

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING  
March 20, 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 Dan Bethel, Susan Goodfellow, Susan Boyle and Janie DePinto. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Ross, Finance Director Lewis, and Assistant Fire Chief Morrow. Absent were Councilpersons Jeff Danison, Debra Hooper, and James Welsh.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison, Hooper and Welsh from the March 20, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

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

Sandra Cox asked Council for permission to host a summer bash at Arethusa Springs Park. This would include a bike show, car show and vendors. Finance Director Lewis asked if this was to support some type of cause. Cox stated to make awareness for bike safety. Administrator Emmert stated they would need to check the calendar for other events being held that day.

Judy Cannon asked about updating the electric at the Arethusa Springs Park to have more spaces available for vendors at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Mayor Thompson stated Public Service Director Ross met John Saffell at the park to get a quote on updating the electric. Administrator Emmert stated they should have a quote at the next Council meeting. Cannon stated there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee meeting on March 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the New Lexington High School and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mayor Thompson reported he has been working on getting quotes for fencing for the girls softball field. Thompson stated Police Chief Ross, Council President Welsh and himself attended the New Lexington FFA banquet. Thompson stated they have a great program.

Finance Director Lewis stated she was going to present a Resolution and an Ordinance to Council but due to not enough members present to pass legislation she will present them at the next meeting.

Administrator Emmert stated Police Chief Ross, Public Service Director Ross and himself attended the Tree Commission meeting with Amanda Allen on March 17, 2023. Emmert stated there will be a cleanup day at the park on March 25, 2023, tree trimming on Broadway Street March 31, 2023 (weather permitting), Earth Day will be celebrated on April 24, 2023 and Arbor Day will be celebrated April 28, 2023. Emmert stated he is working with Kleinfelder to apply for the Troy Balderson Grant for upgrades to the sewer plant. Emmert stated the Village is not out of

the Appalachian Community Grant Program yet. Emmert stated he will be attending webinars on Tuesday for outdoor recreation and Thursday for downtown buildings, theaters and museums. Emmert stated Kleinfelder will be the engineer for the sewer plant upgrades. Emmert reported he and Public Service Director Ross have been working with Pizza Hut to install a sidewalk at the New Lexington Pizza Hut. Emmert thanked Property Maintenance Officer Rushing for making this happen. Emmert informed Council the 2003 International sold for \$5,010.

Finance Director Lewis reported the AT&T bill that was in collections was finally resolved. The bill was for the swimming pool account which AT&T had some issues finding. Councilperson DePinto asked Lewis if a physical for one police officer was \$5,000. Lewis stated that was the amount for the blanket purchase order.

Police Chief Ross reported 5,124 calls for service for the year. Ross stated he spoke with Jason Knight about MARC's radios and he reported it will take 2 – 9 months to receive the radios once they have been ordered.

Assistant Fire Chief Morrow reported EMS has 396 calls for service this year and 96 fire runs this year.

Finance Director Lewis stated she needs to present a Resolution to establish a line item within the fund being used for ARPA money. Emmert stated they are waiting on information from Attorney Barclay to see if Resolution 22-12 that was passed would be sufficient for the use of ARPA funds. Mayor Thompson asked Lewis what information she would need from a vendor for them to receive payment. Lewis stated form W9. Councilperson Bethel asked if another port-a-let had been ordered for the park. Bethel asked if it would be possible to get a handicap port-a-let.

Mayor Thompson stated he was asked by an Asplundh Tree employee if there would be somewhere within the Village for the company to park their trucks for five months. Emmert stated they are looking into places for them to park eight trucks. This would bring \$500 of revenue per month to the Village.

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 6:00 PM.

  
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Council Clerk