

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

July 3, 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 5:30PM. Council Members present were Welsh, Hooper, DePinto, Boyle, Bethel, Goodfellow, and Danison. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Sergeant Arnold, Finance Director Lewis, and Fire Chief Fain.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2023 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes” except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the June 20, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the Project Y.O.U 21st Century Program Family Fun Fest held at Arethusa Springs Park. Thompson advised the Orange & Black Boosters are sponsoring free admission to the swimming pool July 3rd through July 8th. Thompson urged Council and others present to attend the Independence Day parade, festivities, and fireworks at the park being held on July 4, 2023.

Finance Director Lewis informed Council the Police Chief interviews were starting on July 5, 2023 and slated to end on July 7, 2023. Chelsey advised Storm Rushing was moving from part time to full time due to now being involved with not only code enforcement, but also narcotics. She stated he would not need benefits and the wages would remain the same. Chelsey stated Officer Fox attended 86 hours of training with K9 Bruno and was requesting compensation for his attendance. Council agreed since it benefits his job and the Village is the owner of K9 Bruno, he should be compensated the \$1,800. Lewis also informed Council Dispatcher Diss’ last day is July 12th and Officer Braglin’s last day is July 13th. She also stated Dispatcher Katelyn Crane was offered the Police Operations Manager position and accepted, with a start date of July 3, 2023. Lewis discussed Ordinance 23-10 regarding amending appropriations.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to pay Officer Fox \$1,800 for K9 training. Councilperson DePinto seconded the motion. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Finance Director Lewis played a slideshow prepared by Intern Lauren Lewis detailing items that will be for bid while Emmert explained said items listed in Resolution 23-18. Emmert stated John Saffell quoted the replacement of lights in the parking lot will total \$5,800 and replacement will begin soon. Emmert stated he’ll be attending a meeting with the Ohio Municipal League on July 6th regarding electric aggregation. Emmert advised the contract for the 50 acres at the park has been signed and has to be closed by June 23, 2024. Councilperson DePinto asked Emmert about the possibility of adding a handicapped space on W. Brown St. at the request of the owner of the Beauty Hut; Emmert stated he would investigate the area. DePinto also asked about the sign at Ball’s Court being added for WIN Waste since they paid for the new fence; Emmert advised WIN Waste was having the sign made themselves. Councilperson Danison advised a few houses on W. Brown St. are having issues with getting trash picked up; Emmert advised they do

have new drivers and any further issues should be directed to him as he will discuss it with Jeff at WIN Waste. Emmert also advised if they have multiple complaints, WIN Waste can come to a Council meeting to discuss the issues. Councilperson Danison also asked if Emmert could look into the location of the ATM for People's State Bank. He advised visibility is low exiting the alley where the ATM is located. Emmert advised the issue to be taken up with the Municipal Concerns Committee.

Sergeant Arnold reported the Police Department calls for the month of June were 1,505. Arnold advised there was a recent traffic stop in which K9 Bruno was deployed as narcotics were suspected to be in the vehicle; the successful stop resulted in meth and paraphernalia being found. Arnold stated NLPD will have a fundraising booth at the park during the 4th of July festivities. Councilperson Danison expressed congratulations to NLPD patrolmen on their professionalism on the radio.

Administrator Emmert requested Councilperson DePinto schedule a Finance Meeting regarding Wastewater. DePinto advised the meeting would be July 12, 2023 at 4:00PM.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to enter into executive session with Adam Barclay regarding ORC 121.22(G)(3) with Mayor, Council, Administrator, and Finance Director present. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 6:07PM for executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 6:49PM.

Councilperson Welsh stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 23-8 and declare an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-8: **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE ZONING ORDINANCE 21-7 TO ADD A HOMELESS SHELTER OVERLAY ZONE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 23-9 and declare an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-9: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT, AND ENACT THE 2023 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and ready by title only Ordinance 23-10 and declare an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All council voted "yes."

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-10: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt 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 23-18 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-18: **A RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES PER SECTION 721.15 OF THE ORC CHAPTER 7 MUNICIPAL CODE**

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 23-19 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND BENEFITS TO PART-TIME EMPLOYEES**

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 6:54PM.

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Mayor

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Council Clerk