

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 2023
5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Susan Goodfellow, James Welsh, Jeff Danison, Janie DePinto, Susan Boyle, and Debra Hooper. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Ross, Finance Director Lewis, and Fire Chief Fain.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 3, 2023 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Boyle and Hooper who abstained due to being absent from the April 3, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Matt Petrie from Win Waste Innovations introduced himself to Council. Petrie stated he is the market manager for Win Waste Innovations (previously Tunnel Hill Reclamation). Petrie reported Win Waste Innovations acquired Waste Away which was the company that serviced the Village for waste removal. Petrie stated they continue to grow the business and want to be a good community partner to the Village. Petrie stated if there are any issues to please contact him. Petrie presented Council the check for franchise fees. Petrie stated he would like to put a sign on the fence the company donated for Balls Court. Petrie stated the company is all about safety and compliance. Administrator Emmert stated Petrie has been great to work with. Mayor Thompson stated he would like to see some revisions in the winter months when the weather is bad about picking up the trash. Council thanked Petrie for the company's donation of a trailer to haul the UTV for the fire department.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the Community Club Easter egg hunt. Thompson stated Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Ross and himself hosted State of Ohio Representative Johnson and his wife. Thompson reported he received a complaint about a gate behind Cheap Tobacco and someone parking on the wrong side of the street. Thompson stated he attended the girls' softball opening season.

Finance Director Lewis stated all the invoices for the softball field have been paid. Lewis stated the project came in \$2,045 under what was budgeted. Lewis stated she received a letter from the IRS stating the 2021 1099's needs to be reissued due to being issued incorrectly. Lewis stated she e-mailed the monthly financial statements to Council on Friday. Lewis presented Council with an Ordinance for appropriations.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the March 2023 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Emmert reported the roof on the old shelter house and the roof on the restroom will be replaced next week. This was due to wind damage. Emmert stated he has a meeting tomorrow at 9:00 am with Kleinfelder who purchased Poggemeyer Design Group. Emmert thanked Councilperson Bethel for securing funds to help pay for the handicap port-a-let at the park. Emmert stated Dave Couch from Perry County DD helped with the funds to get the handicap port-a-let. Emmert stated the Public Service Department will be hanging the banners this week. Emmert reported there will be a dam inspection on April 27, 2023. Spectrum will be installing the new phone system in the Municipal Building this week.

Police Chief Ross reported 1,242 calls for service this month and 7,233 calls for service this year. Councilperson DePinto asked if he had ordered his radios yet. Ross stated he will meet with Finance Director Lewis tomorrow. Mayor Thompson stated how happy he was with Officer Brettrager with how he deals with the public. Ross stated the school is going to sign for Brettrager to attend DARE training for the schools.

Fire Chief Fain reported he was in Nevada during the week of March 20th participating in counter terrorism training. Fain stated on April 3, 2023 they attended the hazmat training. Fain asked about the status of a hot spot. Fain asked Lewis if she had checked into the pay for volunteers. Lewis stated she will check tomorrow. Mayor Thompson asked how the Emergency Vehicle Operations Training went at the school. Fain stated "good".

Councilperson DePinto stated she checked on the current parks levy and it was put on as a ^{renewal} replacement not a ^{renewal} replacement. DePinto stated it would not benefit the Village to put a ^{renewal} renewal on the levy now. DePinto stated she spoke with Pike Township about them putting on a levy. She stated they did not say yes, or no. Councilperson Bethel asked if you could revoke a levy once it has passed. DePinto stated she would like to speak to them again. Administrator Emmert stated he has met with other pool suppliers to save money on supplies. Emmert stated everyone in the room needs to start getting more involved with the projects that the Health Department is doing for the Village. Councilperson Bethel stated DePinto might find about revoking a levy before going back to speak with Pike Township. Council agreed she should go speak to Pike Twp. in a few weeks. DePinto stated the girls' softball improvements look great.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated the baseball fields, and the football field are looking really good.

Councilperson Welsh stated we need to be diligent regarding the HAPCAP Grant. Administrator Emmert stated they have rescheduled the meeting twice.

Councilperson Bethel scheduled a Planning Committee meeting on April 26, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Bethel stated they are trying to get the pads poured for the disc golf course at the park. Administrator Emmert stated the gentleman who is going to host a disc golf tournament at the park is holding a clean-up day at the park.

Mayor Thompson stated he has received complaints about the smell of trucks going through town.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 23-5 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-5: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-5 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson 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 6:30 PM.


Mayor


Council Clerk