

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
March 5, 2018
6:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Kevin Ratliff 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.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 20, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mitch Altier spoke to Council about the sewer project in Rehoboth. Altier stated he spoke with the Village about the project back in 2013 and the Village was concerned about the loans. Altier stated currently the County received a grant to cover the total cost of the project. Altier stated the County would maintain ownership of the project through the one year warranty stage; then the County would like the Village to take ownership. Ownership of the system would include maintenance, setting rates and billing customers. Councilperson Bethel inquired how many customers would be hooked into the system. Altier stated there are approximately 32 customers. Councilperson Chute stated this should go to the Public Service Committee. Chute also stated she would want in writing that the project was 100% grant funded. Councilperson Bethel asked Administrator Powell to have Attorney Sitterley review the contract. Finance Director Rockwell inquired about the cost of a tap for customers. Altier stated it would be up to the Village what to charge. The project funding includes taps for Rehoboth customers. HAPCAP grants are available to individuals to help with connection costs. Altier informed Council that the deadline for the grant is August 2018. Customers between New Lexington and Rehoboth are not mandated by the EPA to tap into the system. The Perry County Health Department can mandate them to tap into the system.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the February 2018 Bank Reconciliation and the February 2018 Financial Reports. Rockwell presented Council with an Ordinance for 2018 Supplemental Temporary Appropriations. Rockwell informed Council that the 2017 audit would begin on March 6, 2018.

Administrator Powell informed Council he ordered the porta-pot for the park. The cost will be \$1,320 for seven months. Powell stated the fire hydrant on Broadway Street has been replaced. Powell informed Council the new generator at the Water Treatment Plant was installed and they are working on setting it up. Powell stated this was covered by the insurance. The temporary generator won't be needed after this week. Powell stated McFadden Insurance is going to meet with him to go over the current insurance coverage for the Village. Powell informed Council that the contracts for the Waste Water Treatment Plant have been signed and they will be breaking ground soon. Powell informed Council that the EPA is requiring an asset management book be in place at the Water Treatment Plant. Powell stated Richard Kleinert is putting some information together and he would like to contract with Poggemeyer to write it. The asset management book has to be in place by October 1, 2018. Powell stated they are approximately one meeting away from starting on the Pleasant Street Bridge project. Powell stated there is no

information for the Brown Street Bridge at this time. The County Engineer is working to find funding for the project.

Police Chief Ervin informed Council they were finishing up reports on the breaking and entering cases and working on a child abuse case. Ervin gave Council an update on the school threats. Ervin stated they arrested a 15 year old student who appears in court on March 6, 2018 for felony charges.

Fire Chief Hollingshead reported to Council that the fire siren will be moved by April 1, 2018. Hollingshead updated Council on the new medic. Hollingshead stated it should be ready in five weeks. Hollingshead stated they are going to inspect the new medic in two weeks to make sure everything is good. Hollingshead stated Burgess is firm on their price of \$28,000 for the used medic and they have no interest in accepting used medics from the Village as trade-in.

Councilperson Chute reported that the insurance broker for the County has scheduled a meeting with the Finance Committee for March 15, 2018 at 4:35 at the Municipal Building to discuss insurance options for the Village.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Planning Committee meeting that was held on March 1, 2018. The committee discussed the need to vacate a portion of Senior Center Dr. in front of the Community Building so the property can be sold to the County. The Committee recommended the Village vacate the portion of Senior Center Dr.

Councilperson Danison reported on the Public Service Committee meeting that was held on February 23, 2018. Danison stated the committee discussed repairs on pot holes, chip and seal of alleys and fifteen fire hydrants out of service. Councilperson Bethel asked Administrator Powell to get bids for hydrants to bring back to the next Finance Committee meeting. Danison stated there is \$24,000 in permissive tax funds and he would like to know if it can be used to chip and seal alleys.

Councilperson Thompson scheduled a Public Safety meeting for March 13, 2018 at 4:35 at the Municipal Building. Mayor Ratliff was asked to attend.

Councilperson Chute stated before Finance Director Rockwell can forecast raises she needs clarification on current projects and a permanent budget passed. Chute presented Council with a document from the water department where the court stated the assessments to properties overseen by the receivership cannot be collected. No one in the Village was contacted about this court case. Administrator Powell stated he is going to forward the document to the Attorney for review. Councilperson Chute explained the working document that was presented to each Council member. Items requested in Council Meetings will be added to the document and an updated copy will be provided at each meeting.

Council Clerk Spohn informed Council the Tree Commission is sponsoring a cleanup on Main Street on April 18, 2018 at 10:00 am if anyone would like to volunteer to help.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-5 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-5: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-21 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE CEMETERY, FEMA**

HOSE/APPLIANCE GRANT, STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, PERMISSIVE TAX AND FIRE & EMS LEVY FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN ENMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE. Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-5 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-6 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council vote “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-6: **AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF AN ALLEY SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-6 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-7 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-7: **AN ORDINANCE TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-7 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-8 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-8: **TO LEVY A MUNICIPAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 4504.17, OHIO REVISED CODE.**

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.


Mayor Kevin Ratliff


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn