

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
May 2 2022
5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present were Jim Welsh, Dan Bethel, Jeff Danison, Janie DePinto, Susan Goodfellow and Debra Hooper. Also present were Police Chief Ross, Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Wion and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilperson Boyle.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to excuse Councilperson Boyle from the May 2, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 18, 2022 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 21, 2022 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the viewing of the new fire truck, the Finance/Planning Committee meeting, the Perry County Republican Dinner in Junction City, and the Earth Day Celebration at Mount Aloysius. Thompson stated he received a complaint from a resident wanting the alley on Long and Rush Street paved. Thompson stated he informed her that the alleys in the Village do not get paved, but they will repair holes. Thompson stated he addressed two property maintenance complaints and a complaint about the road at the reservoir. Thompson stated he was contacted about the softball field at the park. He was asked if the league could get the clay and do most of the work if the Village could help

Administrator Emmert informed Council Dave Ratliff is going to manage the swimming pool for the 2022 season. Emmert stated they are going to start filling the pool the week of May 9, 2022. Emmert reported he is getting quotes on the 16-foot diving board and the robotic vacuum. All Council agreed Dave does a great job of managing the pool. Emmert stated Ratliff would like to increase the head lifeguard wages by \$.50 for the 2022 season. Council stated this would need to go to the Finance Committee. Emmert stated he received the contract from Hamburg Fireworks for the 4th of July Celebration for \$20,000 in fireworks. Emmert stated he and Councilperson Welsh attended a meeting in Logan, Ohio with Lieutenant Governor Husted as the speaker. Emmert stated they announced \$500 million investment to support local initiatives in Appalachian counties. Emmert stated they would like each town to partner with another town. Emmert stated he will be partnering with Mayor Johnson from Somerset. Emmert stated the money is to be used to revitalize downtown districts, community health, and work force development. Emmert would like Council to come up with some ideas according to these guidelines. Councilperson Bethel stated he would like for the Planning/Economic Development Committee to be involved. Emmert reported the air conditioner on the Police side of the

Municipal Building needs replaced. Emmert stated he received quotes from Kessler Heating and Cooling for \$6,490 and Folk and Sons quote was \$5,864 and this includes servicing the other units in the building. Emmert stated he would like to move forward with Folk and Sons. Councilperson Bethel asked if this includes a warranty. Police Chief Ross stated he will find out. Emmert stated he submitted a purchase order for twenty new brackets for banners. Mayor Thompson asked how many poles were available for new banners. Emmert stated he counted twelve. Emmert reported there was an issue with the State Route 13 waterline project which may require another \$15,000. \$8,000 would come from HAPCAP and the Village would be responsible for the other \$7,000. Emmert stated they have started the Nuzum Street Bridge project. Emmert reported they received the new truck for the Public Service Department that was ordered last year. Emmert stated Council has a flyer from the Perry County Health Department wanting Councils support for Ohio Health Improvement Zone project. The Health Department could receive a grant for \$12,000. This does not require any money from the Village. They would use the Municipal Building for meetings. Emmert stated he received a call from Mayor Tom Johnson of Somerset, Ohio stating he was resigning as Mayor of Somerset. Emmert stated he is Council President of Somerset so he will be acting Mayor. Emmert stated this will not affect his duties at the Village

Police Chief Ross stated they went live today with their new CAD software. Ross reported Susie Hammond from E-Force conducted the training for the employees. Ross reported 2,055 calls for service in 2022 as of tonight. Ross stated Hallie Davis the coordinator from Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block project has rescheduled the date to June 18, 2022, Davis stated they have five applications for the event. Ross stated they are going to walk the neighborhood again on Friday, May 6, 2022 to try and get more applicants. Ross stated he spoke with Assistant Finance Director Milner regarding the ARPA grant for MARX radios. Ross stated he and Administrator Emmert met with Motorola and received a quote of \$37,000 for eight radios. Ross stated he is also going to speak to Milner about applying for the Edward Burn Law Enforcement Grant. Ross stated he forwarded the Ordinance pertaining to the legalization of ATVs in the Village to Milner for review. Councilperson Bethel stated he would like to vote on the Ordinance for legalizing ATVs at the next Council meeting. Ross stated Property Maintenance Officer Rushing is doing a great job. Ross stated 320 W. Water Street has been boarded up. Ross stated on May 3, 2022 Administrator Emmert, Public Service Department, Property Maintenance Officer and himself are going to clean up the property at 320 W. Water St. Ross stated the property owner informed him to send him a bill for the clean-up. Ross stated there is a trailer on State Street that is uninhabitable which they are condemning tomorrow. If the owner fixes the issues with the trailer they can go back and inspect it to see if it can be un-condemned. Ross stated the Village had adopted the International Maintenance Code which is helping with property maintenance issues. Ross stated it starts with consistency and relationship building. Emmert stated Rachel Comer sold the trailer court on Broadway Street. Emmert stated he informed the new owner the camper parked there needs removed. Councilperson DePinto asked Emmert the status of the Brownfield grant. Emmert stated Milner has not been notified of any results

Fire Chief Fain stated they received the new fire truck last week. Fain stated it is partially lettered and numbered but is in service. Fain reported they will be hosting a pancake breakfast the day of the Memorial Day Parade. Fain stated the department is going to try and do more fundraisers. Fain stated Roger Hooper is going to do fundraisers for the department. Councilperson DePinto asked if the vehicles at the department were ready to sell. Fain stated they are cleaning them up and then will be put on Gov deals. Fain report the department had their first female to pass the 240 test and they have a new medic also

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Planning/Economic Committee meeting held on April 20, 2022. Bethel stated the Village will follow Ohio Revised Code when setting the requirements for ATVs and golf carts. Bethel stated the committee discussed annexation. The committee would like to send postcards to water customers in the area of the projected annexation asking if they would be for or against annexation into the Village. The committee would then like to hold a public meeting after the survey to get more feedback. The committee discussed fundraisers being held to support the cost of a dog park. Bethel scheduled a Planning /Economic Development Committee meeting on May 11, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Council discussed the restrooms at the park. Welsh stated Dave Couch from HAPCAP will work with them to make the restrooms handicap accessible. Police Chief Ross stated this might be something the Natures Grant could be used for.

Administrator Emmert stated Waste Away is going to help with port-a-lets for the 4th of July celebration.

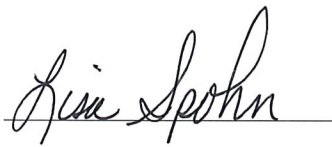
Councilperson Danison asked if Justin Gall and Mount Aloysius were recognized for their donation to the Village for fireworks. Mayor Thompson stated “yes”.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk