

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
December 18, 2017
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. Councilperson Chute presented Councilperson Anderson with a crystal skeleton clock for serving on Council for 43 years. Councilperson Chute also presented Councilperson Fiore with a crystal skeleton clock for serving on Council for 20 years. Trent Thompson thanked Councilpersons Anderson and Fiore for their service to the Village of New Lexington. Tom Flippo and Kyle May from Tunnel Hill Reclamation came to wish Councilperson Fiore well and to introduce themselves to Council. Councilperson Anderson's daughter Belinda stated that Anderson loved New Lexington and was a very principled man. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Tim Fiore, Susan Goodfellow, Kathy Chute, Richard Anderson and Jeff Danison. Also present were Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Fire Chief Jordan Hollingshead and Administrator Bo Powell. Absent was Councilperson Susan Boyle.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Boyle from the December 18, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 4, 2017 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Nathan Simons from Hocking- Athens- Perry Community Action spoke to Council about fair housing. Simons presented Council with pamphlets regarding fair housing to be placed in the lobby. Simons also read the current Ohio Fair Housing Law to Council.

Jenny LaRue asked Council if they had any questions on the sidewalk project. LaRue informed Council that Administrator Powell would be administrator of the project.

Mayor Ratliff showed Council a certificate from the State of Ohio Senate for the 200th anniversary of Perry County.

Finance Director Rockwell requested a motion to approve the November 2017 financial statements. Rockwell informed Council she attended year end training with the State and everything is ready for 2018. Rockwell stated she sent out questionnaires to make sure all employee information is up to date before W2s are generated. Rockwell presented Council with the November credit card statement. Rockwell presented Council with a 2017 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and an Ordinance for 2017 Supplemental Appropriations. Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the November 2017 Financial Statements and the November 2017 Bank Reconciliation. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Powell informed Council he received paperwork from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles stating the Village would only be receiving \$5.00 instead of \$10.00 license plate tax due to the Ordinance being passed under the wrong Ohio Revised Code. Another Ordinance will have to be passed to receive the other \$5.00. Powell informed Council the Sewer Interceptor D project should be complete in 25 days.

Police Chief Ervin stated someone needs to get with the Perry County Engineer and get the corporation limits updated. Administrator Powell stated the aerial map the County Engineers office is working on should be ready in about six months.

Fire Chief Hollingshead thanked Mayor Ratliff and Sherriff Barker for their help with the pancake breakfast fundraiser that they held for Josh Conrad. Hollingshead stated they raised \$1600. Hollingshead presented Council with a Resolution to accept the bid from Burgess Ambulance Sales Inc. and a Resolution for Finance Director Rockwell to finance the new ambulance. Councilperson Chute inquired about moving the fire siren. Hollingshead stated an electrical wire has to be moved and they plan on having it moved by January 1, 2018. Chute also inquired about the Township Contracts. Hollingshead stated he is meeting with Pleasant Township on January 5, 2018 and Pike Township on January 9, 2018. Hollingshead reported he is still trying to contact Sonya Saxton from Clayton Township. Chute stated we will be providing services out of contract since they expire December 31, 2017.

Councilperson Chute reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on December 18, 2017. Chute stated the committee discussed the sidewalk project and how to handle the fund. Chute stated Rockwell will contact the State to verify that special permission is not needed to create the fund. Chute reported there is confusion over the County Jail and costs incurred from municipal prisoners. Chute stated Police Chief Ervin informed the committee the Village needs to be proactive and involved in meetings concerning this situation. The Village also needs a representative on the jail board.

Councilperson Chute requested Mayor Ratliff contact Attorney Sitterley to get an Ordinance establishing the Village Records Retention Schedule. Rockwell stated the State of Ohio has a sample for municipalities. Chute also inquired if the Village could hire a company to come in and inventory and destroy records after the retention schedule is in place.

Administrator Powell requested an executive session with the Mayor and Council.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to file the 2017 Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Perry County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-25 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 17-25: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 17-4 TO PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING TO THE FIRE & EMS LEVY, WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN**

EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-25 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-21 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Goodfellow. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-21: **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FROM BURGESS AMBULANCE SALES INC FOR A 2017 MCCOY MILLER AMBULANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-21 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 17-22 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 17-22: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A 2017 MCCOY MILLER AMBULANCE TO BE USED BY THE NEW LEXINGTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Fiore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-22 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel contract with Council and Mayor Ratliff present. Seconded by Councilperson Chute. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

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

Mayor Ratliff entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Mayor Kevin Ratliff



Council Clerk Lisa Spohn