

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

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

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2021 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated Jeffrey Hoover and Rick Campbell from Waste Away and Vince Crawford and Anthony from Waste Management were present to answer any questions regarding their bids for trash removal within the Village. Administrator Emmert reported there were five bids for trash removal. Emmert stated Shackleford's Disposal had the lowest bid but did not meet the Senior discount contract requirements. Waste Away had the next lowest bid. Emmert stated he had some questions from the residents of the Village. Emmert asked Hoover how they do their billing. Hoover stated they bill every three months, and the first bill residents will receive will be January 1, 2022. Emmert asked if they service residents on the outskirts of the Village. Hoover stated those residents can choose who they want for trash removal and if they are interested in Waste Away services, they just need to contact them. Emmert inquired about totes for the residents. Waste Away will provide one tote per resident and they will be delivered on December 27, 2021. Hoover stated they are working with Waste Management for a smooth transition. Pick-up days will be Thursday and Friday. Currently the Village did not contract for recycling due to the extra cost. Councilperson Goodfellow asked if a resident has paid in advance to Waste Management if they would get a refund. Vince Crawford from Waste Management stated "yes". Crawford thanked the Village for letting Waste Management service the community for the last 18 years. Crawford stated he knew they did not have the lowest bid but was only .30 difference and would like Council to consider this when voting on the trash removal contract. Emmert thanked Crawford for their services. Councilperson Bethel asked Hoover if they remove mattresses and if they must be wrapped in plastic. Hoover stated they do have to be wrapped in plastic and they will remove one bulk item per week. Police Chief Ross asked if there is a bag limit per week. Hoover stated there is a ten-bag limit with tote. A resident who just moved here three months ago asked if they remove sofas. Hoover stated "yes", and they do not have to be wrapped. Mayor Thompson asked Administrator Emmert his recommendation for trash removal within the Village. Emmert recommended Waste Away.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to accept Administrator Emmert's recommendation to contract with Waste Away for trash removal within the Village. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel stated in the past Waste Management supplied the Village with dumpsters for different events. Hoover stated they would be able to help with dumpsters. Bethel asked if Waste Away could donate some plastic for wrapping mattresses to the Village for residents who might not be able to afford to purchase the plastic for mattress removal. Hoover stated he would check on this and let Emmert know. Hoover stated Waste Away will be sending letters to the residents to notify them of their pick-up day. Eric asked Hoover what other services Waste Away can provide. Hoover stated they have portable restrooms, trailers, and other equipment.

Mayor Thompson thanked Councilperson Doug Fox for his service to the community while serving on Council for several years and he thanked Councilperson Kathy Chute for her many years of service to the community while serving on Council.

Finance Director Milner requested a motion to approve the October 2021 and November 2021 Financial Statements that they received by e-mail and the October 2021 and November 2021 Bank Reconciliation presented at the December 6, 2021 Council meeting.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the October and November 2021 financial statements and bank reconciliations. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Milner presented Council with several Ordinances and Resolutions. Milner requested an executive session per 121.22(G)(2) property for public purpose. Mayor Thompson asked Milner the difference in the match the Village pays for paving from 2021 verses 2022. Milner stated the streets to be paved are longer than what was paved last year.

Administrator Emmert reported the Water Treatment Plant filter rehabilitation is going out for bid on January 10, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Emmert stated he received free Covid-19 test kits from the Perry County Health Department which is in the Administration Lobby free to anyone who wants one. Emmert stated the Village paid \$85,000 to MAPSYS for IT services this year. After some negotiations with MAPSYS he is going to renew the contract with MAPSYS for \$49,536 for 2022. This contract includes 264 hours of support. Emmert reported on the bids for surplus at the Village. Emmert stated Heavener was awarded the bid for the chipper and 1991 Chevy truck at \$2,500 and Zanazzi was awarded the mower for \$178. Emmert stated the wet well project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is complete at a cost of \$31,000. There may be another invoice due to one load being hauled to Columbus Ohio. Councilperson Danison asked if everything is good with the EPA. Emmert stated he spoke with them this week, and everything is in order. Emmert stated Steve and Drew at the Wastewater Treatment Plant did a great job with the project. Councilperson Welsh stated the Village needs to get a bar screen. Emmert stated they are working on educating the public as to what goes into the sewer plant. Emmert reported they are working on changing the bulk water to a credit card payment instead of coins in the future. Councilperson Danison asked about the water on Main Street hill. Emmert stated they are looking into this. Danison also asked about water at the corner of Pleasant Street and Water Street that lays there year round and is dangerous when it freezes. Emmert stated he will investigate this.

Police Chief Ross stated the Village had another overdose over the weekend. Ross stated this is the fourth overdose in the Village since he started in September. Ross reported he contacted the drug task force to investigate the incident. Ross reported 5,585 calls for service in 2021 as of tonight. Ross stated the company he wants to contract with for the CAD system wants full payment up front. Ross stated he and Finance Director Milner are not comfortable with this. Ross stated they need the CAD system due to he had to contact MAPSYS to recover forms that were deleted when an employee hit a wrong button.

Mayor Thompson reported on behalf of Fire Chief Fain that Santa cade would be driving through the Village on December 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Thompson stated the department was out delivering toys tonight. Thompson stated classic riders will also be with the Santa cade. Santa will be at the Fire Department after the Santa cade to visit with the children.

Mayor Thompson reported on the Charter Revision Committee meeting held on December 20, 2021. Thompson reported they discussed the history of the Charter. Thompson stated they discussed asking voters to change legislation and legal notices to be electronically published instead of the newspaper which is very costly to the Village. Thompson stated they will hold another meeting next week.

Mayor Thompson reported on the Records Committee meeting held on December 20, 2021. The committee discussed the EMS records in the Administration office that need categorized, recorded, numbered, and then placed upstairs in the records room at City Hall. The committee discussed the process for the records retention.

A resident asked Council about a tree down behind the Library on Park Ave. and Park Row. Mayor Thompson asked Administrator Emmert to check on this and also a pipe sticking out of the ground in the same area.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(2) regarding property for public purpose with Council, Mayor, Police Chief, Finance Director and Administrator present. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 7:17 pm for executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:55 pm.

Councilperson Welsh stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 21-19 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 21-19: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-19 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 No. 21-28 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-28: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WASTE AWAY FOR RESIDENTIAL TRASH AND GARBAGE SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-28 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. 21-29 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-29: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONTRACT OF ERIC EMMERT AS NEW LEXINGTON VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-28 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 No. 21-30 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-30: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONTRACT OF TIMOTHY (T.J.) ROSS AS NEW LEXINGTON POLICE CHIEF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-30 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 21-31 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-31: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINANCE DIRECTOR HEIDI MILNER TO APPLY FOR BROWNFIELD GRANTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-31 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 21-32 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-32: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINANCE DIRECTOR HEIDI MILNER TO APPLY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS/PROGRAMS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-32 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. 21-33 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-33: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CASH TRANSFER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-33 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 as a second reading Ordinance No. 21-18. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 21-18: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-18 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

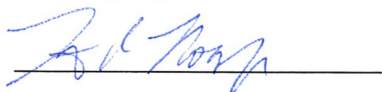
Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only as a second reading Ordinance No. 22-1. Seconded by Councilperson Fox. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 22-1: **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-1 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. 21-27 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-27: **A RESOLUTION SETTING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY CONTRACTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-27 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. 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 8:10 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk