

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 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, Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead and Administrator Bo Powell.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 6, 2017 meeting as read. Councilperson Fiore stated the minutes do not reflect him being present at the November 6, 2017 meeting. A correction to the minutes was made. Seconded by Councilperson Danison with correction. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Boyle and Chute who abstained due to being absent from the November 6, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the October 2017 financial statements. Rockwell presented Council with a corrected copy of Ordinance 17-21 with emergency language removed. Rockwell presented a Resolution for the employee health insurance renewal and an Ordinance for 2017 Supplemental Appropriations. Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the October 2017 Financial Statements and the October 2017 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Jaimie Elekes and Tommy Lucas from the Perry County Soccer League spoke to Council about obtaining land for soccer fields. Lucas stated the league has around 500 children who participate. Lucas stated the League was going to apply for a grant to help with the cost and would like to partner with the Village to help build permanent soccer fields. Elekes informed Council they would need approximately 8 to 12 acres of land to build the fields. Elekes stated if they had enough fields they would be able to hold tournaments which would bring business to the community. Council informed Elekes and Lucas that Administrator Powell would be their contact person to help with finding property for the soccer fields.

Administrator Powell informed Council he received a bid for the water plant generator of \$47,000. The bid was received from Buckeye Power Sales. It will take 6 to 7 weeks to receive the new generator. Powell stated currently the Village is paying \$4,000 a month to rent a generator. Powell informed Council he received an offer from the Perry County Commissioners for the Community Building of \$125,000. Powell stated the Interceptor D Sewer project did not include laterals in the bid. The contingency is \$30,000. Powell informed Council that Patterson Pools had the lowest bid for repairs to the pool. The total cost would be \$72,000. Powell informed Council that he met with a representative from Public Entities Pool. Powell was informed the Village needs to take down any signs stating no firearms at the parks and reservoir, a handicap parking sign needs to be placed in front of the Municipal Building handicap parking space and the Village should consider putting a crisis management plan in place. Powell stated bids for the upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be opened on November 30, 2017 at 12:00 pm.

Police Chief Ervin stated the representative from Public Entities Pool met with him and reviewed claims stating they were good. Ervin informed Council the Christmas Walk and Parade will be held on December 1, 2017 with the lineup for the parade at Roberts-Winegardner Funeral Home at 5:30 pm. The parade will begin at 6:30 pm. Ervin stated he received a request to shut down Brown Street for the festivities on December 1, 2017. Ervin stated he will coordinate with Chuck Hicks to notify businesses and will start setting up for the walk at 2:00 pm. Ervin reported the department partnered with the State to finish training. Ervin stated the Veteran's Day services went well. Ervin reported the department participated in a round table exercise with the Health Department. Ervin stated there was a shooting last week which lead to an arrest. Councilperson Danison made a

motion to shut down Brown Street on December 1, 2017 for the Christmas Walk. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fire Chief Hollingshead stated the Chamber of Commerce asked if Santa Claus could be at the Fire House on December 1, 2017 after the parade. Hollingshead stated there will be a pancake breakfast on December 9, 2017 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm to benefit Deputy Conrad who is having health issues. Hollingshead reported they have received six bids for a new squad, ranging from \$174,000 to \$209,000. Hollingshead stated they were going to go with a bid from Burgess for \$183,000 and he is working with Finance Director Rockwell on the procedure. Hollingshead gave an update on EMS calls and transports. Hollingshead informed Council that the Township Contracts expire on December 31, 2017 and that he is setting up meetings with the Townships to renew the contracts. Councilperson Chute inquired about moving the fire siren. Hollingshead stated they have ran into a few problems but the siren should be moved soon. Councilperson Bethel inquired if the EMS department had hired any new employees. Hollingshead reported they currently have three interviews scheduled.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on November 20, 2017. Chute stated Frank Harmon of Ohio Insurance Services presented the Committee information regarding the 2018 Health Insurance renewal. The Finance Committee recommends the Blue Access Option 20 plan and to keep the funding plan. Chute stated the committee discussed the Medic replacement resolutions needed to comply with State Law and loan funding. The Committee discussed the process for levies and reviewed upcoming projects.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked if the steps for the Nuisance Abatement Committee are being followed. Police Chief Ervin stated he has been placing door hangers notifying the occupants when there is an issue. Ervin stated this has been going very well. Ervin also stated that complaints have decreased since the land bank demolished properties. Ervin reported that future problems will be forwarded to the Committee. If they cannot be resolved, they will then be given to the Administrator to forward to the attorney to send a letter.

Councilperson Boyle informed Council that Steve Snyder donated over 5,000 Christmas lights to decorate MacGahan Park.

Councilperson Bethel inquired if the pool manager position had been advertised. Administrator Powell stated yes, and that only one application was received. Powell stated he hired Jody Bowen for the pool manager for 2018. Powell informed Council he hired Lane Hollingshead for the meter reader position.

Councilperson Bethel asked if Council wanted to discuss the sale of the Community Building. Councilperson Chute stated she thought they should accept the offer with Councilperson Danison in agreement. Chute stated the money would go to the General Fund. Administrator Powell stated he would like to use the money for the Brown Street Bridge. Chute asked if the bridge belonged to the County. Powell stated it belongs to the County and Village. Councilperson Chute made a motion to accept the offer from the Perry County Commissioners for the Community Building with the money going to the General Fund. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-24 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 17-24: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE GENERAL, PARKS & RECREATION LEVY, FIRE & EMS LEVY, WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE. Councilperson Anderson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-24 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-20 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-20: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD THROUGH OHIO INSURANCE SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-20 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-21 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-21: **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-21 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Council discussed and decided to table Ordinance No. 17-22 until more information is available.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-23 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-23: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON ZONING.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-23 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-19 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-19: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-19 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Mayor Kevin Ratliff



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn