

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 2015
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Eveland presiding. Council Members present were Trent Thompson, Richard Anderson, Kathy Chute, Polly Pletcher, and Tim Fiore. Absent were Councilpersons Vandewater and Danison. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell and Police Chief Scott Ervin.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison and Vandewater from the July 20, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion Carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 6, 2015 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with a 2015 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance. Rockwell also reported to Council on the HB5 Tax Uniformity Bill that has been passed by the State of Ohio. She stated that the Village has until January 1, 2016 to rewrite the Village Tax Ordinance to comply with the new State regulations. Rockwell also asked Council if they would like for the Finance Committee to start on the tax ordinance. Finance Director Rockwell stated she would like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting to address the loan on the property where the Municipal building is located. She would like for representatives from Peoples Bank to be present. She also stated she would like to schedule a Records Committee meeting. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for July 28, 2015 at 3:00 pm to discuss the bank loan. Another Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2015 at 5:30 pm to discuss the HB5 Tax Uniformity Bill. A motion was made by Councilperson Pletcher to accept the June 2015 Financial Reports presented at the previous meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bryant informed Council that he has received a request for a handicap parking space at 300 Park Ave., New Lexington, Ohio. This request was turned over to the Municipal Concerns Committee. The Municipal Concerns Committee will meet at the site on July 21, 2015 at 4:45 to determine if this is necessary. Bryant also informed Council that the annual Kayak & Canoe event at the reservoir is scheduled for August 9, 2015. They have asked if the Village would supply a portable restroom for the event. Council agreed to supply one. Bryant also requested a Planning Commission meeting be scheduled to discuss zoning. This was put on hold until Councilperson Vandewater is present to schedule the meeting.

Police Chief Ervin stated that the 4th of July Committee wished to thank the Village for their help with the 4th of July Celebration at the park. Ervin also stated that a pancake breakfast was held on July 18, 2015 to help raise money for the K-9 fund. The event was a success. He stated that they have arrested two people for breaking and entering. Councilperson Pletcher inquired if there is a curfew. Ervin stated that there is a curfew and it is being enforced as much as possible.

Councilperson Fiore stated that the 4th of July Committee is doing a great job on scheduling fund raisers to raise money for the 2016 celebration. A Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be scheduled in about two weeks.

Councilperson Chute inquired about the Fire/EMS work schedule during the Perry County Fair. Councilperson Thompson stated they are still working the 10 am to 10 pm schedule. Councilperson Chute also inquired if the Mayor has signed off on the dispatch protocol. The Mayor stated he has not signed off on it at this time. Councilperson Anderson asked about the sign at the reservoir. Administrator Bryant stated they are looking into it.

Mayor Eveland called for an executive session to discuss personnel investigation results.

Councilperson Chute made a motion for an executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Adjourn for executive session.

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

Police Chief Ervin stated he would like to start focusing on some smaller issues around the Village, such as the welcome sign down by Ridenour's. He also stated he would like to make landlords more responsible for their rental properties.

Councilperson Chute stated that she would like for the Village to enroll in Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Council stated that informational e-mails from Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission should go to Councilperson Vandewater. Councilperson Chute made a motion to enroll in Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for October – December 2015. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute inquired about the Main St. painting. Council responded that it was postponed.

Administrator Bryant indicated that paving should begin at the end of August.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-12 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 15-12: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE GENERAL AND FIRE & EMS LEVY FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Dale Eveland



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn