

## **VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 18, 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, Susan Boyle, Jeff Danison, Tim Fiore and Susan Goodfellow. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead and Finance Director Heather Rockwell.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for April 4, 2016 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Candy Benedict addressed Council regarding a benefit at the Eagles for the Perry County Cancer Alliance. Ms. Benedict asked if a permit was needed for outdoor music during the benefit. Police Chief Ervin stated they did need a permit. Administrator Bryant provided the permit form. The permit was completed and approved.

Mayor Ratliff reported that he has received a call regarding Fowlers Lane flooding. The issue was forwarded to the Administrator. Mayor Ratliff also announced that he has approved three new EMS personnel.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the March 2016 bank reconciliation, March 2016 Monthly Reports and a supplemental appropriation ordinance. Rockwell also announced that the 2015 audit will begin on April 19, 2016.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a request to waive the shelter house rental fees for the Amazing Grace Day Camp, PBHC Laugh Camp and New Lex Schools Summer Lunch Program. Councilperson Fiore made a motion to waive the shelter house rental fees, seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant presented two ordinances for second readings. Bryant also indicated that a meeting was needed to address issues with the sewer tap fees for the Lincoln Park Drive pump station. Currently the Village receives the tap fees, but the County maintains the pump station. Councilperson Goodfellow suggested giving the tap fees to the County. Councilperson Chute suggested that the Public Service Committee review the situation. A Public Service Committee meeting was scheduled for May 4, 2016 at 4PM to meet with the Perry County Commissioners and discuss the issue.

Police Chief Ervin discussed Senate Bill 11 which creates a dependent's fund for part time police officers. He also stated that he is gathering more information regarding OCCPAB state standards.

Fire Chief Hollingshead informed Council that 2 paramedics and one EMT-basic have been added to the personnel. Hollingshead also announced that the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July raised \$573. The fire department plans to hold another pancake breakfast on Memorial Day weekend.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on April 14, 2016. Chute stated that the committee has no recommendations at this time.

Councilperson Fiore stated that there were not enough people present at the April 13 Parks and Recreation meeting to conduct the meeting. A Parks and Recreation meeting was rescheduled for April 27, 2016 at 5PM. Fiore also asked if the Village has received any applications for Pool Manager. Administrator Bryant stated that no applications were received at this time for Pool Manager or lifeguards. Fiore requested that the lifeguard and Pool Manager positions be advertised again and posted on the Village website and Facebook.

Councilperson Boyle reported that the Planning Commission met on April 11, 2016. Resident Marla Blubaugh is going to meet with the New Lexington School Board in reference to the vacating of the property next to the football field on Maple Heights.

Councilperson Chute stated that no one attended the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for April 7, 2016. Another meeting was scheduled for April 19, 2016 at 4:45PM.

Councilperson Boyle reported that the Economic Development Committee has a meeting scheduled on April 21, 2016 at 10AM with Pastor Tom Wallace who would like to start a community center. Pastor Wallace has already been doing this at the Baptist Church and would like to expand the center.

Councilperson Chute announced housekeeping items for the meetings. Chute stated that the Finance Committee requests that the Fire Chief not send alternates in his place to meetings. She also reminded Council that the Charter indicates that a person can be removed from office after four unexcused absences. Councilperson Chute requested that the Mayor attend all Finance Committee meetings. Chute also stated that all persons addressing Council should be placed on the agenda prior to the meetings.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked if striping was scheduled for the parking spaces on Main Street. Administrator Bryant stated that ODOT would repaint the spaces when they pave the State Route in Summer/Fall 2016. The North Main Street Bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2016 by ODOT as well. Council asked about replacing the Pleasant Street Bridge. Bryant stated that he is looking into a Federal grant for 2018 to replace the Pleasant Street Bridge.

Councilperson Chute reported on the meeting held on April 13, 2016 at 2PM with Dave Shumaker of the Southeast division of the Ohio Auditor of State and Robert Burlenski and Matt Lauvray of Local Government Services. Chute stated that she, Larry Hatem of the Fire Department, Finance Director Rockwell and Administrator Bryant were in attendance. Councilperson Danison was not in attendance. Councilperson Danison stated that he spoke to the Mayor prior to the meeting about not attending. Chute summarized the questions presented by Larry Hatem. Chute reported that the cost estimated provided by Dave Shumaker at the meeting for a special audit of 2007 records was approximately \$68,000. Chute discussed the email sent by Local Government Services specifying a new deadline of April 29 to revise the Deficit Recovery Plan. Councilperson Chute requested that the Mayor and Fire Chief come up with a plan to address the deficit by April 25, 2016 so that Finance has time to update and send the



necessary paperwork to Local Government Services. Mayor Ratliff stated that all Council should work on the deficit plan. Councilman Bethel stated that the Fire Department knows the situation better than anyone else. A Council work session was scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:15PM to revise the Deficit Recovery Plan for the Fire & EMS fund.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-8 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-8: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 16-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND REALLOCATED FUNDING TO THE STREET AND FIRE LEVY FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-4 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 Ordinance No. 16-5 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-5: **AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF SOUTH MAPLE HEIGHTS SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-5 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-6 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-6: **AN ORDINANCE TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-6 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Mayor Kevin Ratliff

  
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Council Clerk