

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

August 6, 2018

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Goodfellow and Danison from the August 6, 2018 meeting. Second by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

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

Administrator Powell informed Council the permit for Kennedy Dr. needs to go to the Planning /Economic Development Committee. Powell reported that the Issue One Paving project should be starting in a couple of weeks and that the Village match could possibly be \$2,100 more due to the cost of oil. Finance Director Rockwell stated the Village match was supposed to come from permissive tax. Rockwell inquired if there were enough funds in the permissive tax. Powell stated he had not checked recently but there should be enough in the fund. Rockwell stated a Resolution would have to be presented to Council for approval to request the permissive tax from the Perry County Engineer. Powell updated Council on the progress of the chip and seal. Powell informed Council that Jenny LaRue would like to repaint the sidewalk lines on Broadway Street. Council agreed that would be fine. Police Chief Ervin inquired if Powell had updated Council on the revitalization meeting held at Pizza Hut. Powell informed Council that he had attended the meeting for the revitalization of the Carroll Street corridor and that Poggemeyer is looking into funding for the project. Powell stated he will propose to use the West side of the street. Powell stated Council members and the Mayor should be added to the list of committee members. Councilperson Bethel inquired about the sidewalk fund with the Perry County Health Department. Finance Director Rockwell stated she submitted a request to the State to create a new fund. Rockwell stated she needs to know what Council wants to name the fund.

Councilperson Bethel asked how repayment would be made by the residents. Rockwell stated a Resolution is needed to create the fund. Councilperson Bethel inquired about a time line to have the project running. Rockwell stated policies would have to be established on how the program would operate and would have to become part of the Village Codified Ordinances. Powell stated it would take around a year to get the project completely going. Councilperson Thompson inquired about the progress with the street lighting on East Brown Street. Police Chief Ervin stated the lights are still burnt out. Powell stated they need one new light pole and to replace the burnt out bulbs on current poles

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with a proposal to contract with Spy Glass to audit communication invoices to try and find the Village lower costs for communications. Rockwell presented a 2018 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, an Ordinance for 2018 Supplemental Appropriations and a Resolution for 2019 Amounts and Rates. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the June Financial Statements. Rockwell requested an executive session. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the June 2018 Financial Statements and the June 2018 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Boyle who abstained due to being absent from the July 16, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute asked Administrator Powell about the hydrant flow testing. Powell stated it was part of one of the Resolutions being presented.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for Finance Director Rockwell to enter into a contract with Spy Glass. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Police Chief Ervin informed Council calls for service have been steady and they receive approximately 40 calls on the weekends. Ervin stated the Department had an assault case where the victim is still in critical condition. Ervin reported the Department is working with Alpha School on several projects. Ervin informed Council the permit has been obtained to close Main Street for the Fall Festival but the schedule still has to be coordinated. Ervin stated the Alzheimer's walk went well. Ervin reported the department is working with the Elks on getting prescription disposal bags. Ervin stated the department is working with the school on safety meetings and the school will have extra officers on duty this year.

Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead reported that they ran an ad in the newspaper on June 20, 2018 and June 27, 2018 to sell the old medics. The deadline to reply was June 30, 2018. The Department received no bids. Finance Director Rockwell stated once they have tried to dispose of the medics by advertising they may be allowed to sell to anyone. Rockwell advised he should contact Attorney Jennifer Sitterley for clarification. Hollingshead stated they have been busy and things went well at the Perry County Fair.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on August 6, 2018. Bethel stated Finance Director Rockwell discussed the run out claims through the Ohio Public Entity Consortium. Bethel stated Administrator Powell requested a new meter reader truck for \$26,000. Bethel stated Powell also discussed the IT contract proposal. Thompson asked how many quotes we obtained for IT services. Powell stated this was the only quote. Thompson requested Powell obtain another quote. Bethel stated the committee inquired about the drives for the Water Treatment Plant. Powell stated Poggemeyer is working on it. Bethel stated Councilperson Thompson presented quotes for repairs to the engine in new Medic 14.

Councilperson Boyle reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on July 25, 2018. Boyle stated the committee discussed upcoming fund raisers for the Fall Festival. There will be a canvas at the intersections of Brown and Main Streets as well as Carroll and Broadway Streets on August 11, 2018. A Pizza Hut fundraiser will be held from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on August 28, 2018 and a bake sale at Save-A-Lot on September 1, 2018. Boyle stated they also

discussed activities and entertainment for the festival. A Parks and Recreation meeting was scheduled for August 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Bethel scheduled a Planning /Economic Development Committee meeting for August 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to file the 2018 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-21 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-21: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 18-9 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE STREET, STATE HIGHWAY, PARKS & RECREATION, WATER AND SEWER FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARINAG AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.**

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-21 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-8 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-8: **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.**

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-9 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-9: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE STATE ROUTE 13 WATERLINE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.**

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-10 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WEST BROWN STREET CULVERT REPAIR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-10 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-11 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted

“yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-11: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ASSIST THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON WITH DEVELOPING A WATER SYSTEM ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-11 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to enter executive session to discuss complaints against an employee under ORC 121.22 (G) (1) with Council, Mayor, Police Chief, Administrator, Finance Director and Council Clerk present. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 for executive session.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 8:15 pm.

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

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.


Mayor


Council Clerk