

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2017

6:30 PM

MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Ratliff presiding. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Richard Anderson, Susan Goodfellow, Susan Boyle and Tim Fiore. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead. Absent were Councilpersons Danison and Chute.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison and Chute from the February 6, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Fiore who abstained due to being absent from the January 17, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Chuck Hicks addressed Council requesting an executive session to discuss personnel.

Mayor Ratliff informed Council he was contacted by the Perry County Commissioners requesting a refund for sewer tap fees for the FMC Medical Lab on Lincoln Park Dr. Finance Director Rockwell stated we would need information regarding any materials provided by the Village before a refund could be issued. Council Clerk Spohn will look in previous minutes for information on Council's approval to issue the refund. Public Service Director Hicks stated we would have to deduct the materials that the Village provided for the sewer tap.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the January 2017 Bank Reconciliation and the January 2017 Financial Reports. Rockwell stated she needed a motion from Council to file the 2017 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Rockwell also presented Council with an ordinance for 2017 supplemental temporary appropriations. This ordinance increases the FEMA fund appropriations for the grant the Fire Department received. Fire Chief Hollingshead spoke to Council about the purchase of a washer and dryer to prolong the life of the new turnout gear they purchased. The quote received from Finley Fire was for \$17,123.70. This quote was \$2,123.70 above the amount the Finance and Public Safety Committees approved. Finance Director Rockwell suggested getting quotes from other vendors. Hollingshead stated he was told he did not have to get another quote. Rockwell stated since the amount is more than the committees approved they should get other quotes and bring back to the committees. Rockwell stated there is not enough money in the fund to issue a purchase order until the 1st half of 2017 property tax settlement is received in late March. Councilperson Goodfellow stated they did not have to hold another committee meeting that Council could approve the overage amount for the purchase. Councilperson Bethel stated they did not want to do anything illegal. Councilperson Bethel inquired if the general fund could advance the money to the Fire Department for the purchase with the money being paid back to the general fund when the Fire Department receives their settlement. Rockwell stated yes but it would have to be

resolution. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to file the 2017 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff stated he had five applications for the Administrator position.

Police Chief Ervin stated the police department had 41 calls over the weekend. Ervin also stated they received their final ODPS certification. Ervin stated he has been working with the 911 supervisor on LEADS. Ervin informed Council he has been receiving complaints regarding structure and who citizens need to call for general complaints. Ervin stated he has been telling them to call Mayor Ratliff.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated the Fire Department has advertised for bids for SCBA to be purchased with the FEMA grant. Hollingshead informed Council they have an electrician coming next week to wire the siren which may be at no cost. Hollingshead stated the 4th of July Committee contacted him about the fire department doing another fund raiser for the committee this year. Councilperson Bethel asked Fire Chief Hollingshead to get another quote for the washer and dryer.

Finance Director Rockwell reported on the Finance/Public Safety Committee meeting that was held on January 19, 2017. Perry County will no longer provide the low band frequency 3398 for communications beginning February 1, 2017. Firefighter Danison stated that they already have a radio license to continue to operate on 3398. Danison requested a purchase order for \$5,000 to purchase fifteen new UHF radios for the firefighters to replace pagers. Danison stated that the Perry County EMA suggested the fire department switch to the MARCS radio system. The fire department has applied for a \$49,000 grant for MARCS radios every year and been denied. Danison stated the TAC Committee applied for a MARCS grant for the entire County with the exception of New Lexington applying for the grant on their own. Councilperson Chute stated that New Lexington needed to be included with the County group application in order to have a chance of getting the grant. Danison stated that New Lexington has MARCS radios and the committees need to speak to John Arkley of the TAC Committee. The radio issue will be discussed more after the Fire Chief's meeting on February 8, 2017.

Police Chief Ervin stated no one goes to the TAC meetings to represent the Village. Fire Chief Hollingshead stated he has been sending someone to the meetings. Councilperson Bethel stated that when we hire an Administrator he should be required to attend the meetings.

Councilperson Bethel stated he contacted Tractor Supply to see if they were still planning on opening a location in New Lexington. Bethel reported that they are still planning to at this time but repairs to the building they are leasing and lease negotiations are going slow.

Councilperson Bethel stated we need to schedule a Public Service Committee meeting to discuss procedures with past due water bills. A meeting will be scheduled at the next council meeting.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-3 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted

“yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-3: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-23 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE FEMA AND FIRE LEVY FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-3 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for an executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel stated no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn