

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

July 17, 2017

6:30 PM

MUNCIPAL 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, Jeff Danison, Kathy Chute, Susan Goodfellow and Susan Boyle. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrators John McCort and Bo Powell. Absent were Councilpersons Tim Fiore and Richard Anderson.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Fiore and Anderson from the July 17, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 3, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the July 3, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Jody Bowen gave Council an update on the New Lexington swimming pool. Bowen informed Council that Tyler Beauillie made a chaise lounge for his 4-H project, which he received a rosette ribbon for and qualified to take his project to the Ohio State Fair. Beauillie has donated the chaise to the New Lexington Swimming Pool. Bowen stated things are going very well. Bowen thanked Council for the pool vacuum and stated it really makes a difference. Councilperson Goodfellow stated she was glad the pool was going to open fair week. Councilperson Chute inquired if she was still doing the \$1.00 admission during designated hours. Bowen stated yes.

Corban West addressed Council asking for the Village to put in a skate park. West stated this is his passion and there needs to be something for the youth in the Village to do. Councilperson Chute stated this should go to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Councilperson Boyle scheduled a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting on August 8, 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mayor Ratliff presented Council with a letter from the Perry County Health Department that was mailed to all Villages and Townships. The letter was to remind everyone that anyone building or remodeling should be referred to the Health Department for a plumbing permit.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance for 2017 supplemental appropriations. Rockwell also requested a motion to approve the June 2017 Financial Statements and the June 2017 Bank Reconciliation. Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the June 2017 Financial Statements and the June 2017 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Rockwell presented Council with the June and July credit card statements. Rockwell requested a Finance Committee meeting. A meeting was scheduled for July 24, 2017 at 4:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Administrator McCort informed Council that Columbia Gas will be replacing ten thousand feet of gas line and would like to park their vehicles at the street department. Hicks recommended them paying a fee to use the space. McCort agreed that the Village should charge a fee. Finance Director Rockwell inquired if there would be an official contract. Rockwell stated they should check with the attorney on any liability to the Village and that possibly a waiver could be signed. McCort stated he would call the attorney. McCort informed Council that they discussed repairs that are needed to the alleys and streets in the Village. McCort informed Council that Bob Jablonski from Poggemeyer is going to meet with Administrators McCort and Powell to go over the projects that the Village is working on. Jablonski is also getting an estimate on painting the inside of the water tanks. McCort stated the sanitary sewer on State Street needs to be cleaned out. Hicks is going to get a quote from Heavensers for this service. McCort stated there was an oil spill on State Route 13 and the oil went over the top of the Village water lines. Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Richard Kleinert will run water samples for the EPA. McCort stated the Village was awarded a grant in the amount of \$31,500 from CDBG for paving Kennedy Street. McCort informed Council that the Shelley Company had the lowest bid and would be paving Brown Street. The paving should begin in two to three weeks. Councilperson Bethel inquired if McCort could get a more detail on the start date for the paving on Brown Street so that the Village could inform the community.

Police Chief Ervin stated the July 4 celebration went very well. Ervin stated he thought a skate park was a good idea for the youth, but for the committee to check the existing rules and regulations when discussing a skate park. Ervin stated he was going to contact the State to see if they could post signs along the state route for trucks to use state routes only and not the secondary streets in the Village. Ervin stated he has only had a few complaints since the 911 center has moved. Ervin informed Council that Administrator McCort is working on getting the locks fixed on the front doors to the municipal building so that the doors can be locked at 4:00 pm.

Councilperson Chute gave an update on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on 7-17-17. Chute stated the standing meeting that is held before each Council meeting will be changed to 4:30 pm. Chute stated the committee discussed the status of fixing the Village parking lot and moving the dumpster. The committee discussed pricing for materials needed to chip and seal alleys. Chute informed Council that Administrator McCort stated manholes are blowing out during heavy rains and that Hicks is getting a quote to clean out storm sewers and vacuum the lines. The committee discussed if the Village sewer camera could be used to reduce some costs. Chute stated the committee discussed creating an updated list of streets in need of paving. Chute asked for a quote to chip and seal Elizabeth Street. Chute stated the committee discussed how the Village was going to pay the \$100,000 match for the Pleasant Street Bridge project. Administrator McCort is to find out the start date for this project. Chute reported the committee discussed a need for a medic and financing issues. Chute stated she would prefer to see the results of the 24 hour study before making a decision.

Councilperson Goodfellow informed Council there would be a Nuisance Abatement Committee meeting on July 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Attorney Jan Baughman will attend the meeting to discuss procedures for the committee. Goodfellow also stated that they need to schedule a Municipal Concerns Committee meeting to discuss the water ordinance that

they want effective by January 1, 2018. Council discussed zoning issues on Tile Plant Road. A Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for July 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building to look into rezoning various areas in the Village and having an updated map prepared.

Police Chief Ervin stated he had a full time officer step down to part time. Ervin asked Mayor Ratliff and Council if anything had changed in the hiring process. Mayor Ratliff stated we are using the same procedures we've had in place.

Councilperson Bethel congratulated Parks & Recreation Chairman Susan Boyle and the 4th of July Committee for doing a great job with the 4th of July celebration.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-10 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-10: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE FIRE & EMS LEVY 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 No. 17-10 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to go into executive session to discuss property issues under section 121.22 (G) (2) of Ohio Revised Code with the Mayor, Finance Director, Police Chief and Council Clerk remaining in the session. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. 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 Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

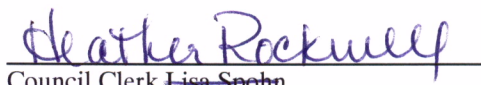
Council gave Mayor Ratliff permission to resubmit the previous offer to the Perry County Commissioners for the Community Building.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8.00 pm.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff

Acting 
Council Clerk ~~Lisa Spohn~~
Heather Rockwell