

## VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

August 17, 2015

### MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Council President Thompson presiding. Council Members present were Polly Pletcher, Kathy Chute, Al Vandewater, Richard Anderson and Tim Fiore. Absent was Councilperson Danison and Mayor Eveland. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Lieutenant Don Phillips representing Fire/EMS.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2015 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Anderson who abstained due to being absent from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Corlyn Altier presented Council with an update on EMS billing.

Finance Director Rockwell stated she needed a motion to approve the July monthly financial reports. Rockwell presented Council with a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. She stated we received more money for the Fire Levy Fund than was expected. Rockwell stated preliminary reports are showing the swimming pool as breaking even this season. She also informed Council that the EMS deficit recovery plan is working. She stated there are still some issues to be resolved with the amount of hours each person is working. Thompson stated that Jeremy Brown who is currently doing EMS scheduling is also going to do the payroll for Fire/EMS. A motion was made by Councilperson Thompson to accept the July 2015 monthly Financial Reports presented at the previous meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant gave an update on the water line replacement project on Union St. and Fowlers Ln. He also stated that the upcoming paving project will be done by the Shelly Company who had the lowest bid. Bryant informed Council he is waiting on notice to proceed from Ohio Public Works to begin the project. Bryant stated he received a request from Kelly Jones to close the alley behind the Eagles on September 12, 2015 to host a benefit for Jennifer Skillman. A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson to close the alley on September 12, 2015. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Fiore asked Administrator Bryant if he could give Bill Rockwell from the Perry County Tribune a list of areas to be paved so that it could be published in the paper.

Police Chief Ervin stated they need to formulate a plan for the number of hours a part-time worker can work. He stated they need to have a department head meeting to discuss this. Chief Ervin stated they should be having a meeting once a month. Rockwell stated employee hours are calculated on a monthly basis and reported to the IRS annually. Penalties can range from \$2000.00 - \$3000.00 per incident beginning January 2016 based on 2015 hours. Councilperson Chute stated we need to look into hiring. A department head meeting was scheduled for September 8, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

Lieutenant Phillips stated the Fire/EMS is busy.

Councilperson Thompson reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on August 17, 2015. He stated the grant from ODNR for the side by side UTV for Fire/EMS is for \$14900.00. The Fire/EMS will be reimbursed for \$7450.00. A special Council meeting was scheduled for August 24, 2015 at 6:00 pm to vote on a Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance in order to issue a check for the Fire/EMS grant. Thompson also informed Council that they discussed HB5 and local income taxes.

Councilperson Fiore reported on the Parks and Recreation meeting that was held on August 17, 2015. He stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee was present to speak about fundraisers and what the Village expects of the Committee.

Councilperson Vandewater stated he would be attending a meeting on September 10, 2015 for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Vandewater also reported on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on August 12, 2015. He stated that it was the recommendation of the committee to take the necessary steps to have the property at 231 E. Brown St. rezoned as commercial. A motion was made by Councilperson Vandewater to begin the process to rezone 231 E. Brown St. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Administrator Bryant stated he would discuss this with the law director and draw up a resolution.


Councilperson Vandewater stated he is against hiring an outside person to be Fire Chief.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-14 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-14: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-4 TO REALLOCATE FUNDING IN THE GENERAL FUND AND PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING TO THE FIRE LEVY FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-14 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.



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Mayor Dale Eveland



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Council Clerk Lisa Spohn