## VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING September 8, 2015 MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Eveland presiding.

Council Members present were Trent Thompson, Polly Pletcher, Kathy Chute, Jeff Danison and Richard Anderson. Absent were Councilpersons Fiore and Vandewater. Also present were Administrator Scott Bryant and Police Chief Scott Ervin.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Fiore and Vandewater. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2015 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting that was held on August 24, 2015. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the meeting. Motion carried.

Dean Dickson spoke to Council about the surface water coming off High St. that ends up on the property located at 221 Hutchinson Ct. Administrator Bryant and Public Service Director Hicks looked at the project. Administrator Bryant recommended that this be turned over to the Municipal Concerns Committee. A Municipal Concerns Committee meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2015 at 4:45 pm.

Ron Nash addressed Council about slum lords within the Village. He stated he is tired of the trash in front of houses. Councilperson Chute stated the proper way to report it is through the Village property maintenance. The complaints go through the Administration office, then they are turned over to the police department. Police Chief Ervin stated at the present time the police department is short staffed and funding is an issue. He stated this was addressed at the department head meeting and they want to try and make this a top priority.

Mayor Eveland reported on the department head meeting that was held on September 8, 2015. He stated they discussed the budget for 2016 and future plans for the village departments.

Council Clerk Spohn presented Council with the August 2015 bank reconciliation and monthly reports on behalf of Finance Director Rockwell. Spohn presented Council with a Resolution to certify amounts and rates for levies for the 2016 budget.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a thank you card from Janet Walters. He also stated that Council needed to set a date for Trick or Treat. Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to have Trick or Treat on October 29, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Bryant stated that Interim Healthcare would like to have a customer appreciation day at McDougal Park on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Community is invited to attend and they will be providing lunch. All Council agreed to this event. Bryant asked to set a date for a Finance Committee meeting to discuss HB5 on behalf of Finance Director Rockwell. A meeting was scheduled for September 21, 2015 at 5:30.

Police Chief Ervin stated they have sixty property maintenance issues that have been addressed. He stated there are approximately thirty more.

Jordan Hollingshead thanked Council on behalf of the Fire/EMS for approving the purchase of the UTV.

Mayor Eveland stated that the swimming pool did well this year.

Councilperson Chute asked if another department head meeting had been scheduled. Chief Ervin stated not at this time. He stated that before they schedule another meeting Finance Director Rockwell is going to get some numbers together for them. Councilperson Chute also inquired if Administrator Bryant had spoken with the attorney about visitors at the workplace being addressed in the Personnel Policy Manual. He stated he was waiting on direction from Council. Councilperson Chute made a motion to check on legalities about visitors at work addressed in the Personnel Policy Manual. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Thompson and Danison who voted "no". Motion failed.

Councilperson Thompson inquired about the status of the Fire Chief position. Mayor Eveland stated they have two candidates to interview.

Mayor Eveland stated he signed off on the dispatching protocol discussed previously by Council on September 9, 2015.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-10 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-10: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-10 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Dale Eveland

Council Clerk Lisa Spohn Heather Rockwell-acting