

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 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, Tim Fiore, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Susan Boyle, Richard Anderson and Jeff Danison. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Administrator Bo Powell.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 5, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Jenny LaRue informed Council that there are three trees (the tree in front of the Municipal Building and two on Broadway Street near CVS) being replaced by the Tree Commission. LaRue stated that the Public Service Department has been a great help with the Broadway Street walkability project. LaRue informed Council she has the screenings and barrier to begin the work on the sidewalks on Broadway. LaRue asked Council if the Public Service Department could use Village equipment to remove the sod and put down the screening and barriers. LaRue stated she will reimburse the Village for the overtime pay out of the grant. LaRue stated any money left from the grant could possibly be put in a fund for other sidewalk projects. LaRue informed Council that she is working with Administrator Powell to get ODOT to put crosswalks on Broadway Street where there is a sign stating that it is a crosswalk but no lines. Councilperson Goodfellow asked LaRue if they could possibly work on sidewalks to the school. LaRue stated they are discussing this issue. Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion for the Public Service Department employees to use Village equipment to work on the Broadway Street sidewalk project with wages being paid by grant money from Jenny LaRue. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the August financial statements. Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance for 2017 Supplemental Appropriations. Rockwell informed Council that a permit is needed to move the fire siren at a cost of \$297.00. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the August 2017 Financial Statements and the August 2017 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Powell informed Council he received a request from the Parks and Recreation Committee to use the Community Building for a yard sale fundraiser. Powell stated paving on West Brown Street will begin on Thursday, September 21, 2017. Powell presented Council with a Resolution for the sanitary sewer improvement project. Powell asked Council if they would set a date for Trick or Treat. Councilperson Chute made a motion to have Trick or Treat on October 31, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Powell informed Council that Chuck Owens was awarded the bid to tear down the houses on 326 and 328 N. Main Street through the Land Bank. This process should begin within four to five weeks. Police Chief Ervin asked if they would clean up the site once the houses were removed. Councilperson Bethel stated yes but they might not clean up if there is already rubbish there. Ervin stated the Village needs to be prepared to clean up the site if necessary. Administrator Powell stated that past due water bills have

been assessed to the property taxes and that the Perry County Auditor has excused the back property taxes. The past due water bills on the property had not been considered. Councilperson Bethel asked if the Village could find a way to get the back water bills paid. Bethel stated an Ordinance may need to be passed to get payment for the past due water bills. Powell informed Council that a 6% bed tax is allowed and that the County receives 3% which leaves 3% that the Village could collect. Powell stated he is meeting with the Perry County Commissioners to discuss the tax. Councilperson Bethel asked if we could remove the water taps from the properties that the Land Bank are tearing down. Finance Director Rockwell stated we may have to add that to our existing Ordinance. Councilperson Bethel made a motion for the Parks and Recreation Committee to use the Community Building on September 29, 2017 and September 30, 2017 for a yard sale fundraiser. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Police Chief Ervin stated he has received complaints of speeding on W. Water Street, State Street and Brown Street. Ervin stated the Police department is monitoring these areas. Ervin informed Council that an officer was involved in an accident on private property. Someone backed into the cruiser. Ervin informed Council they had a busy weekend despite calls being down.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on September 18, 2017. Chute stated the committee discussed the Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance that Finance Director Rockwell prepared and also the responsibility of bridge replacements. Chute stated they discussed the AFG Grant Program which is ending next year. The Fire/EMS will have two more opportunities to apply. The Fire/EMS Department would like to apply for a truck replacement and cardiac monitors. If the Committee approves application for the grant a Resolution will need to be voted on. Chute stated Police Chief Ervin is working on filling the open positions within his department. The Committee discussed pay restructure and the 24 Hour EMS Study. A work session will be scheduled to discuss this in detail. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for September 26, 2017 at 4:30 pm at the Municipal Building to discuss the procurement policy.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee/Public Safety Committee meeting held on September 7, 2017. The Committee discussed an additional full time police officer requested by Police Chief Ervin, pay restructure for all departments and pay raises for EMS. A work session was scheduled for September 20, 2017 at 4:30 pm at the Municipal Building to discuss EMS pay raises. Finance Director Rockwell will present Council with the 24 Hour EMS Study at the work session.

Council asked Administrator Powell if he could advertise the paving of W. Brown Street. Powell stated he would try to get it to the Tribune before the deadline.

Councilperson Chute asked Councilperson Goodfellow if any properties were submitted to the Nuisance Abatement Committee. Council discussed the procedures for the Nuisance Abatement Committee.

Councilperson Boyle stated she has been working on the Fall Festival. Boyle inquired if Finance Director Rockwell had received any information about liability to have a hay ride. Rockwell stated she is still waiting for a response from the insurance agent.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-17 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 17-17: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE GENERAL, FIRE & EMS LEVY AND WATER 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. 17-17 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. 17-16 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-16: **A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ON THE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chute made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-16 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-13 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-13: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 09-04, SECTION 3(D) AND 3(F).** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-13 as read. 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. 17-15 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-15: **TO LEVY A MUNICIPAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 4504.172, OHIO REVISED CODE.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-15 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn