

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

November 15, 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, Doug Fox, Dan Bethel, Susan Boyle, 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 Goodfellow.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Goodfellow from the November 15, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 1, 2021 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Tim Fiore addressed Council asking them to rescind Ordinance No. 17-22 which prohibits the use of real property in the Village for medical marijuana-related business or home occupation. Fiore stated he wants to apply for a dispensary license and the deadline is November 18, 2021. Attorney Tony Fiore stated things have changed since 2017. Tony stated Dr. Haggenjos is the only Doctor in Perry County licensed to prescribe a certificate for medical marijuana. When he gives this certificate, they must go to Fairfield County, Hocking County or Licking County to get it filled. Tony stated he drafted a resolution to rescind Ordinance No. 17-22. Tony stated if Council passed the resolution this would allow them to apply for the license for a medical marijuana dispensary. Councilperson Fox asked if this is regulated through the State of Ohio or a Federal Government agency. Tony stated it is regulated by the Ohio Medical Marijuana Commission. Tim Fiore stated he spoke with Police Chief Ross, and he approved of the dispensary. Councilperson Welsh stated the community needs educated on the subject. Tony stated it took four years for them to expand the program. Tony stated there is twenty-two different items that medical marijuana treats.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the New Lexington Elementary School. Thompson stated he would like to see more participation from the community at these events.

Finance Director Milner requested a motion to approve the September Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation presented at the November 1, 2021 Council meeting.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the September 2021 financial statements and bank reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Milner stated she has been working on the preliminary budget for 2022. Milner stated they need to schedule a Finance Committee meeting to discuss the budget. Mayor Thompson asked if the department heads have spoken with Milner concerning their budget. Milner stated "yes". A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Milner stated she has been making changes to the Village website. Milner stated she has put several shortcuts on the home page to make it more user friendly. Milner informed Council legal notices will be advertised in the paper one time and then it will be posted on the website. This should help the Village save on the cost of publications. Milner stated the Village now has a new Facebook page which links to the Village website. Milner stated she had a meeting with MAPSYS and she can now make changes internally on several things. Mayor Thompson stated he would meet with Milner before the Finance Committee meeting to discuss the preliminary budget.

Administrator Emmert informed Council the Public Service Department was replacing a fire Hydrant on W. Water St. today and the valves could not be shut off during the repair. This caused the water tanks to be drained

to low which left residents with no water until the tanks could fill back up. Emmert stated they have seven more hydrants to replace. Emmert stated the bids for waste removal in the Village was postponed until December 9, 2021 due to an error in publishing in the newspaper. Emmert stated he met with Alpha Link an IT company to get a quote for services. Councilperson Welsh asked if they are moving forward with trying to get a grant for waterline replacement. Emmert stated "yes". Milner stated they have a meeting this week.

Police Chief Ross reported 5,127 calls for service in 2021 as of tonight. Ross stated he still does not have any applications for the full-time position. Ross stated he would like to start some programs to reach the youth in the community. Ross stated he spoke with the game warden about doing an ice safety presentation or possibly hosting a hunter safety education class at the Village. Ross stated after speaking with Finance Director Milner he spoke with Janet from Ford leasing, and they are going to order one car and move forward with a second car later. Mayor Thompson asked Ross the progress on chickens within the Village. Ross stated he is still researching the situation.

Fire Chief Fain reported Medic 4 is broken down again. Fain stated it is at Ridenour Auto Group to see if they can figure out the issue. Fain stated Medic 1 should be back in service this week. Fain stated he met with Never Alone and it was a very productive meeting. Fain stated they are going to try and supply them with boxes of Narcan to provide to citizens, Police Officers for free. Fain stated he thinks this is a good thing for the County since Perry County ranks number 13 for overdoses. Fain stated they are putting the Safer Grant application on hold due to a substantial fee to the Village that goes with the grant.

Councilperson Boyle reported they will be decorating MacGahan Park on November 17, 2021. Mayor Thompson asked Administrator Emmert to have the Public Service Department available to help with decorating. Emmert asked Thompson if the Hometown Hero Banners could be taken down. Thompson stated "yes". Boyle stated Grub with the Grinch will be held on December 4, 2021 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the PBHC Activity Center.

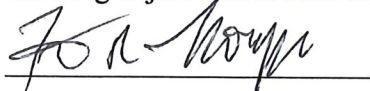
Councilperson Fox made a motion to introduce Resolution 21-26 to Council. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 21-26 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Resolution No. 21-26: A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND ORDINANCE TO RESCIND CHAPTER 1165: MEDICAL MARIJUANA OF NEW LEXINGTON ZONING CODE EMERGENCY DECLARATION.
Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-26 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

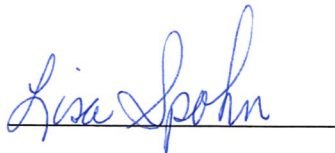
Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk