

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

February 16, 2016

6:30PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for February 1, 2016 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Bill Padgett addressed Council regarding upgrades to the New Lexington football field. He requested a variance from Council to proceed with the project. Administrator Bryant indicated that the Village would need to vacate an alley and turn the property over to the school. Bryant also informed Council that Terry's Tree Service is providing a quote to remove 16-18 trees in the area of the upgrades. The issue was forwarded to the Municipal Concerns Committee for further discussion. A Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was scheduled for February 22, 2016 at 4:45PM.

Mayor Ratliff presented Council with photographs of a squad that Somerset is going to get rid of. He indicated that the Village may be able to get the squad for as much as \$3,000 or possibly free.

Finance Director Rockwell indicated that a motion was needed to accept the January 2016 financial statements. Ms. Rockwell also presented Council with a resolution for a transfer for the playground equipment at Ball's Court and a Supplemental Temporary Appropriations Ordinance.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to accept the January 2016 financial statements and bank reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Police Chief Ervin stated that Sargent Dodd had information to present to Council. Dodd stated he is planning a K-9 fundraising event on Saturday, June 4 at the New Lexington Park. He requested that Council waive the shelter house fee for the event.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to waive the shelter house fee for the Police K-9 fundraiser. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fireman Larry Hatem spoke on behalf of Fire Chief Hollingshead. Hatem indicated that the Fire Department has filed for two grants. They are also exploring getting a free pickup truck through a Federal program. Hatem announced that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will be conducting a wildfire training on Saturday, February 20 at the Village Municipal Building. Another training regarding railroad accidents will be held on March 22, 2016.

Councilperson Chute reported that the Finance Committee met on 2/4/16 and 2/16/16. She stated that there was a discussion regarding the Mayor's Court collections. The Finance Committee recommended that Council suspend any further collection attempts until the issues can be resolved.

Councilperson Chute reported that the Public Safety Committee met on 2/8/16. The committee discussed part time police officers leaving, requiring commitments for new full time officers, the Somerset squad, the training issue with a non-employee, and the fire siren. Hatem stated the Perry County EMA is checking into grants for a new fire siren. A Council work session with all fire department members was scheduled for February 23, 2016 at 6:30PM.

Councilperson Fiore requested that Administrator Bryant begin advertising for a pool manager for the 2016 pool season. Police Chief Ervin reported that the 4th of July Committee would like to improve the infrastructure

at the park. Larry Hatem indicated that the Fire and EMS would be willing to hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser for 4th of July.

Councilperson Boyle reported that the Planning Commission met on 2/9/16 at 5PM. The Commission discussed the Fairfield Medical Center lab, Lyons Urgent Care on Water Street that is supposed to open on June 1, 2016, various retail stores and restaurants that may be willing to come to New Lexington and a Bed & Breakfast. The Planning Commission requested a question and answer session with Attorney Steve Davis to clarify the Commission's responsibilities. The next Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 5PM.

Council Clerk Lisa Spohn reported availability dates provided by Attorney Steve Davis. A Records Committee meeting was scheduled for February 25, 2016 at 5:30PM. If Attorney Davis has no objections, the Planning Commission will meet with Mr. Davis at 6:30PM on February 25.

Councilperson Danison reported that the Public Service Committee met on 2/8/16. The committee discussed bridges and guardrails throughout the Village.

Councilperson Chute asked if the lighting issue on First Street had been resolved. Police Chief Ervin stated that the matter was looked into and that all lights were working. Chute also asked if the Fire Chief had met with Corlyn Altier regarding a collection procedure for the non-transport fee. Hatem indicated that it was his understanding that the Township levy fees cover this expense. Chute indicated that the Ordinance was reviewed by the Village attorney and passed by Council and that a procedure needed to be in place to collect the fee.

Councilperson Chute requested that chairpersons of all committees be responsible for contacting non-council members of the committees to notify them of meetings. Chute also indicated that large sticky notes would be available for committees to use as working documents. Councilperson Chute stated that term years on some committees were updated at the request of Mayor Ratliff. Chute provided updated committee lists to all Councilpersons.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-3 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-3: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-19 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE GENERAL FUND 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 16-3 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

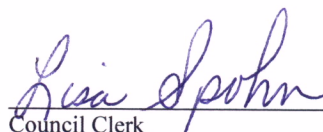
Councilperson Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 16-4 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 16-4: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PARKS GRANT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-4 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk