

## VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

January 7, 2019

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Council President Dan Bethel presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Jeff Danison, Trent Thompson, James Welsh and Susan Boyle. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Interim Fire Chief John Benson.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the December 17, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion for Councilperson Thompson to serve as Council President for the 2019 calendar year. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained. Councilperson Chute informed Danison he has to vote "yes" or "no". Councilperson Danison voted "no". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson accepted.

Councilperson Bethel explained to the public that Council President Thompson would now be Acting Mayor and preside over the meetings. Councilperson Chute informed Thompson he will need to contact the attorney to change the name on court documents.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the November 2018 Financial Statements and November 2018 Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell requested an executive session to discuss legal issues.

Administrator Powell informed Council Medic 14 was sold for \$500. Powell stated the house on Saint Clair Street was demolished and straw was placed on the property. Powell stated he is waiting on the representative from the Health Department to contact him for approval of the condition of the property. Finance Director Rockwell stated they are waiting for a release letter from the insurance company to release the fire damage escrow. Powell stated there is a water leak behind the municipal building which he thinks can be repaired with cementing some cracks in the block. Powell informed Council Ivan Anchev, Counsel General of Bulgaria in Chicago, Illinois may visit the Village on January 10, 2019 to show his gratitude for the Village honoring Januarius MacGahan by renaming Town Hall Ave. Anchev asked Powell if he would order an additional three street signs for Bulgaria. Anchev stated they would pay for the signs. Powell stated he was contacted by Alex Misner, a Boy Scout who would like to place a POW Flag and park bench at the Broadway Street Park to earn his Eagle Scout status. Powell stated he had Attorney Baughman's contract with him to be signed. Councilperson Chute stated this would have to go to the Finance Committee and be presented to Council as a Resolution.

Police Chief Ervin presented Council with packets containing 2018 police call statistics. Ervin also presented Council with minutes from a Perry County Commissioners meeting which has conflicting information with regard to recommendations from the TAC Committee. Ervin also provided minutes

from a Perry County Commissioners meeting indicating that the purchase of software for 9-1-1 was approved in the amount \$265,627.

Interim Fire Chief Benson stated Medic 3 is back in service. Benson stated he received an offer from Fire Chief Ron Cook from Murray City wanting to purchase the rescue tools that are out of service from the Village Fire Department for \$500. Benson stated he would be attending the Pleasant Township meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 to have the Township Fire/EMS contract signed. Benson stated he has not been able to contact anyone from Pike Township regarding the contracts. Benson reported he would be attending the Clayton Township meeting on January 8, 2019 to have the Township Fire/EMS contract signed. Councilperson Thompson stated he would contact Pike Township.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the November 2018 Financial Statements and the November 2018 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh inquired if they needed to make a motion to approve Alex Misner placing a POW flag on Broadway Street Park. Councilperson Bethel stated yes. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to allow Alex Misner to complete his scout project at Broadway Street Park. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked about what was being done at the old Cheney Tire building. Councilperson Bethel stated nothing at this time.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(3) with Council present. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Council decided to wait until Resolutions and Ordinances were read before entering into executive session.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-22 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council vote "yes". Motion carried.  
**Resolution No. 18-22: A RESOLUTION ALTERING THE NAME OF TOWN HALL AVE. (LOCATED OFF SOUTH MAIN STREET) TO JANUARIUS MACGAHAN AVE.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-22 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel directed Administrator Powell to contact Carma Jean Rausch to inform her the Resolution passed to change the name of Town Hall Ave. to Januarius MacGahan Ave.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 6:58 pm.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:10 PM.

Councilperson Chute stated no decision was made as a result of the executive session.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(3) with Council and Finance Director Rockwell present. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 7:10 pm.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

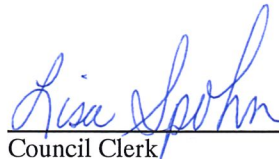
Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to retain special legal counsel for a special investigation as a result of the executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Council President 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 7:34 pm.

Acting Mayor  
Mayor



Council Clerk