

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 2018
6:30 PM
MUNCIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Acting Mayor 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, Susan Boyle and Jim Welsh. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Fire Chief Jordon Hollingshead. Absent was Mayor Ratliff.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 16, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the January 16, 2018 meeting.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the January 2018 Bank Reconciliation and the January 2018 Financial Reports. Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance adopting records retention guidelines and a Resolution requesting permissive tax.

Administrator Powell asked Council about repairs for the swimming pool. Powell stated Patterson Pools had the lowest quote for painting and caulking the pool. The quote for the repairs is \$22,000. Powell inquired where the funds would come from for this project. Council stated this would go to the Finance Committee. Finance Director Rockwell will present the Finance Committee with a forecast for funding the swimming pool repairs.

William Swallow addressed Council regarding concerns with the Village adding fluoride and chlorine to the water. Swallow stated in December 2016 the EPA warned that fluoride can cause neurological development problems in children. Swallow stated it can cause fluorosis. Swallow stated he wants Council to stop putting fluoride and chlorine in the water.

Administrator Powell stated that C. J. Hughes is finished with the sewer lines and manholes and will come back in March to finish the landscaping. Powell reported that Columbia Gas is replacing damaged sidewalks and curbs. Powell reported that a semi damaged a fire hydrant and will need to be replaced. The Village will need to vacate an alley to continue with the sale of the Community Building. Powell requested a committee meeting to discuss.

Police Chief Ervin presented Council with Geocode maps that chart locations of crimes committed. Ervin stated the officers input information into the computer which can generate a report through the State. Ervin stated this report can give them the total number of offenses by time of day, day of the week, offense type, etc. Ervin reported this helps with scheduling. Ervin reported the Village is a member of a drug task force and offer support services for a second task force to help combat heroine and meth which continue to be a problem.

Fire Chief Hollingshead updated Council on the Township contracts. Hollingshead stated Pike Township trustees changed the "pay to the order of" for payments. Pike Township is going to sign and return the contract to Hollingshead. Hollingshead stated he will be attending the Pleasant Township

meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018 to try and get their contract signed. Councilperson Bethel asked Hollingshead if they could negotiate the contracts for a longer period of time. Hollingshead stated the Townships will only agree to a year at a time. Hollingshead informed Council that Medic 10 is out of service again for repairs. Hollingshead stated they contacted Burgess Ambulance Sales, who they are purchasing the new medic from, to see if they had a medic the Village could borrow. Burgess is letting the Village borrow a medic free of charge. The medic is a 2008 with 51,000 miles. Burgess has offered to sell the medic to the Village for \$28,000. Council asked Hollingshead to contact Burgess to see what Medic 10 and Medic 14 would be worth as trade-in.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on January 29, 2018. The committee requested Administrator Powell contact the Law Director to get clarification of who appoints members to committees. The Committee also requested Finance Director Rockwell forecast for employee raises. Councilperson Chute requested Finance Director Rockwell research time clocks with reporting capability and thumb print scanners. Councilperson Chute stated changes need to be made to the PPM to comply with Federal and State laws.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on February 5, 2018. Bethel stated there will soon be notaries in the Municipal Building. The committee scheduled a meeting for February 20, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Bethel stated the committee discussed insurance run-out claims and legal opinion from Jennifer Sitterley. Bethel reported a meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2018 at 4:35 pm at the Municipal Building with Frank Harmon of Ohio Insurance Services. Councilperson Chute stated the PPM and time clocks need updated at the same time. Chute also asked for two people to help with the changes to the PPM. Councilpersons Goodfellow and Welsh stated they would help Councilperson Chute along with the department heads. Chute stated that any requested PPM changes should be submitted to the Finance Director before the February 20, 2018 Finance Committee meeting.

Councilperson Chute informed Council that she had put a copy of the Rules of Council in every Council member's mailbox. Chute stated she requested Finance Director Rockwell e-mail Jennifer Sitterley to inquire if the Mayor has the authority to allow people to address Council if they were not placed on the agenda through the Clerk, can the Mayor call the Clerk and place someone on the agenda, and can a person be placed on the agenda without providing a topic. Chute stated the answer to all questions is "no". If a person wishes to address Council without being placed on the agenda, Council must approve before they may speak.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated that Bill Cozad is no longer able to serve on the Nuisance Abatement Committee. Goodfellow reported that Bobby Wolfe will be replacing Cozad. Goodfellow stated that the water clerk requested changes to the water ordinance concerning payment deadlines. Goodfellow asked if this could be done by motion. Finance Director Rockwell stated this would have to be done by Ordinance to amend the existing water ordinance.

Councilperson Bethel requested an executive session.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-2 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-2: **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RECORDS RETENTION POLICIES**

FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-4 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council vote "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-4: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE FOR PERMISSIVE TAX FUNDS FROM THE PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-4 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel investigation under ORC 121.22 (G) (1) with Council and Administrator present. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session at 7:33 pm.

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

Meeting resumed at 7:49 pm.

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

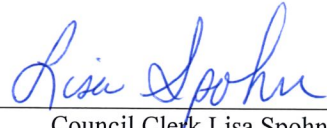
Acting Mayor Bethel entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Acting Mayor J. Dan Bethel



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn