

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2017

6:30 PM

MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Ratliff presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Richard Anderson, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute and Susan Boyle. Absent were Councilpersons Danison and Fiore. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead and Police Chief Scott Ervin.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison and Fiore from the January 17, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 3, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Anderson who abstained due to being absent from the January 3, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Jenny LaRue and Debbie Raney from the Perry County Health Department addressed Council about healthy communities. Raney stated they have secured a grant in which \$8,000 to \$10,000 can be used to help with a walkability project for Broadway Street in New Lexington. Raney stated she would like Council to partner with the project and make it a Village project. LaRue and Raney asked Council for permission to talk to local businesses in the Broadway Street and Carroll Street area about putting in sidewalks in front of their businesses. Raney and LaRue informed Council they would be willing to come back to Council and speak with them after they have had a chance to discuss the project. Councilperson Bethel stated he would be the contact person for them to speak to at this time. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to allow LaRue and Raney to contact businesses. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff stated he had the job posting for the Administrator position which will be posted for three days in house starting January 18, 2017. The position will also be posted in the newspaper and on the Village website.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the December 2016 Financial Reports and the December 2016 Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell stated she needed two nominees to serve on the Volunteer Firefighter Dependents Fund committee. Rockwell also presented Council with an ordinance for 2017 Supplemental Temporary Appropriations, a proposed pick-up resolution for Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and a resolution to purchase a dump truck. Rockwell stated she is finishing up the 2016 year-end financial statements and has been in contact with the auditors to get ready to do the 2016 audit. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the December 2016 Financial Reports and the December 2016 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Police Chief Ervin presented Council with a year-end update on Police calls.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated they have received all of the turnout gear that was purchased with the FEMA grant. Hollingshead reported that AT&T along with their engineers, Harris & Heavener, donated a utility pole for the fire siren and will install it for the Village for free. The installation will be done on January 19, 2017 beginning at 7:00 am. Hollingshead asked if the street department could shut down Town Hall Avenue during the installation. Hollingshead stated Kent Cannon from the Perry County Engineers office will move the siren, possibly for free when they are ready to move it. Hollingshead requested a Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss the 3398 low band frequency that will be shut down on February 1, 2017. A Finance Committee meeting and Public Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for January 19, 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Chute asked Fire Chief Hollingshead to see that the donations from AT&T and Harris & Heavener be put in the newspaper to thank them.

Police Chief Ervin stated whoever issues permits for new businesses should require sidewalks be part of the building plan according to Village Ordinances and Resolutions.

Councilperson Chute inquired about the streetscape project. Councilperson Bethel stated it would be presented in a resolution. Finance Director Rockwell stated she has contacted AT&T to disconnect the circuit. Rockwell stated she has not received confirmation from AT&T at this time that it has been disconnected. Rockwell is going to e-mail them again. Councilperson Bethel reported on the meeting that he and Mayor Ratliff held with Poggemeyer Design Group on January 16, 2017. Bethel stated the Village has three projects with Poggemeyer at this time: the Pleasant Street Bridge, sewer plant improvements and streetscape. Bethel presented Council with a resolution allowing the filing of an application for grant money for the streetscape project. Bethel stated the project could be funded 95% to 100%. Bethel stated Kent Cannon informed him of a meeting at the EMA office on January 18, 2017. A representative from the Village should attend.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-2 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Councilperson voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-2: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-23 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE STREET, WATER & SEWER FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-2 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-1: **PROPOSED PICK-UP RESOLUTION OAC 742-7-14(A): NON-BARGAINING UNIT MEMBERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-2 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-2: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A 2016 FORD F-550 DUMP TRUCK TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-2 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-3 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-3: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR ODOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE STREETSCAPE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-3 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff 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 7:30 PM.

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Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn