

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING  
March 4, 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 Ty Danison. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Gill, Finance Director Lewis, and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Jeff Danison and Debra Hooper.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Debra Hooper and Jeff Danison from the March 4, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 20, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Sarah Matthews Director of Municipal and Government Sales for Win-Waste Innovations informed Council the Village contract with Win-Waste has a 3% franchise fee clause. Matthews presented the Village with a check for the first quarter franchise fees. Administrator Emmert stated he has received complaints about trash not being picked up within the Village. Emmert reported after some research it was discovered these were delinquent accounts. Councilperson DePinto stated the company has previously donated various things to help the community. DePinto asked Matthews if they could help with the New Lexington Swimming Pool. Matthews asked for the Village to e-mail her, and she would look into what opportunities they could provide.

Mayor Thompson stated he took a tour of the park with Bill Shimp, CEO of Mount Aloysius. Thompson stated he would like to place a plaque in memory of Justin Gall where the men from Mount Aloysius sit for the fireworks display. Thompson reported Shimp stated they were going to continue to partner with the Village for the New Lexington Fireworks Display with a donation this year of \$12,500.

Finance Director Lewis requested a motion to approve the January financial statements.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the January 2024 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Hooper arrived late.

Finance Director Lewis stated she would have the Ordinance for the 2024 budget at the next meeting. Lewis stated the public service department had an employee resign. There have 22 applications received for this position.

Administrator Emmert stated they need to decide on the pricing for pool passes for the 2024 season. Emmert and Finance Director Lewis will report to Council at the next meeting on the swimming pool. Mayor Thompson stated he has been asked about community service that people could do within the Village. Thompson stated he thought cleaning around the pool would be a good opportunity for community service. Emmert reported they have started on the shelter house project at the reservoir. Emmert informed Council he attended a meeting on the Safe Routes to School project and it should start around March 25, 2024.

Police Chief Gill reported in the month of February they had 678 calls for service. Gill presented Council a breakdown of the calls. Gill stated they have one patrol position open. Gill informed Council Chad Wilkens started today as Code Enforcement officer. Gill reported Commander Biggers is now a certified CPST and will schedule car seat checks by appointment. The department is currently working with the Health Department and the Child Injury Prevention Coalition to create familiarization training for officers. Gill stated he will be attending Ohio Police Chief training on March 11-15, 2024 in Columbus Ohio. Gill informed Council they will be shredding 170 boxes on Thursday March 14, 2024. Gill stated cruiser 3 is stripped and will get the new decals next. The K-9 car will be done by next week. Gill stated Lexipol was purchased for Police Department policies and training/implementation will begin this month. One search warrant was executed and the investigation is still pending.

Fire Chief Fain reported the department had 45 fire runs in the month of February with EMS having 163 runs with 93 transports. Fain stated Mount Aloysius will be visiting the department on March 20, 2024 for a tour.

Council discussed zoning and variances with Dave Pletcher.

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 6:45 PM.

  
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Mayor

  
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Council Clerk