

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 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 and Debra Hooper. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis, Police Chief Gill, and Fire Chief Fain. Absent were Councilpersons Susan Goodfellow and Susan Boyle.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Goodfellow and Boyle from the December 4, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 6, 2023 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Heidi Milner presented Council with a slide show of the updates to the Lempco remediation project. Milner presented Council with a Resolution for the Mayor to execute a contract with Ohio Technical Services Inc. to perform asbestos abatement for the former Lempco property. Milner informed Council after evaluating the current budget for the Lempco remediation as well as the scope and cost adjustments necessary to potentially allow single family residential development on the northwestern half of the property they need to reallocate \$51,500 for residential use in the budget.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to reallocate \$51,500 in the Lempco remediation budget for residential use. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson thanked the Public Service Department, Police Department, and the Fire/EMS Department for all their work on the Christmas Parade. Thompson stated he has been attending school funding meetings.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council an Ordinance for updating the Personnel Policy Manual to update personal time. Only two consecutive days can be taken in personal time, personal days can be carried over and personal days cannot be bought back and or exchanged. The incident report form in the PPM has been updated. Lewis reported Officer Valentine has resigned from the Police Department. Lewis presented Council with a copy of a letter from AT&T about the dispute over a bill for \$134,249.10 with the Village. Lewis gave Council the allocations for the portion of this bill that each department would have to pay. Lewis stated Attorney Barclay is working on this. Administrator Emmert stated he will reach out to Barclay and try to get the bill resolved. Lewis presented Council with a Resolution to sign the contract with the bank for the new medic and an Ordinance for amending annual appropriations. Lewis stated the budget is almost complete for the 2024 calendar year. Lewis asked Councils permission to purchase overalls for the Public Service Department, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water Treatment Plant. Council agreed to her request.

Administrator Emmert presented Council with an update of the revenue for income tax. Councilperson Hooper asked if the Village has received any money from the bed tax. Finance Director Lewis stated "no". The County receives the money first and then distributes it to the Village. Emmert reported the TAP grant is in phase I and the Carroll Street Corridor project is in phase II. Emmert presented Council with Resolution 23-24. Emmert updated Council on the Appalachian Community Grant. Emmert stated they are working on a grant for reflective vests for the Public Service Department and Kleinfelder is working on a grant for the bar screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Emmert informed Council the downspout on the fire department side of the building will be replaced Thursday and the paving has been completed. Emmert stated the sidewalk and curb by Pizza Hut will be repaired this week. Emmert stated the employee appreciation luncheon will be December 21, 2023 from 11am – 12 noon. Emmert invited all Council to attend. Emmert stated Police Chief Gill and himself

will be attending a meeting with the Perry County Commissioner's to discuss dispatching. Councilperson Hooper asked if there were any updates on the carpet for the Municipal Building. Emmert stated not at this time.

Police Chief Gill stated he spoke with the Perry County Auditor and the police levy is projected to have a revenue of \$400,000 which is collected in 2024 and received in 2025. Gill reported 493 calls for service from November 4, 2023 – December 4, 2023. Gill presented Council with a breakdown of the calls. Gill stated the officers are completing their CPT training. Gill stated he spoke to Perry County Engineer Cannon about where to put a sign in recognition of Herb Minshull. They discussed putting the sign by the library. Gill requested an executive session for employment. Gill reported Commander Biggers has the records retention schedule for the police department complete. Mayor Thompson stated they will be scheduling two Charter Revision Committee meetings and two Record Committee meetings in the near future. Gill reported surplus that could be used by the public service department was given to them. Gill stated the decals for the cruisers are in and they have started to apply them to the cruisers. The new patches are currently being put on uniforms. Gill requested Council's approval of office property destruction and disposal orders.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for the destruction and/or disposal of Police Department surplus. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fire Chief Fain stated the parade went well. Fain reported the department will be helping 30 kids with their toy drive. Fain informed Council, weather permitting the Santa Cade will be held on December 17, 2023. Fain stated the brush truck is being repaired. Fain reported they had a fireman resign due to moving out of the area. They have had several applicants. Fain reported a paramedic that previously worked for the department before moving is coming back to work for the Village for 4 – 6 months. Fain stated he is an excellent paramedic, and they are happy to have him back. The department is doing a live burn of a house on Marietta Road for training on December 9, 2023. All departments in the county have been invited to attend and Fain invited Council to attend also.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 23-19 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Ordinance No. 23-19: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-19 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 23-20 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-20: **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. 23-20 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 23-34 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 23-34: **FINAL RESOLUTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-34 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 23-35 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 23-35: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND OHIO TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC TO**

PERFORM ASBESTOS ABATEMENT FOR THE FORMER LEMPCO PROERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-35 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 23-36 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution 23-36: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH PEOPLES STATE BANK TO PURCHASE A WHEELED COACH CITIMEDIC AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-36 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 23-33 as a seconded reading. Second by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-33: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING WAGES FOR FULL TIME EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-33 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 employment with Council, Mayor, Finance Director, Administrator, Police Chief and Council Clerk present. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 7:05 pm for executive session.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:38 pm.

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

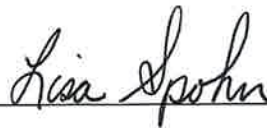
Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk