

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

December 17, 2018

6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Danison from the December 17, 2018 meeting. Second by Councilperson Boyle. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 3, 2018 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with a 2018 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance and a 2019 Temporary Appropriations Ordinance. Rockwell also presented Council with the November 2018 credit card statement, November 2018 Bank Reconciliation and the November 2018 Financial Reports.

Administrator Powell informed Council the house at 811 Saint Clair Street was demolished. Powell stated they are working to clear up the escrow. Powell stated the contractors for the Brown Street Bridge project reported they have ordered the aluminum pipe and it will be 8 to 12 weeks before they receive it. Powell estimated the project should be completed by March or April. Powell informed Council he is looking into a bed tax. 3% of 6% is available to the Village. Powell presented Council with Resolution 18-22 to change the name of Town Hall Ave. to Januarius MacGahan Ave.

Police Chief Ervin reported a meeting was held on December 17, 2018 with 9-1-1 to review the Village contract. Ervin stated they will schedule additional meetings for more discussions. Ervin reported Attorney Baughman is drawing up the documents for the Nuisance Abatement committee for the house on Elizabeth Street.

Interim Fire Chief Benson reported he received three quotes for rescue tools which he gave to the Finance Committee. Benson stated the committee is still discussing the quotes. Benson informed Council he is still working on the Township Fire/EMS contracts.

Councilperson Bethel reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on December 17, 2018. Bethel stated Finance Director Rockwell explained the 2018 Supplemental Appropriations and the 2019 Temporary Appropriations. Bethel stated the Committee discussed the purchase of a police cruiser which was already approved with the 2018 Permanent budget. The Committee discussed a reserve for the General Fund and cuts that were made to the departments. The Committee discussed deficit recovery and current needs for the departments to grow. Bethel informed Council the Committee discussed the Township Fire/EMS contracts and

EMS billing procedures. Rescue tools for Fire/EMS were discussed also. Bethel stated Administrator Powell informed the committee an additional \$4,000 was required for the inspection service on the Brown Street Bridge project. Finance Director Rockwell informed the committee the money was already included in the Temporary Appropriations.

Councilperson Goodfellow thanked Administrator Powell for preparing the Resolution for MacGahan Avenue.

Councilpersons Boyle and Chute commented on the Christmas banners and how nice they look. Councilperson Bethel inquired what happens when the Christmas banners are taken down. Boyle stated once the Christmas banners come down, nothing will be put up until April when the Hometown Hero Banners are put up.

Councilperson Goodfellow asked if the land bank was out of money. Administrator Powell stated they just completed an audit and he will report after the next meeting with the land bank. Powell stated five more properties still need to be torn down. Councilperson Goodfellow asked if the blue house on N. Main St. was being torn down through the land bank. Councilperson Bethel stated the house is not being torn down by the land bank. Goodfellow stated she saw a delivery being made at the back door. Police Chief Ervin stated they will have to check and make sure the house is secured. Bethel stated the Village could possibly buy the property for around \$2,500. Finance Director Rockwell stated if the Village purchased the property it could be torn down through Nuisance Abatement.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22(G) (3) with Council only present. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Council decided to wait until Resolutions and Ordinances were read before entering into executive session.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 18-30 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. **18-30: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 18-9 TO PROVIDE DECREASED FUNDING TO THE CEMETERY AND PERMISSIVE TAX FUNDS AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE FIRE & EMS LEVY, WATER OPERATING, SEWER OPERATING AND GUARANTEED DEPOSITS FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-30 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 Ordinance No. 18-31 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. **18-31: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL**

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-31 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 18-22 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 18-22: **A RESOLUTION ALTERING THE NAME OF TOWN HALL AVE. (LOCATED OFF SOUTH MAIN STREET) TO JANUARIUS MACGAHAN AVE.**

Meeting suspended for executive session at 6:54 pm.

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

Meeting resumed at 7:40 pm.

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

Council President Bethel entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Acting Mayor
Mayor



Lisa Spohn
Council Clerk