

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2018
6:30 PM
MUNCIPAL 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, Kathy Chute, Susan Boyle and James Welsh. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Bo Powell and Interim Fire Chief Rob Stallings. Absent was Councilperson Jeff Danison.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the October 15, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 1, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Council Clerk Spohn informed Council Vince Crawford from Waste Management was present to address Council but did not contact her in time to be placed on the agenda. Council agreed to allow Vince Crawford to present.

Vince Crawford from Waste Management stated he wanted to introduce himself to Council as the representative to the Village. Crawford stated Waste Management has donated \$3,000,000 for natural disaster relief. Councilperson Chute stated the contract with Waste Management expires December 31, 2018. Councilperson Bethel asked Crawford if Waste Management could work with the Village on some relief for the cost of dumpsters when the Village demolishes distressed houses. Bethel stated that contractors are willing to donate their time but dumpsters are needed to dispose of the debris. Crawford stated he would look into this.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the September 2018 credit card statement, September 2018 Bank Reconciliation and the September 2018 Financial Reports. Rockwell stated the Fire/EMS deficit is currently \$60,000, but if Council approves the presented \$86,000 appropriation increase for Fire/EMS this will change. Administrator Powell asked how much the Village saved on the pool this past season. Rockwell stated \$3,700 dollars in wages and benefits. Mayor Ratliff asked how the pool did this year. Rockwell stated she will have to wait until year end to have those figures since the Village is still paying for utilities at the pool. Rockwell also presented Council with a 2018 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance.

Administrator Powell stated Shelley and Sands was to begin paving on Eastern Ave. today, but rescheduled due to rain. Powell informed Council ODOT was scheduled to start road repairs today but was delayed due to rain. Powell stated Shawn Crowe, a representative from the railroad, came from West Virginia to be present during the road repairs. Powell stated he and Crowe went to look at the W. Brown Street Bridge to see if there would be any problems with the railroad tracks. Crowe stated he did not see any issues with the proposed repairs to the Bridge. Powell stated he will have a Resolution at the next meeting to accept bids for repairs to the W. Brown St. Bridge. Powell informed Council he received a bid of \$500.00 for old Medic 14. Powell asked if he should proceed with this. Powell presented

Council with Resolutions to request permissive tax funds, to enter into a paving agreement with ODOT and to approve a Mitigation Plan. Powell inquired if any Council members have issues with their keys to their mailboxes. Council members stated "no". Powell stated he received the restitution agreement from Attorney Sitterley for Hollingshead. Hollingshead requested to have wording added to the restitution agreement stating acceptance of payment releases him from any claims, past and present, relating to the funds in question. Sitterley requires Council approval to add the requested language.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to add wording requested by Hollingshead to the restitution agreement. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Police Chief Ervin stated calls have been steady. Ervin requested an executive session. Councilperson Goodfellow stated she received a complaint from a citizen regarding a strobe light on W. Brown St. Goodfellow stated the light is making it difficult for drivers to see. Ervin stated he would look into the matter.

Councilperson Chute asked Administrator Powell about the progress of the Fire Hydrants on the West side of town. Powell stated Poggemeyer is in the process of collecting data to fix the issue. Interim Fire Chief Rob Stallings stated he has relayed to the Fire Department if there is a structure fire on that side of town to fill up the tankers before responding.

Interim Fire Chief Stallings informed Council he has stressed to the Fire Fighters and Officers that equipment checks will be done regularly with dates and times of inspections. Stallings is currently working to update equipment maintenance records. Stallings stated an ISO Representative would be in the area on the second or third week in November and would like Administrator Powell to give a brief statement to the representative about the progress on the water hydrant issues. Stallings is currently working on budget needs for 2019 and will submit to the Finance Director within 3 weeks. Stallings stated the Fire/EMS had a great turn out at the Fall Festival.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on October 15, 2018. Bethel stated Police Chief Ervin is working on 2019 budget needs and the Village needs to discuss dispatching. Bethel stated dispatching will be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion. Finance Director Rockwell presented the committee with an update on the OPEC lawsuits and insurance brokers. Bethel stated the Department Heads chose to go with PEBA and would like a quote from the company. Bethel stated the committee would like to have the quote before the first council meeting in November. Councilperson Chute requested the Fire Department check status of all equipment. Rockwell discussed appropriations and EMS Lifepak heart monitor replacement. Bethel stated the Finance Committee meetings will begin at 5:00 pm before each Council meeting. Administrator Powell asked the committee if he needed an Ordinance to make changes to the Personal Policy Manual. The committee stated "yes". Powell informed the committee additional money was needed for ODOT paving. Powell also asked the committee if employees could receive shift differential for the time worked on the Street Sweeper. The Committee stated "yes". Stallings reported the Fire Department did not reach a conclusion on rescue tools yet.

Councilperson Goodfellow stated if the Village changes the name of E. Town Hall Ave. and W. Town Hall Ave. to Januarius MacGahan St. the Village could become a sister city to Bulgaria due to it being two streets. Council discussed the options of changing the street name. There would be two addresses

that would need to change. Councilperson Bethel asked if all the leg work would be done by the committee wanting to change the name. Goodfellow stated with Councils approval Carma Jean Rausch will move forward. Goodfellow asked if she needed to contact the County Engineer's office. Council discussed submitting the alley next to People's National Bank as the second street to rename. Powell will provide information regarding ownership of the alley at the next Council Meeting.

Councilperson Boyle stated the Fall Festival went great. Boyle stated she had thirty vendors and food concessions. Boyle reported the Festival made \$450 on raffles and wrist bands. Boyle stated they have started plans for fundraisers for next year's Festival. Councilperson Bethel commended Boyle and everyone who worked on the festival and Councilperson Chute thanked the Police, Fire and EMS for their help.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-26 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 18-26: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 18-9 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE GENERAL, STATE HIGHWAY, CEMETERY, STREET, FIRE & EMS LEVY, FIRE LEVY, WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS AND DECREASED FUNDING TO THE PARKS & RECREATION LEVY FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-26 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. 18-15 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-15: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE FOR PERMISSIVE TAX FUNDS FROM THE PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-15 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. 18-16 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 18-16: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-16 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-17 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-17: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND THE PERRY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY INTO A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-17 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) to discuss personnel discipline with Council, Mayor and Police Chief present. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 7:18 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.


Mayor


Council Clerk