

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 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 Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilperson Boyle from the May 16, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2022 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson introduced to Council TJ Marolt from the Perry County Tribune. Thompson stated he participated in the clean-up on W. Water Street and wanted to thank everyone involved with the project. Thompson stated he attended the Fido Fest at the Fair Grounds on Saturday. Thompson stated he received a complaint about parking on Park Avenue and McKinley Ave., speeding on Main Street, the condition of the steep hill on Maple Heights and a vehicle needing moved on a lot behind Pizza Hut. Thompson stated the Nuzum Bridge project is going well. Councilperson Goodfellow asked if the Ordinance for ATV's is complete. Police Chief Ross stated it will be ready for the next Council meeting.

Finance Director Wion presented Council an Ordinance to amend appropriations. Wion requested a motion to approve a then and now certificate for Bob Heavener for emergency sewer repairs.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve a Then and Now Certificate for Bob Heavener for emergency sewer repairs. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Emmert reported the air conditioning unit was replaced by Folk & Sons at a cost of \$5,800. Emmert stated they also serviced the other units. Emmert informed Council the State Route 13 waterline project has started and due to some issues, the engineer was not aware of there will be some additional cost. Emmert stated the Nuzum Street Bridge project has started and due to a waterline break three houses on this street are under a boil alert. Emmert reported gravel has been placed at the reservoir. Emmert informed Council the MacGahan Festival will be held on June 4, 2022. Emmert stated he e-mailed Council the details. Emmert reported Mayor Thompson, Police Chief Ross and himself met with Buckeye Hills Regional Council today. Emmert stated they discussed ideas for a comprehensive plan for infrastructure, building codes and street scape. Emmert reported he received a quote to replace the diving board at the swimming pool for \$5,750. Emmert is going to get another quote. Emmert stated the vacuum at

the pool needs replaced also. Councilperson DePinto asked about the grant money for Appalachian counties. Emmert stated it has not gone through legislation yet.

Police Chief Ross stated he attended the Fido Fest fundraiser for the Animal Shelter at the Fair Grounds on Saturday. Ross reported the clean-up on Tile Plant Road went well. Ross stated Code Enforcement Officer Storm Rushing is doing a great job. Ross stated the trailer that was condemned on State Street is looking better. Ross stated they have the opportunity to bring it up to code. Ross stated the new CAD systems is great. Since implementing the new system they have had 970 calls since May 2, 2022. Some of the calls consist of six mental health issues, six domestic, thirty-three suspicious person calls and twenty-five suspicious vehicle calls. Ross stated the department is at full staff. Ross stated the new body armor that was ordered with the grant they received should arrive soon. Ross reported the new cruiser is still waiting on parts to be completed. Ross stated he found an equipment grant for \$45,000 that could be used for having the police cruiser equipped with the CAD system and electronic tickets. Ross stated he forwarded the grant to Heidi. Ross stated the department received the Public Entities Pool grant for \$1,000 for the K-9 cruiser. Emmert and Ross stated the property on Main Street and Factory Street is next to be cleaned up.

Fire Chief Fain stated they had a busy April. Fain stated in April they responded to 114 runs with 85 transports. Fain reported the Fire Department responded to 31 runs in April. Fain stated they attended the Fido Fest Fundraiser. Fain stated he attended Rob Stallings retirement. Fain reported the new fire truck stickers are almost complete and the radios have been installed. Fain stated the department will host a pancake breakfast on May 30, 2022. Mayor Thompson asked Fain if the issues with Medicount have been corrected. Fain stated they are working on the corrections. Councilperson DePinto asked about funding that was supposed to be available through the EMA office for wages and other cost during COVID for the department. DePinto stated she has reached out to Rita Spicer but has not received a call back. DeaPinto stated she has reached out to New Straitsville about the Village Fire and EMS services in their area. DePinto stated they have not returned her calls. New Straitsville does not have a fire levy, but Coal Township does. Council discussed the costs to the Village to service this area. Administrator Emmert stated a contract is needed with New Straitsville or Coal Township to pay the department to service this area. Fire Chief Fain stated it is hurting the Village financially. Councilperson DePinto will continue to follow up with New Straitsville and Coal Township.

Councilperson Welsh scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on May 23, 2022 at 4:30 at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked if anyone had contacted the owner of the Pamida building concerning repairs needed. Administrator Emmert stated he has tried to contact him, and he will not return his calls. Emmert stated this may tie in with Buckeye Hills. Historic downtown may be on Broadway and Carroll Street.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Planning/Economic Committee meeting held on May 16, 2022. Bethel stated they discussed passage of the Ordinance for legalizing ATV in the Village. Bethel stated Tim Deavers attended the meeting. Bethel stated they asked him about holding a disc golf tournament fundraiser for the dog park. Deaver's informed the committee he feels let

down by the Village. The disc golf course at the park has never been fully completed. Deavers stated there still needs to be a cement pad installed at each hole. The cost is \$2,000 to do this. Bethel asked Council for the money to finish the course. Council stated they will discuss this at the Finance Committee meeting.

Councilperson Danison asked if there was a procedure in place for after hours calls for the Public Service Department. Police Chief Ross and Administrator Emmert informed him there is a procedure in place.

Finance Director Wion informed Council Resolution No. 22-11 needs resigned due to the language of the Resolution was wrong.

Administrator Emmert reported the hydrant flushing should be complete on Wednesday.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 22-4 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 22-4: **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. 22-4 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. 22-14 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 22-14: **IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE OF THE DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANANGEMENT PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-14 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Mayor

Council Clerk