

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

July 17, 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 James Welsh, Debra Hooper, Janie DePinto, Susan Boyle and Dan Bethel. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis and Acting Police Chief Gibbs. Absent were Councilpersons Jeff Danison and Susan Goodfellow.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison and Goodfellow from the July 17, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 3, 2023 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Officer Storm Rushing addressed Council informing them he is now working full time as the code enforcement officer and narcotics. Rushing stated he is going to Muskingum County for training with their narcotics officers. Councilperson DePinto asked what role Bill Padgett was taking with the narcotics officers. Rushing stated he is assisting them on getting things started.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the 4th of July parade and celebration at the park. Thompson thanked Mount Aloysius for their generous donation to make the fireworks display on the 4th of July spectacular. He also thanked the Public Service Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Administrator Emmert and the 4th of July Committee for their hard work on the event. Thompson reported he attended a funding meeting with the New Lexington City Schools and the luncheon at the Perry County Fair.

Finance Director Lewis informed Council she has not completed the June Financial statements due to a payment received by FEMA that she does not know what it is for. Lewis stated Assistant Finance Director Milner is researching the payment. Lewis stated she spoke with the auditor, and they should have their report on the audit in a few weeks.

Administrator Emmert presented Council an Ordinance to revise Ordinance 18-10 regarding swimming pool credits and a Resolution to replace the existing sludge holding tank. Emmert informed Council Jordan Atherton was hired at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to replace Tyler Ratliff. Emmert stated the lines for parking on W. Brown Street have been completed. A handicap parking space was created in front of the Beauty Hut as requested. Emmert reported he received a request for crosswalk signs on W. Brown St. by the Courthouse. Mayor Thompson stated he received a request for a crosswalk on Jackson Street in front of the Board of Elections over to Park Ave. near the Perry County Library. Emmert stated he met with the New Lexington CSD, engineer Amanda Bollinger from Kleinfelder Inc. and Mayor Thompson today to discuss the Appalachian Community Grant Program. Emmert stated Amanda, Jenny and himself visited

businesses uptown today to get their input on the revitalization. Councilperson DePinto stated Vine Street needs repaired. Mayor Thompson asked Emmert to look into Vine Street.

Acting Police Chief Gibbs reported since June 17, 2023 they had 1,375 calls for service, performed 82 business checks, 5 vacations checks, 52 traffic offenses and 4 accidents. Councilperson DePinto asked how many dispatcher positions need filled. Gibbs stated two. DePinto inquired about the vacation checks. She stated this should be on the Village website and Facebook page. Administrator Emmert stated he will see this is done.

Mayor Thompson stated that Fire Chief Fain was called out for service.

Councilperson DePinto stated Administrator Emmert covered the information of the Finance Committee meeting.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) regarding employment with Council, Mayor, Administrator, Finance Director, and acting Police Chief present. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 6:00 pm for executive session.

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

Meeting resumed at 6:10 pm.

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

Mayor Thompson recommended to Council the employment of Doug Gill for the Police Chief position.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to employ Doug Gill for the New Lexington Police Chief. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 23-11 as first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 23-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE 18-10 ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 23-12 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 23-12: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DOUGLAS GILL AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 23-20 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-20: **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AUTHORIZING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR ERIC EMMERT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON WITH KLEINFELDER, INC. TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SLUDGE HOLDING TANK AND DECLARING AN EMRGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-20 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 23-21 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-21: **A RESOLTUION OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON ADOPTING THE PERRY COUNTY 2023 MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DATED JULY 7, 2023.**

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and ready by title only Resolution 23-18 as a seconded reading. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. 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 adopt Resolution No. 23-18 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 23-19 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND BENEFITS TO PART-TIME EMPLOYEES.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-19 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Council thanked Katelyn Crane for the refreshments she has provided at the Council meetings.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson DePinto made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk