

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
February 21, 2023
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, Susan Boyle, Debra Hooper and Janie DePinto. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Ross, Finance Director Lewis, and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilperson Jeff Danison.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the February 21, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 6, 2023 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Boyle and Hooper who abstained due to being absent from the February 6, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2023 special council meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Hooper who abstained due to being absent from the February 9, 2023 special meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he has spent time at the New Lexington Football Field concerning the drain issues. Thompson stated he received a call from Representative Johnson stating he will be in New Lexington on April 12, 2023 and would like a tour of the Village.

Finance Director Lewis stated she emailed the January financial reports and bank reconciliation to Council. Lewis requested a motion to approve the January financial statements and bank reconciliation.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the January 2023 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Lewis reported she registered for the Ohio Auditor of State Local Government Officials Conference. Lewis informed Council she received the insurance checks for the fire trucks that were damaged. Lewis stated she received a call from AT&T that the Village was in collections for a \$400 bill which Lewis stated she has never received an invoice. Lewis presented Council with resolutions for Paul Weiner and Jakob Ross to receive their 6 months' pay increase.

Administrator Emmert reported on the Tree Commission meeting held February 17, 2023. Emmert stated they will be holding a cleanup day on March 25, 2023. Emmert reported Amanda Allen will be head of the Tree Commission. Emmert stated the phone upgrade at the administration building was supposed to be complete by the end of February but due to more fiber cable needing to be installed it will be completed at a later date. Emmert reported the new

mower that was purchased will arrive next week. Emmert reported the dam inspection has been moved to April. Emmert stated the Village will be getting an intern through a grant with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Emmert reported the Village was denied the grant through OWDA for the bar screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Police Chief Ross stated he spoke with Keer automotive and the cruiser he ordered back in October doesn't have a build date yet. Ross stated last year the department was awarded \$3,500 from the National Police Dog Foundation for a new K9. Ross stated they overlooked sending the money to the Village. A K9 was already purchased so when the check is received it will go back into the fund the K9 was purchased out of. Ross stated the K9's of Valor Organization is sending him a heat alert system for the K9 cruiser valued at \$2,000. Ross stated on Thursdays he has been working with Horsepower, an equine based learning for children at risk. Ross stated they are working with Jamie McGrew to get the barn instructor certified. Ross reported 1,329 calls for service in the month of February and 2,945 calls for service for the year. Mayor Thompson asked how the new officers are doing. Ross informed him they are doing a great job. Ross stated Officer Brettrager is taking classes to be a DARE instructor. Councilperson DePinto asked about the progress of property maintenance. Ross stated the Village Law Director has six cases.

Fire Chief Fain stated things are running smooth in the department and run volume is steady. Fain stated EMS runs were down for February. Fain reported the classes on Human Trafficking will be held on March 4, 2023. The morning class will be for first responders and the class from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm is for the public.

Council President Welsh presented Mayor Thompson the committees for 2023. Mayor Thompson approved the committees.

Mayor Thompson asked if they need to schedule a finance committee meeting. All department heads stated "yes". A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2023 at 4:30 pm at the municipal building.

Mayor Thompson reported to Council there are drain issues at the New Lexington Football Field that were discovered when the school started to replace the turf on the field. Thompson explained to Council the issues and the different ways they are looking to repair them. Thompson stated he is asking Councils support in sharing the cost of the repairs with the school.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 23-9 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-9: **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A THREE PERCENT LODGING EXCISE TAX IN THE INCORPORATED AREAS OF NEW LEXINGTON, PERRY COUNTY, OHIO.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-9 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. 23-10 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-10: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING WAGES FOR PAUL WEINER (WASTEWATER TREATMENT SUPERINTENDENT) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution

No. 23-10 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. 23-11 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-11: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING WAGES FOR JAKOB ROSS (PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERINTENDENT) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-11 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. 23-12 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-12: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 2003 HORTON MEDIC INTERNATIONAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. 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 6:30 PM.



Mayor

Council Clerk