

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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, Susan Goodfellow and Jeff Danison. Also present were Police Chief Ross, Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilpersons Boyle, DePinto and Hooper.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Boyle, DePinto and Hooper from the August 1, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

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

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the the Perry County Fair. Thompson stated he was contacted by a resident who was served with a property maintenance notice. The resident stated he cleaned everything up and wanted to know where to take it. Thompson stated a resident on McKinley Ave. wants it zoned. Thompson told him to contact Councilperson Bethel. Thompson stated the Nuzum Bridge project is complete and looks good.

Finance Director Lewis reported the Village received \$1,100 from the opioid lawsuit settlement that the Village participated in. Lewis informed Council she went to the bank to be signer on the Village checking account. Lewis asked Councilperson Welsh when he could go to the bank to sign papers. Welsh stated he would go to the bank on Friday. Lewis stated she removed the automatic signature on checks.

Administrator Emmert presented Council with a quote for cameras to be installed at the Public Service Department, Water Treatment Plant, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. For the Public Service Department, the cost would be \$3,200, Water Treatment Plant \$3,900 and the Wastewater Treatment Plant \$3,090. The total cost for all facilities is \$10,190. Emmert stated they would be able to tie the cameras from the Public Service Department into the swimming pool. Councilperson Welsh asked Finance Director Lewis if the funds were available. Lewis stated "yes".

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the purchase of cameras for the Public Service Department, Water Treatment Plant, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Emmert stated the company they are purchasing the cameras from can service the door locks within the administration building at a lower cost compared to the current contractor. Emmert informed Council he hired Paul Weiner for the Wastewater Treatment Superintendent. Weiner possesses a Class 2 water and sewer license. Emmert stated he received a quote from Poggemeyer Design Group for a mechanical bar screen for the wastewater treatment plant. The quote is \$781,000. Poggemeyer thinks the Village could get funding through OPWC for the project. The Village would still be responsible for the engineering fee which would be approximately \$142,000. Emmert stated ARPA funds could be used for the project. Councilperson Welsh stated he wants to use HAPCAP funding for the parks. Councilperson Bethel asked if the sewer fund was healthy enough for the project. Emmert stated the project could be done in 2023. Mayor Thompson stated this could be discussed at a Finance Committee meeting. Emmert presented Council a letter sent to Governor Mike DeWine from Kelly Architectural Services Inc. representing the New Lexington City Schools regarding the interest in helping Appalachian Ohio grow. Emmert stated the school is doing a big project renovating the old elementary school. Emmert stated he would like the Village to tie into the school's project by focusing on the Mill Street area for revitalization. Emmert reported the phone and internet has been installed at the swimming pool at a cost

of \$85 a month. Emmert stated streets currently on the list for the 2023 paving project are, Fairview Street, Lexington Street, Knoll Street, Spring Street, Mechanic Street, Church Street and Eastern Avenue. Councilperson Welsh asked Emmert to look at Rush Street also. Emmert stated Brown Street, Water Street and Park Avenue will be paved this fall. Mayor Thompson stated something needs done on Jackson Street in front of the Board of Elections where heavy rains are washing away the pavement.

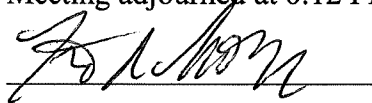
Police Chief Ross reported 8,645 calls for service in 2022 as of tonight. Ross stated in the month of July they had 2,035 calls for service. Ross reported 91 traffic stops resulting in 30 citations, 53 suspicious people, 32 suspicious cars, 24 property maintenance complaints and 20 unlocks. Ross stated he and Canine Mack passed their yearly certification test. Ross stated Administrator Emmert and himself met with school Superintendent Coffey. They discussed a full-time school resource officer for the Junction City Elementary. Ross stated fair week went well. Ross stated the Police Operations Manager updated her office which motivated him to work on his office. Ross reported he found papers from 2017 approving ordering traffic speed signs. Ross stated he would like to purchase one sign at a time. Council discussed the best place for the signs to be placed. Councilperson Goodfellow asked Ross about all foot traffic within the Village. Ross stated he has been posting overtime for an officer to just patrol. Councilperson Danison informed Council the school has agreed to block off the street near the football field during games

Fire Chief Fain stated everything went well at the Perry County Fair. Fain stated two firemen received their firefighter's card. A third fireman received his card but does not currently live in the Village. Fain reported in July EMS responded to 179 runs with 110 transports. Fain reported the Fire Department responded to 38 runs in July. Thompson asked Fain if the integration of the new Fire/EMS software with Medicount was complete. Fain stated Justin and himself are working on it.

Mayor Thompson asked if the paperwork for the levies was filed with the Board of Elections. Council Clerk Spohn stated "yes".

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk