

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

October 19, 2015

6:30 PM

MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Eveland presiding. Council Members present were Polly Pletcher, Kathy Chute, Al Vandewater, Richard Anderson, Jeff Danison and Trent Thompson. Councilperson Fiore arrived late. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin and Don Phillips from the Fire Department.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2015 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

John Walsh from Portsmouth Ambulance informed Council that the station located on Broadway St. is now open. He stated they have a full staff for New Lexington and have hired twenty-three new employees within the county and may potentially hire 14 more employees. He also stated that all licenses required to operate within New Lexington are current. Walsh informed Council that they would be glad to assist the Village with any EMS runs.

Linda Coffman spoke to Council about her concerns with the EMS.

Finance Director Rockwell informed Council she needed a motion to approve the September 2015 financial statements. She stated the 2016 temporary appropriations will be presented at the November 2, 2015 meeting. Rockwell informed Council that they need to schedule a meeting for the 2014 Audit Exit Conference. A meeting was scheduled for November 2, 2015 at 5:30 PM. She also presented Council with a 2015 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and a 2015 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to accept the September 2015 Financial Reports. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant stated a public hearing is scheduled for November 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM to be held at Village Hall for the rezoning issue at 231 E Brown St. Bryant informed Council that a leaf drop off will be at the city park. The dates for the drop off are from October 19, 2015 to November 30, 2015. The designated location is posted with a sign next to the Street Department Garage. All leaves must be bagged and tied. Bryant presented Council with a Resolution for permissive tax pertaining to the paving project. He also requested an executive session before the second reading of Resolution No. 15-13.

Police Chief Ervin stated that the Municipal Concerns Committee met on October 6, 2015 to discuss the issue on Ridge Ave. He stated that they spoke to the resident about the noise. The resident stated they would contact their attorney. Administrator Bryant stated they should issue a citation for disturbing the peace.

Don Phillips reported that engine 11 has been repaired. He stated that they still need to have the headlights checked out.

Councilperson Thompson reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on October 19, 2015. He stated they are discussing the tax code. Another meeting was scheduled for October 26, 2015 at 4:00 PM.

Scott Ervin gave a presentation on the status of property maintenance complaints at the Municipal Concerns meeting that was held on October 15, 2015. He stated there needs to be stronger language in place for violators.

Councilperson Vandewater gave an update on the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission meeting that he attended on October 8, 2015. Vandewater also gave an update on the Perry County Community Improvement Corporation meeting that he attended.

A Public Service Committee meeting was held on October 12, 2015. Two bridges of concern were discussed. The bridge on W. Brown St. and the bridge on Pleasant St. Administrator Bryant stated they would meet with the County Engineer to find out what the cost would be to repair the bridges and bring the information back to Council.

Councilperson Vandewater stated he would like to have a committee made up of a veteran fireman, an active fireman and a citizen to act as a buffer between the department and administration. Police Chief Ervin stated there used to be a Public Safety Committee in place. He stated he would like to see this Committee in place again. Mayor Eveland stated that he is not against a committee, but things are going well between the Fire/EMS Department and the Administration. Fire Captain Phillips agreed with the Mayor.

Mayor Eveland called for an executive session to discuss a personnel contract.

Councilperson Chute made a motion for an executive session to discuss a personnel contract. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland stated there was no determination at this time.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to file the Certificate of Estimated Resources with the County. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-18 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-18: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO**

THE PERMISSIVE SALES TAX, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, WATER OPERATION AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE. Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-18 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-14 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-14: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE FOR PERMISSIVE TAX FUNDS FROM THE PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-14 as read. Second by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-13 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted “yes” except for Councilpersons Anderson, Danison and Thompson who voted “no”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-13: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND SCOTT A BRYANT.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-13 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted “yes” except for Councilpersons Anderson, Danison and Thompson who voted “no”. Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Dale Eveland

Council Clerk Lisa Spohn