

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 2015
MUNCIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison and Anderson. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2015 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Vandewater who abstained due to being absent from the July 20, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland informed Council that Acting Fire Chief Gary Jones had resigned. He stated the job will be posted.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the July 2015 bank reconciliation. She also presented the monthly reports for July 2015. Rockwell presented Council with a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance and a Resolution for a loan contract with Peoples Bank.

Council Clerk Spohn presented a Resolution to execute OPWC contracts for Administrator Bryant.

Police Chief Ervin stated they have made several arrests for the burglaries in the Village. He also stated that an arrest was made for purse snatching. Ervin informed Council he spent time with Rushcreek Conservation trying to solve issues with littering along the bank on Center St. He stated it could not be mowed until the ground was very dry. Councilperson Thompson inquired about getting help from Camp Reams to do some clean up. Ervin stated some of these programs have been suspended. He also stated that we are getting some help from the local courts with community service workers.

Councilperson Thompson informed Council that the discussion at the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on August 3, 2015 pertained to HB5 and local income taxes. There was also a meeting held on July 28, 2015 with Tony Davis and Kathleen Danielson from Peoples Bank to discuss refinancing the Municipal Building loans. Finance Director Rockwell stated that by restructuring the loan, accepting the lower interest rate offered by Peoples Bank and making monthly payments instead of two payments a year the Village will save approximately \$170,000.00 in interest over the life of the loan. She also informed Council an appraisal was completed on the Village property with the value of the property being \$2.5 million. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for August 17, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

Councilperson Chute informed Council that the Municipal Concerns Committee met at 300 Park Ave. on July 21, 2015 to discuss a handicap parking space. She stated the recommendation of the committee is not to allow the handicap parking space at this address.

Councilperson Fiore stated there would be a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on August 17, 2015 at 4:30 PM at the Board of DD office.

A Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for August 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Village Hall. Councilperson Vandewater stated that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission would like the Village to appoint a representative from the Village. Council stated they would appoint Councilperson Vandewater to be the representative. Vandewater also stated the MORPC will need a Resolution indicating the Village has voted to

join the MORPC. Councilperson Chute stated this was voted on by motion. A copy of the minutes showing Council approval will be used as proof. He stated after they receive this information the MORPC will proceed with a resolution to accept the Village into membership.

Councilperson Fiore inquired about the bidding for paving projects and when paving will begin. Finance Director Rockwell stated she thought they were going to begin paving at the end of August. Finance Director Rockwell asked Bill Rockwell from the Perry County Tribune if he would publish in the paper that anyone who purchased a brick for the Streetscape project which is no longer in process to contact her so she can issue them a refund.

Mayor Eveland stated he is going to ask other municipalities what requirements they have for their Fire Chief position. Councilperson Chute asked if they need someone to administer the Fire/EMS department until a new Fire Chief is appointed. She stated workers are smoking in front of the fire department bays which violates the Personnel Policy Manual. Councilperson Thompson stated things are running well with the Fire/EMS.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-13 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-13: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND DECREASED FUNDING TO THE WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-13 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

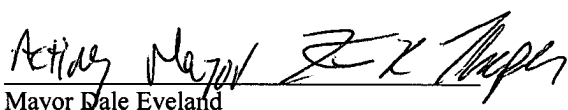
Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-8 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-8: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LOAN CONTRACT WITH PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK FOR REFINANCING OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FIRE STATION LOAN AGREEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-8 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 15-9 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 15-9: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-9 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor Dale Eveland


Council Clerk Lisa Spohn