

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2024
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, Janie DePinto, Bob Spencer and Debra Hooper. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Commander Biggers, Finance Director Lewis, and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Jeff Danison and Ty Danison.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Ty Danison and Jeff Danison from the February 20, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 5, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis and himself attended a meeting with the Perry County Commissioners. Thompson reported they are looking at replacing some manhole covers. Thompson stated he was able to tour the LEMPCO building.

Finance Director Lewis stated year-end financial statements have been completed and submitted to the state. Lewis presented Council with a list of how much debt the Village owes and the current payment listing. Administrator Emmert reviewed the payment listing with Council. Council discussed the two police cruiser loans. Administrator Emmert is going to investigate the details of these loans. Emmert stated they are in the process of getting approved for a revolving design loan through EPA for the bar screen.

Administrator Emmert reported on the zoning committee meeting with Conrad Sokolowski. Mayor Thompson asked Councilperson Spencer to speak to fellow zoning committee members and report back to Council. Emmert stated the Perry County Commissioners are on board with moving the dispatch to the Perry County Sheriffs Office. This will take effect on April 1, 2024 at 12:01 am. Mayor Thompson expressed some future concerns with working with the P. C. Sheriffs Department. Emmert stated backflow letters have been sent to enforce the backflow Ordinance that was passed in 1989 and to be compliant with the EPA. There is a \$25.00 administrative fee. Emmert stated Mayor Thompson and he toured the LEMPCO building. Emmert reported the owners have a vision for the property. Councilperson Hooper stated she is thankful for the remediation of the property. Councilperson DePinto asked about hometown hero banners. Emmert stated there is a process the office follows.

Police Commander Biggers informed Council Sergeant Arnold is leaving February 28, 2024 for a position with Granville. Biggers reported she is currently in Car Seat Technician Training and will be certified on March 1, 2024. Biggers stated all monthly K9 training has been completed and they now have three K9's in the department. Biggers stated they received the signed destruction orders, and they are currently waiting for a truck to be available to destroy these items. They are waiting for disposal orders for items of value. A distracted driving event is scheduled at new Lexington Schools on April 23, 2024. Biggers stated she attended the Drug Coalition, Suicide Coalition, and Human Trafficking Coalition meeting that was held today. Biggers stated the radio updates were completed on February 6, 2024. Biggers informed Council they received the approved Records Retention Schedule from the state. The department has approximately 170 file boxes of paperwork to destroy, and they are working on quotes for shredding.

Mayor Thompson reported on behalf of Fire Chief Fain that the month of January was a record revenue month for EMS.

Councilperson Hooper scheduled a Municipal Concerns Committee meeting on February 22, 2024 at 5:30 at the municipal building.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No.24-10 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 24-10: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND CONTRACTORS FOR NEW LEXINGTON WATER TREATMENT PROJECTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-10 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.



Mayor

Council Clerk