

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2023

5:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2023 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Boyle and Goodfellow who abstained due to being absent from the September 18, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the car show hosted by the New Lexington Classic Riders, JAKES Day hosted by the Perry County Longbeards, Fall Fun Celebration hosted by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Homecoming Parade, and the annual Kat Dodson Foundation fundraiser.

Finance Director Lewis informed Council she received the results from the audit. Lewis stated a fund classification was labeled wrong. This has been corrected. Lewis stated the auditors attached suggestions for supporting documentation in different areas. Lewis presented Council with an Ordinance for amending annual appropriations.

Administrator Emmert stated the Village had low water pressure today due to a stuck valve. The issue was resolved. Emmert reported three valves need to be replaced and they need to rebuild a pump. The estimated cost is around \$16,000. Emmert reported after researching who owns Monument Square, he still does not know who owns it. Dick Fankhauser would like to meet with the Village to discuss Monument Square. Emmert stated the downspouts have been ordered for the fire department side of the building. Emmert informed Council he received a quote for \$23,500 to pave the Village Municipal building parking lot. Emmert stated Dodson's is going to come look at the carpet that needs replaced in the Village Municipal building. Emmert informed Council he and Finance Director Lewis are going to speak to the bank about investing money for the Village. Council discussed candy for Trunk or Treat. Councilperson DePinto stated they will start the chip and seal Thursday morning at 7:00 am.

Police Chief Gill stated he received a quote of \$1,500 for new patches for the police department. Gill reported he received a quote of \$600 per cruiser to decal, five cruisers would cost \$3,000. Gill stated he is still looking for other quotes. Gill reported the evidence room is about ¾ done. They have ordered the appropriate supplies for packaging evidence and bins for storing evidence. They have completed the disposal of the scrap metal from the office. Gill reported the staff is going through Narcan training. Gill stated they will be working on an addiction language training for both professional and private, possibly in November. Gill reported the officers will be

assisting the Ohio State Highway Patrol to train on procedures for OVI. In November the department will assist with active shooter training for Allwell Health. Gill stated LESO removed the items that they were unable to locate and waived the penalty. On October 23, 26 and 27 some officers will participate in Crisis Intervention Training. Gill stated they need to develop plans for future parades and utilize village assistance with traffic control. Gill presented Council a breakdown of calls for service in September. Gill stated Cory Abram was hired and will be the other School Resource Officer. Gill reported he had a traffic study performed at the road in front of the New Lexington CSD. Gill stated between the hours 7:00 am – 4:00 pm 9800 cars use this road with 5100 of these cars speeding.

Councilperson Danison stated he received great feedback from residents about officer Brettrager performing with the New Lexington cheerleaders at Friday night's football game.

Fire Chief Fain stated he attended the Planning meeting in Glenford. Fain stated the department raised \$2,300 from their cancer t-shirt sales to donate to the Kat Foundation Fundraiser. Fain presented Council with a chart of the run numbers for the first three quarters of the year. Fain reported Assistant Chief Morrow may have found an option for a medic. They will discuss this with Finance Director Lewis tomorrow.

Councilperson DePinto reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on September 20, 2023. DePinto stated they discussed employee raises. DePinto stated the new Christmas wreaths arrived and they worked on removing the lights from the old wreaths last Saturday. DePinto stated the VFW Women are going to help decorate the new wreaths. DePinto stated Councilperson Hooper is going to be in charge of decorating Memorial Square.

Councilperson Welsh requested an executive session.

Councilperson Hooper asked about the Ordinance the Village has concerning cats and dogs. Administrator Emmert stated it is hard to enforce. Council discussed the issue.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 23-15 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-15: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-15 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 23-29 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-29: **PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION CONSENT.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-29 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) regarding compensation with Council and Mayor present. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 6:37 pm for executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 6:51 pm.

Councilperson Welsh stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk

Acting Clerk