



VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

July 5, 2016

6:30PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Chute made a motion to excuse Councilperson Fiore from the July 5, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for June 20, 2016 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted “yes” except Councilperson Boyle who abstained due to being absent from the June 20, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Barry Bowers addressed Council regarding a culvert on State Street. The issue was referred to the Municipal Concerns Committee. A Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was scheduled for July 12, 2016 at 4:45 PM on site. Bowers also stated that current culverts need repaired. Administrator Bryant stated that the Public Service Department would repair them the next time they run hot mix which should be later this month.

Mayor Ratliff reported that he received a call from Bill Padgett asking if the school can fence around the blacktop above the football field to create handicap seating. The Planning Committee will meet at the football field on July 12, 2016 at 5:30 PM to review the request.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the June 2016 bank reconciliation and June 2016 Monthly Financial Reports. Rockwell also presented Council with a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance and a resolution to purchase a 2017 Ford Explorer for the Police Department per the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a resolution setting wages for employees as per the recommendation of the Finance Committee. He also presented Council with an ordinance to amend the Personal Policy Manual per the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee.

Police Chief Ervin stated that the 4th of July celebration was a success and the committee is already making plans for next year.

Councilperson Chute reported on the combined Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 29, 2016. Chute stated that Chris Farmer from Community Ambulance was still interested in renting space from the Village. Chute also stated the resolutions and ordinances presented by Finance Director Rockwell and Administrator Bryant were recommended by the Committee.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Municipal Concerns Committee meeting that was held on June 21, 2016. Chute stated the committee recommended the Village not maintain or invest any

money in the Stevenson property located on First Street. Chute also stated the Village will dump any rock or concrete in the area when available. A motion was made by Councilperson Chute not to maintain the property on First Street. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Planning/Economic Development Committee meeting that was held on June 14, 2016. Boyle stated according to the Village zoning laws the "pop-up summer businesses" inside the Village require Temporary Outdoor Sales permits and vendor's licenses. Boyle also stated they should provide a written permission slip from the property owner to the Village. Boyle informed Council that amendments are typed up and ready for the attorney to review regarding soliciting permits. Boyle reported to Council on her meeting with Jeff Siegler of Heritage Ohio. Boyle stated that Seigler recommended cleaning up the Village to attract businesses. Seigler recommended organizing committees and getting citizens and volunteers to help with this project. Boyle entertained adding Debbie Raney to the committee. An Economic Development meeting was scheduled for July 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Boyle also stated that she checked with the bank regarding the old C-Kay's property. The bank said there were no interested buyers at this time. Boyle said she could submit forms to try to get an Ollie's or Gabriel Brother's store at the location, but she will need a traffic count to complete the form. ODOT provided a traffic count from the Main Street Bridge Repair site of 940 cars per hour. Councilperson Chute stated that Boyle should also try to get students and HAPCAP workers involved in the beautification projects as well.

Finance Director Rockwell stated there were only two people present at the Records Committee meeting that was held on June 30, 2016, herself and Janie DePinto. Councilperson Chute stated that the Mayor is required to appoint a citizen to the Records Committee since the resignation of Carla Dunn. Mayor Ratliff recommended the appointment of Janie DePinto. Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the appointment of Janie DePinto to the Records Committee. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated she received complaints about the curbs on Brown Street crumbling. Administrator Bryant stated that ORC and Village Ordinance state the homeowner is responsible for upkeep of curbs and sidewalks. Goodfellow also stated she received complaints about the railroad crossings. Bryant stated he would contact the railway companies.

Councilperson Chute asked to schedule a work session to discuss property maintenance. A work session was scheduled for July 25, 2016 at 4:45 PM.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked if the Perry County Commissioners had returned a counter bid on the Community Building. Administrator Bryant stated they have not at this time. Bryant stated he would contact the Commissioners to see if they were still interested.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-10 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-10: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 16-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND REALLOCATED FUNDING TO THE GENERAL, FIRE & EMS LEVY AND FIRE LEVY FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON.**

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 16-11 as read and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-11: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 16-11 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. 16-6 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 16-6: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A 2017 FORD EXPLORER TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

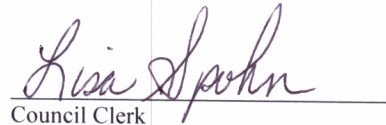
Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 16-7 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 16-7: **A RESOLUTION SETTING WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY CONTRACTS.**

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 at 7:27 PM.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk