

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 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, Susan Boyle, and Jeff Danison. Also present were 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 Councilperson Kathy Chute.

Councilperson Fox made a motion to excuse Councilperson Chute from the November 1, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Welsh and Danison who voted "no". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 18, 2021 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Boyle who abstained due to being absent from the October 18, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the Perry County Cancer Alliance ceremony on October 21, 2021 at the Perry County Courthouse and Trunk or Treat at the fairgrounds. Thompson stated he swore in new fair board members. Thompson reported he was at the Firehouse for Trick or Treat and they were very busy.

Mayor Thompson reported to Council on behalf of Finance Director Milner the results of the 2020 Village Audit. There are some issues, but these can easily be corrected for future audits. A meeting is scheduled on November 4, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the Municipal Building to review the results of the audit with the Mayor, Council and management. This meeting is not a public meeting since it is being conducted by the State of Ohio. Thompson stated all Council members received the final audit report by e-mail. Thompson presented an Ordinance to Council to amend the annual appropriations and Resolutions for the telephone contract and electric contract. Thompson presented the September financial statements, bank reconciliation and credit card statement. Thompson reported Milner will have most of the preparation work for the 2022 budget completed by November 10, 2021 if Council would like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting.

Administrator Emmert presented Council a resolution for garbage and trash collection bids. Emmert stated the Village receives a 3% franchise fee from Waste Management once a year. Emmert stated the fees for 2017 and 2018 were never received by the Village. Emmert reported Vince Crawford from Waste Management is investigating the missing payments. Emmert stated Waste Management, Shackelford, and Waste Away are interested in bidding on the contract for waste removal within the Village. Emmert reported all three companies stated if they supplied the residents with recycle containers the cost of collection would be higher. Councilperson Bethel stated with all the recycle bins within the Village, it would be better to just bid trash collection to keep the cost down for the residents. Emmert presented Council with a resolution for engineering services with Hull and Associates. Emmert presented Council a surplus

resolution to advertise for sealed bids to get rid of equipment that is no longer in use. Emmert presented Council with a resolution for the wastewater wet well cleaning project. Emmert stated since it is an emergency, they are acquiring three quotes. Emmert informed Council that he and Finance Director Milner would like to attend the Perry County Commissioners meeting to try and acquire funding for infrastructure.

Police Chief Ross presented Council with a resolution to purchase CAD software. The software is being purchased from E-Force at a cost of \$25,788.51. This price includes twenty dispatchers and two stations. One station at the main dispatch desk and one station at the records clerk desk. This also includes a free mapping service. Mayor Thompson asked how long it would take to have the software activated. Ross stated they should have it up and running by the first of the year. Ross stated the software is customizable to what they need. Ross reported 4,930 calls for service in 2021 as of tonight. Ross stated he still does not have any applications for the full-time position. Ross stated all the overtime is hurting his budget. Ross stated he posted the sergeants position within the department. Ross stated he had a part-time officer resign on Sunday. Ross contacted Ridenour's and confirmed Ford offers leasing. The quote he received is still good. There is an underwriting fee of \$545. The first payment is not due until you receive the vehicle. Ross stated it could take 12- 18 months to receive the car. The car comes equipped with everything except for striping and decals. Councilperson Fox asked if Finance Director Milner agreed to the purchase of two vehicles. Ross stated "yes".

Councilperson Welsh made a motion for Police Department to lease two new cruisers from Ridenour Auto Group. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he received a complaint about cars going around a stopped school bus on Main Street. Police Chief Ross stated they will start patrolling the area at these scheduled times.

Fire Chief Fain reported they have been very busy. Fain reported EMS responded to 151 runs in October and 87 were transports. Fain stated they had a lot of trick or treaters and the department provided hot cocoa for the kids. Fain stated they discussed the grants the department wanted to apply for at the Finance Committee meeting and Finance Director Milner stated the money was there for them to apply for the grants. Fain stated they would be applying for a MARCS Radio grant, an AFG grant for an exhaust system in the Firehouse and a Safer grant which is a grant to have three full time firefighters on day shift with no cost to the Village for three years. Fain stated after two years they can reapply for the grant. Fain stated he needed approval from Council to apply for the grants. Councilperson Welsh asked if the Village would have to pay unemployment to these individuals if after the three years, they did not receive the grant again. Fain stated this is no cost to the Village and they could not find anything regarding unemployment after three years. Councilperson Bethel asked who sets the rate of pay for these firefighters. Fain stated the Village does. Fain stated if we offer them EMS Certification that helps.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for the Fire Chief to apply for a MARCS Radio Grant, Safer Grant and AFG Grant. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated Medics 3 and 4 are back in service. Councilperson Bethel asked if they could budget for vehicle repair for 2022. Fain stated that they do budget for repairs, but they may need to put more money in that fund. Bethel asked when the new truck would be arriving. Fain stated in March.

Councilperson Welsh stated they need to schedule a Finance Committee meeting. Council decided to wait and schedule a Finance Committee meeting at the next Council meeting.

Councilperson Bethel updated Council on the meeting with the Perry County Commissioners and the Perry County Housing Coalition that he, Councilperson Welsh, Police Chief Ross and Administrator Emmert attended.

Councilperson Welsh stated Trick or Treat night went great. Mayor Thompson stated there were two food trucks on Main Street that night. Thompson stated it is all about giving the kids in the community every opportunity to enjoy themselves. Councilperson Goodfellow asked if there is anything that can be done about the houses around town in desperate need of repair. Police Chief Ross stated he tries to address one to two properties in need of property maintenance a week. Ross stated he is in contact with a seasoned officer who might be available to work a few hours a week on property maintenance. Councilperson Fox asked the status of the fire hydrant project. Emmert stated Heavener is going to work on the project tomorrow.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 21-16 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 21-16: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND APPLYING FOR AN AMDENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance 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. 21-20 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-20: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING POLICE CHIEF TO USE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND TO PURCHASE CAD SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-20 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 Resolution No. 21-21 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-21: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND BID GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh

made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-21 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 21-22 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-22: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HULL & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PERFORM GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND LAND SURVEYING SERVICES AS NEEDED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-22 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 21-23 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-23: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINANCE DIRECTOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH AT&T ILEC CENTREX SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-23 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

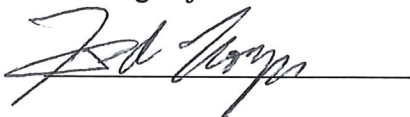
Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 21-24 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 21-24: **A RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES PER SECTION 721.15 OF THE ORC CHAPTER 7 MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-24 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. 21-25 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-25: **A RESOLUTION DECLARING WASTEWATER WET WELL CLEAN OUT PROJECT AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-25 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

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 7:47 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk