no mileage limit. You can lease two cars for \$20,404.44 a year. At the end of five years, you can purchase for a \$1.00. Ross stated the initial underwriting costs is \$545. Councilperson Welsh asked how long it would take to receive the car. Ross stated one year. Ross stated they suggested ordering with someone who is buying several cars to get it as soon as possible. Council stated they will discuss this in a Finance Committee meeting.

Fire Chief Fain reported they are dealing with a lot of maintenance issues with the medics. Fain stated the department is preparing for Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat if anyone would like to help. Councilperson Danison asked the status of the repairs to the medics. Fain stated he is working with Finance Director Milner to get the money to repair them. Fain reported one of the medics needs a new transmission which cost \$6,000. They are not sure what the issues are with the other medic.

Councilperson Welsh reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on October 12, 2021. Welsh stated the committee discussed new medics. A cost of a new medic is \$200,000 to \$300,000. The committee decided it is best to repair the medics we have now. Administrator Emmert stated he will ask Somerset if they purchase a new medic if the Village can purchase their used medic.

Councilperson Danison asked about the problems with the high water bills due to being estimated for several months. Emmert stated it was during the training of a new meter reader. Councilperson Fox asked about the expiration date for the waste removal contract. The contract expires on December 31, 2021. Fox stated it needs to be put out for bid. Finance Director Milner stated it must be published in the newspaper for four weeks. A Finance Committee meeting will need to be scheduled soon. Milner stated she is working on the 2022 budget and Administrator Emmert is getting the department heads list.

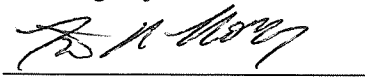
Mayor Thompson stated he was asked by several citizens about ATV, UTV and golf cart use within the Village. Thompson stated he informed them of all the stipulations there is when using these types of vehicles within the Village. Police Chief Ross stated it can be done and he is getting information from surrounding areas that allow road access. Councilperson Fox stated he does not think this is a good idea. Councilperson Danison agreed. Councilperson Bethel thanked all department heads and employees for the smooth transition with new staff. Mayor Thompson asked if Zemba Brothers had picked up the portalet that was used for the fall festival. Emmert stated he has called three times, but they have not been removed yet.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 21-15 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 21-15: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-1 MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-15 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk