

# VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2017

6:30 PM

## MUNICIPAL 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, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Tim Fiore, Jeff Danison, Richard Anderson and Susan Boyle. Also present were Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrator John McCort.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 15, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Fiore who abstained due to being absent from the May 15, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Carma Jean Rausch spoke to Council about the MacGahan Festival being held on June 9-10, 2017. Rausch stated Ivan Anchev, Counsel General of Bulgaria in Chicago, Illinois will be present this year. Rausch reported that there will be entertainment by Bulgarian representative of the folk dance ensemble "Verea" from Chicago and representatives of the children's ensemble "Shareni Chorapi" from the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational and Cultural Center in Pittsburgh, PA. Rausch stated there will be a free luncheon and program at the Perry County District Library at noon on Saturday, June 10.

Mayor Ratliff presented a flyer to Council concerning the Nelsonville non-emergency phone change. Ratliff stated the case that Council had discussed in executive session at the last meeting had been settled. Councilperson Chute inquired if they have details on what the settlement was. Mayor Ratliff stated the wording they wanted put in the settlement was illegal.

Council Clerk Spohn on behalf of Finance Director Rockwell, presented Council with the May 2017 Bank Reconciliation and the May 2017 Financial Reports. Spohn also presented Council with a Resolution to request an Auditor's Certificate for the Park Levy Renewal. The Auditor's Certificate must be obtained before preparing the Resolution to place on the ballot. Council was presented with an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and an Ordinance for Supplemental Appropriations for items approved by the Finance Committee.

Administrator McCort stated he has two bids for the Brown Street project. He received a bid of \$47,000 and a bid for \$49,000. McCort recommended going with the lowest bid who is McVoyt Construction. Councilperson Chute made a motion to hire McVoyt Construction for the preparation of the Brown Street paving project. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. McCort informed Council the prep on Brown Street will take a couple of weeks and Brown Street will be one lane traffic. Councilperson Bethel asked Administrator McCort to publicize the closing of one lane on Brown Street to give the citizens notice. McCort stated the alleys in the Village have not been chipped and sealed for two years. McCort presented a request from the Amazing Grace Day Camp to waive the shelter house fee for the week of June 26-30, 2017. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to waive the shelter house fee for the Amazing Grace Day Camp. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. McCort informed Council that Public Service Director Hicks submitted paperwork for reimbursement from the EMA for the replacement of the catch basin and storm sewer on South Street due to flooding. McCort stated Bob Jablonski from Poggemeyer Design Group reviewed videos from Liquid Engineering on both water tanks. Jablonski will give his recommendation on repairs needed.

Police Chief Ervin stated he is still getting complaints about street lights being out. Ervin stated he has faxed the address to AEP but has had no response on getting them repaired. Ervin stated the Police and Fire Department held a Safety Day on Saturday June 3, 2017. Ervin informed Council the 911 dispatching center should be moving by the end of June 2017. Ervin stated they would have to look into security from the Fire/EMS bay



doors once the center moves. Ervin stated some locks may have to be changed because people come through the bay doors and walk into the center. Ervin asked Council if anyone was attending the Perry County Improvement Corporation meetings. Ervin stated the Hocking Metro Housing Authority is looking into building multi-unit housing for rehabilitation purposes in the Village. Ervin stated Council may want to look at the Village zoning laws. Ervin stated the EMS had eight runs the other day and no crew was on duty. Ervin stated the department has a great group of employees but something needs fixed. He stated we are starting to effect surrounding departments by not having a crew.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meetings held on May 17, 2017. At the 4:30 pm meeting the Committee approved budget increases for the Active 9-1-1 Subscriptions and a service plan for the Lucas device. The Committee requested additional quotes for the moving of the fire siren. Chute reported that the Committee approved the purchase of a police cruiser in an effort to establish equipment rotation. The Committee also approved office upgrades for the tax and water clerks. The Committee discussed pay restructure at the 5:45 pm meeting.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated she had contacted William Walker and Bill Cozad and gave them the information for the Nuisance Abatement Committees. Mayor Ratliff stated they need to know the procedures. Councilperson Chute stated Councilperson Goodfellow had the paperwork for guidance. Councilperson Chute suggested the Committee pick one property to start.

Councilperson Chute stated Jody Bowen, manager of the swimming pool, would like to lower the admission to the pool to \$1 between the hours of 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Councilperson Chute made a motion to charge \$1 for pool admission from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Danison stated the Public Service Committee along with Public Service Director Hicks met with John Toki behind PNC bank about the sewer. It was decided the issue was not related to Village sewer lines. The Committee also went to the New Lexington Cemetery. On the Village right of way, a tree needs trimmed to remove the limbs from power lines.

Councilperson Chute inquired about the progress of changing the water ordinance. A Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2017 at 4:30 at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Fiore asked if they had received an answer on the alley on Broadway Street. Law Director Steve Davis stated he had not received any information. After further research he stated he did have the schematics of the property. Law Director Davis recommended that the Village vacate the alley.

Councilperson Anderson stated he had the plaques for TCCI Laboratories and Cycle Works. Council will invite them to the next Council meeting to present the plaques to the business owners.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked if any interviews had been set up for Village Administrator and Water Meter Reader. Mayor Ratliff stated he and Administrator McCort were going to review them after the Council meeting.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues with Law Director Steve Davis and Mayor Ratliff remaining for the session. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

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

Councilperson Chute stated no decision was made as a result of the executive session.

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

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-7 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-7: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE GENERAL, FIRE & EMS LEVY, WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING 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 No. 17-7 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to remove from the table Resolution No. 17-8. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Fiore who abstained due to be absent from the May 15, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-8 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-8: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE FOR ADDITIONAL PERMISSIVE TAX FUNDS FROM THE PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-8 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-9 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 17-9: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-9 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

  
Mayor Kevin Ratliff

  
Council Clerk Lisa Spohn