

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

September 19, 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, Debra Hooper, Janie DePinto and Jeff Danison. Also present were Police Chief Ross, Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilpersons Boyle, Goodfellow and Bethel.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Boyle, Goodfellow and Bethel from the September 19, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 6, 2022 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Jeff Nelson from the Eagles asked Council if they could have two parking spots on Tuesday and Thursday marked off for deliveries. Mayor Thompson stated they would give this to the Municipal Concerns Committee for review. Nelson stated it would be from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Administrator Emmet asked if this would include Trotters also. Mayor Thompson stated the committee can discuss opening the area for both businesses.

Mayor Thompson introduced the Decot family to Council. Thompson read a proclamation for childhood cancer awareness month. Thompson dedicated the proclamation to Bella Decot who is currently undergoing treatment for childhood cancer.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the Work Force Development meeting with Bryn Stepp from the Lieutenant Governor's office. Thompson stated they had Bob Heavener camera the drain on the New Lexington football field. Everything looked fine. Thompson stated he received a property maintenance complaint that he forwarded to Police Chief Ross and Code Enforcement Officer Rushing. Thompson stated he received a complaint on the traffic light at Walnut and Main Street. Administrator Emmert stated they replaced a censor. Thompson reported he received notification of a possible water leak and lack of water at Mount Aloysius which seemed to correct itself. Thompson stated he attended the New Lexington football game on Friday night to witness Councilperson Jeff Danison be inducted into the New Lexington Hall of Fame. Thompson stated he attended Jakes Day. Thompson reported he received a complaint about the Memorial Day Services at Monument Square Park. Thompson stated he feels this is due to lack of participation.

Finance Director Lewis stated she will present an Ordinance for appropriations at the next meeting for payment that was received for repairs to Monument Square Park. Lewis asked about benefits for EMS employees working full time hours. Lewis stated she needs the documentation showing they do not get benefits. Thompson stated they have signed a waiver for benefits. Mayor Thompson asked about the flags in front of the Municipal Building. Lewis stated Administrator Emmert ordered new flags today.

Administrator Emmert reported they purchased a used grinder for the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost of \$3,000. Emmert reported a new grinder cost \$17,000. Emmert stated he received a quote of \$60,000 for pumps for the Water Treatment Plant. Emmert stated he received a second quote of \$30,000. Emmert informed Council he received two quotes for the tank and clear well diving. The first quote was \$18,000 and the second quote was \$9,000. Emmert stated the valve replacement is 90% complete. Emmert stated at the last Council meeting Council passed a Resolution for him to enter into a contract with Verdantas to assist with the waterline

replacement project. Emmert stated he was not going to proceed with the contract. Mayor Thompson stated the funding for the project was not secured.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 22-30. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes".

Administrator Emmert reported Balls Court has been resurfaced. And the fence will be installed this week. Emmert stated Brian Fisher has done a great job of heading up this project. Emmert stated Fisher was able to get TTAD LLC to donate their time and the asphalt for the court. Waste Innovations donated the fence and Ken Funk is donating his time to install the fence. Mayor Thompsons stated two neighbors in the area have donated the goals. Emmert stated the Carroll Street corridor project met with CVS about right of way access. CVS wants payment for the right of way. Emmert stated they will wait until phase two of the project to connect to Broadway. Emmert spoke with Matt Petry market manager for Waste Innovations who purchased Waste Away. Emmert stated there will be no changes to the waste removal in the Village. Councilperson Hooper asked Emmert if something could be done with street lighting in the area of E. Water Street and around the area of the Perry County Dental Group. Mayor Thompson stated the Village should install lighting on E. Water Street. Hooper stated the area around Circle K needs cleaned up. Emmert stated he will speak to the businesses in the area that need addressed. Hooper inquired about upgrading the park by Broadway Street. Thompson stated every time they make improvements it gets destroyed. Emmert stated several houses have been condemned and will be torn down.

Police Chief Ross reported 11,611 calls for service in 2022 as of tonight. Ross stated the department had 1,019 calls for service so far this month. Ross stated he and Lieutenant Arnold attended the Ohio Narcotic Conference. Ross stated it was a great training. Ross stated he posted job openings in the department with no response. Ross informed Council he reached out to several Police Academies. Ross stated he received the results of a traffic stop by Officer Nester. 31 grams of methamphetamines and 31/2 grams of fentanyl were recovered. Ross stated his officers are doing a great job. Councilperson DePinto asked Ross how many officers he is down. Ross stated currently one but will have a second position open within the next two weeks. Ross stated they will be holding a Christmas Committee meeting on September 27, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building to discuss decorating the Village for Christmas. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend.

Fain reported in August EMS responded to 127 runs with 68 transports. Fain stated the department completed helping the New Lexington CSD with the fire watch at the workforce development building. Fain stated the department will celebrate its 150th anniversary on October 1, 2022. Fain invited all of Council to attend. Fain asked if any departments were having phone issues. Everyone stated no. Finance Director Lewis stated they are looking into cloud calling with spectrum. Administrator Emmert stated he will meet with Justin Morrow tomorrow to check the issue. Police Chief Ross asked who he was to contact to shut down Main Street for the car show being hosted by Councilperson Welsh for the celebration on October 1, 2022. Mayor Thompson told Ross to contact previous Chief Ervin.

Finance Director Lewis was asked how she would like to proceed to discuss next years budget. Lewis stated she would like for her and the mayor to meet with individual department heads first.

Mayor Thompson stated he will contact Councilperson Goodfellow to schedule a Municipal Concerns Committee meeting.

Mayor Thompson presented Council a letter from Attorney Barclay concerning the petitions for proposed New Lexington Charter Amendments. Councilperson Danison made a motion to go under advisement from the Village legal council not to move forward with Charter Amendments. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Council Clerk Spohn stated the Board of Election office recommended New Lexington add the word EMS to Resolution 22-21.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to add the word EMS to Resolution No. 22-21. 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 No. 22-33 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 22-33: **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A "BROWNFIELD LEMPCO REMEDIATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**

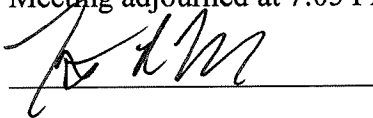
Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 22-31 as a seconded reading. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. **AUTHORIZATION TO WRITE OFF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO, INCOME TAX BANKRUPTCY BAD DEBT/ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-31 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 22-32 as a seconded reading. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 22-32: **AUTHORIZATION TO WRITE OFF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO, INCOME TAX DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-32 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

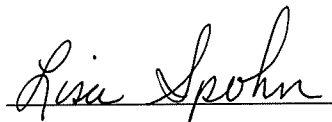
Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk