

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
May 6, 2024
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 Janie DePinto, Jim Welsh, Dan Bethel, Bob Spencer, Dave Pletcher and Debra Hooper. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Gill, Finance Director Lewis, and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilperson Ty Danison.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the May 6, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 15, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson DePinto asked if Councilperson Danison should still be paid the stipend due to the circumstances of his absenteeism from the meeting. Finance Director Lewis stated according to the Resolution passed by Council to receive the stipend they could not do that. Council discussed the Resolution. Lewis will bring an amended Resolution for the stipend to the next council meeting.

Police Chief Gill read a proclamation to present Officer Moore with the lifesaving award ribbon for his courageous act of saving a resident's life from a fire.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the charity basketball game. Thompson stated he was present for the fire on Main St. last night. Thompson reported he received the donation from Mount Aloysius for the 4th of July fireworks.

Fire Chief Fain reported the new medic will be delivered this week. Administrator Emmert stated he would like Fain to team up with him on purchasing an AED for the Village and presented Council with a flyer of the AED he would like to purchase. Fain stated he would, and the AED Emmert presented was a good one. Emmert stated the cost of the AED is \$349.00 a year. Emmert stated the Village would be the first heart-safe business in Perry County. Emmert stated he would also like to get one for the swimming pool. Emmert stated employees will be trained on how to use the device. Emmert commended Fire Chief Fain and his crew for doing a great job in containing the fire on Main St. last night.

Finance Director Lewis stated she released the April 2024 financial statements and requested a motion to approve the April 2024 financial statements.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the April 2024 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Lewis presented Council Resolution 24-12 for a loan for the new medic which will be delivered Wednesday, Resolution 24-13 setting wages for employees, Resolution 24-14 to establish a drone fund and a Resolution for pay rates for fire department wages. Lewis stated she and Attorney Barclay researched the pay for the fire department and they cannot go above \$15.00 per run. Councilperson Spencer stated he has done some research, and in some circumstances, you can go over \$15. Mayor Thompson asked if Council would like to table Resolution 24-15 and have Attorney Barclay attend the next council meeting for questions. Councilperson Hooper asked if maybe they could offer other incentives. Lewis stated if they table Resolution 24-15, she will have to go make changes to Ordinance 24-5 for amending appropriations that she was presenting Council tonight. Councilperson Bethel suggested having a municipal concerns meeting with the fire chief and some firemen present to discuss other incentives. Administrator Emmert stated they may want to have a meeting with

the Fire Task Force. Council decided not to table Resolution 24-15. Councilperson DePinto stated the Finance Committee decided to pay off both cruisers and purchase outright the new cruiser. This will save on interest. Lewis stated the 2024 lifeguards will receive minimum wage. Lewis asked if they wanted to give the head lifeguard \$.50 more an hour and if they wanted to raise the pool manager's wages. Council decided to give the head lifeguard \$.50 more an hour and give the pool manager \$100 more a month for the 2024 pool season. Lewis reported she received the check for the 1st half of the Pleasant Township Fire and EMS contract. The total for Fire was \$8,384 and \$2,399 for EMS.

Administrator Emmert stated an Active Transportation meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at the PBHC Activity Center from 2 pm – 4 pm. Emmert reported Administrative Assistant Saffell will be attending the meeting and anyone else who would like to attend should contact Jenny LaRue. Emmert reported the Apptegy kickoff meeting was May 1, 2024. This is for the Village App for iPhones and androids. This app should be ready by fall 2024. Emmert stated the Water Treatment Plant filter rehabilitation project should be finished by the end of June 2024. Emmert stated he received a quote for paving First Lane and Second Avenue for \$43,000 from McKee paving. McKee will begin paving these streets on May 8, 2024. Emmert informed Council the Village was awarded \$2,010,000 federal funding to start the Broadway Streetscape in 2027. Emmert reported Dave Ratliff the 2024 pool manager picked up the keys to the pool to start preparing for the 2024 season. Emmert stated Coleman McCoy's workforce development class has started repairing windows, painting, and lighting at the pool. Emmert stated Heidi Milner will attend the next Council meeting regarding the soil placement covering impacted soil at LEMPCO and to report to Council the next steps and obtain approval of the contractor.

Police Chief Gill stated the department had 920 calls for service in April 2024. Gill presented Council a breakdown of the calls. Gill stated Miller graduated from the police academy on May 4, 2024. She will take her test in the next couple of weeks and will start working for the Village after the testing is completed. Gill stated Todd Galleher started full time as Operations Manager I. Gill reported they received a \$1,500 donation from PAWS and a \$500 donation from the ELKS for the K-9 fund. Gill stated the department received \$7,000 from the Operations Round Up Grant from South Central Power Company for the purchase of the drone. Gill presented Council a handout with updates from the Code Enforcement Officer. Gill stated the Code Enforcement Officer will attend the next Council meeting.

Councilperson DePinto reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on May 1, 2024.

Councilperson Hooper reported on the Municipal Concerns Committee meeting held on April 25, 2024. The committee discussed the intersection at West Brown St. and State St. Police Chief Gill stated there needs to be more speed limit signage on that street. Hooper stated she has had some resident complaints on parking issues and other concerns. Administrator Emmert stated he and Police Chief Gill will look into the parking on residential streets.

Councilperson Bethel stated he spoke with Judy Cannon about the progress of the 4th of July Committee. Cannon stated everything is going well. Bethel stated he spoke to Jenny LaRue about getting paint donated for the tennis courts.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 24-5 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 24-5: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson DePinto made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-5 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-12 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes" Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24-12: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH PEOPLES STATE BANK TO PURCHASE A 2022 ROAD RESCUE 170" MODULE MOUNTED ON FORD F550 4X4 DIESEL CHASSIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-13 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Resolution No. 24-13: **A RESOLUTION SETTING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY CONTRACTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson DePinto made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-13 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. 24-14 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Resolution No. 24-14: **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A "UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS" SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-14 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-15 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Resolution No. 24-15: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 23-5 PAY RATES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson DePinto made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-15 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk