

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 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, Susan Goodfellow and James Welsh. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Interim Fire Chief Rob Stallings. Absent were Councilpersons Kathy Chute, Susan Boyle and Jeff Danison.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Chute, Boyle and Danison from the September 17, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Goodfellow made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 4, 2018 meeting as read. Councilperson Goodfellow rescinded her motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2018 meeting due to not enough Council members present to vote.

Sean Brooks from HAPCAP Community Development Division introduced Nathan Simons who spoke to Council about Fair Housing. Simons also spoke to Council about Community Block Grants. Simons stated Perry County will be eligible for more grants in 2019 and should be considering potential projects now.

Larry Schwendeman and Christy Mullens presented Council with information on employee insurance. Christy stated the company is a full service agency and has a compliance officer on staff. References will be emailed to the Finance Director on 9/18/18.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the August 2018 credit card statement and the August 2018 Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell informed Council the errors on the bank reconciliation in July were corrected and reflect on the August bank statement. Rockwell presented Council with the August 2018 Financial Reports. Rockwell stated that Fire/EMS will not be in the black this year but should be next year.

Administrator Powell informed Council that curb and parking line painting on Brown Street has been completed. Powell reported that the sprayer used for painting the lines does not work properly and parts to repair the sprayer are obsolete. Powell informed Council he has the contract for the stage for the Fall Festival. Powell stated he researched the cost of buying and renting a street sweeper. To purchase a street sweeper would cost approximately \$100,000. The Village could rent a street sweeper for \$3,500 a week. Finance Director Rockwell stated a Resolution is needed to go into a contract to rent a sweeper. Powell stated he will try to rent a street sweeper and have Main Street swept before the Fall Festival. Powell will ask the Street Department employees if any of them would volunteer to change shifts to perform street sweeping so that no overtime will be paid. Powell stated the Ohio Department of Transportation has completed their bridge inspections. ODOT recommended the Village reduce the weight limit on Nuzum Bridge to 3 tons. It would cost approximately \$485,000 to repair the bridge. Councilperson Goodfellow inquired if this is a fire hazard. Administrator Powell and Interim Fire Chief

Stallings are going to look at the property on September 18, 2018. Police Chief Ervin stated there may be a road that was closed years ago behind Nuzum Street that could possibly be reopened. Powell inquired on the date of Trick or Treat. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to have Trick or Treat on October 31, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Police Chief Ervin presented Council with a copy of the Property Maintenance procedure list. Ervin stated he would like to start with the house on Elizabeth Street with the Nuisance Abatement Committee. Ervin stated that most of the houses have absent owners. Ervin informed Council he spoke with the Perry County Health Department and they are going to help him with the properties as much as possible.

Interim Fire Chief Stallings informed Council he will do his best as Acting Fire Chief. Stallings stated he is available any time after 2:00 pm. Stallings stated he has a few items being discussed by the Finance Committee. Stallings inquired about the status of the fire hydrants on Kennedy Dr. Powell informed Stallings the project is in the engineering stage now.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on September 17, 2018. Bethel stated Interim Fire Chief Stallings reported tools were tested by Finley Fire Equipment and should be replaced. The cost for new equipment is \$29,713. A demo power unit and cutter unit would cost \$5,000. They are checking existing equipment to see if it can be repaired. Bethel stated the Committee discussed the Medic that needs repaired and Stallings will pick up copies of the quotes for repairs from Finance Director Rockwell. The Committee asked Stallings if he could have a representative from the fire department at each Council meeting. Finance Director Rockwell provided the Committee with an update on unpaid insurance claims and time clocks. Rockwell also discussed the status of insurance brokers and Drug Free Workplace requirements. Bethel stated the Committee agreed to move forward with paying outstanding insurance claims and having the Department Heads participate in demos for time clocks. Bethel reported the Committee wished to proceed with the Drug Free Workplace online training. Bethel stated Administrator Powell asked for the server password for IT quote. Finance Director Rockwell stated she would provide specs for the quote. Powell also stated the meter reader truck is still needed. Bethel informed Powell it was discussed to have it included in the 2019 budget. Bethel stated Powell will look into street lights that need replaced at the VFW, Eastern Avenue, Highland Drive and Maple Heights.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated Carma Jean Rausch called and inquired if the Village could rename Town Hall Avenue to Januarius MacGahan Street. Rausch stated she would like this to be done next summer for the MacGahan festival. Goodfellow inquired about the election signs posted by Larry Householder. Goodfellow stated they are too big and do not meet the zoning law requirements. Goodfellow inquired about the progress of repairing the streets. Administrator Powell stated all of the alleys are done and they continue to work on pot holes. Councilperson Bethel inquired about the overage the Village will owe on paving. Finance Director Rockwell stated a Resolution will be needed to receive permissive tax to pay for the overage. Administrator Powell stated there is not enough money in permissive tax to pay the full amount. Rockwell stated if there is not enough money in the permissive tax it will have to go to the Finance Committee to figure out how the remainder will be paid.

Councilperson Thompson scheduled a Public Safety meeting for 9/25/18 at 4:35P at the Municipal Building.

Police Chief Ervin requested an executive session.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-13 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-13: **IN THE MATTER OF: UPDATE OF THE DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-12 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-12: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION 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 adopt Resolution No. 18-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. .

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) to discuss compensation of a public employee with the Mayor, Administrator, Police Chief, Finance Director, and Council Clerk present. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session at 7:50P.

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

Meeting resumed at 7:55P.

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

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 8:05 pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk