

**VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**  
**6:30PM**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Eveland presiding. Council Members present were, Richard Anderson, Kathy Chute, Tim Fiorè, Polly Pletcher, Trent Thompson and Al Vandewater. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Police Chief Scott Ervin, Fire Chief Scott Bryan and EMS Coordinator Gary Jones Jr. Absent were Councilwoman Julie Souders and Finance Director Heather Rockwell.

Councilperson Vandewater made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

David Couch, Superintendent of the Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities, spoke to Council regarding Employment Connection. Employment Connection is a no cost, no obligation accredited employment service that provides hands on training and coaching to ensure the success of its employees. It assists employees with developmental disabilities in obtaining and maintaining independence and community employment. It is also the academy for a leadership ability program in conjunction with Southern Local School District.

Fire Chief Bryan reported that 926 runs have been taken so far in 2013. He also reported that he has met with some of the townships regarding contract renewals, but needs to meet with them again. He will also be meeting with Perry County Auditor Teresa Stevenson.

Councilwoman Chute mentioned that she and Councilwoman Pletcher met with Auto Zone on behalf of the Welcoming Committee of the Village.

Councilman Fiore rescheduled the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 17. It will now be held Tuesday, September 24.

Councilman Vandewater presented information regarding the Streetscape project in the Village of Somerset. He indicated that he would like New Lexington to do something similar. Councilman Vandewater suggested that a committee be organized to make plans to proceed with the New Lexington Streetscape project. No action was taken. Councilman Vandewater also mentioned that he believes stricter codes need to be put in place regarding signs in the Village.

Councilman Vandewater reported that the Public Service Committee met with Mr. Barkley of AEP Energy on September 11 regarding reducing electric rates for New Lexington residents and businesses. He also indicated that the Village needs new street signs. EMS Coordinator Gary Jones mentioned that signs are also needed at the Fire Department.

Councilwoman Pletcher reported that the Charter Revision Committee will be meeting on Monday, September 23 at 6:30PM. She requested that the Perry County Tribune mention the meeting is open to the public.

Mayor Eveland mentioned that Southeastern Shafting and Manufacturing on Broadway Street has been blocking the roadway. Police Chief Scott Ervin said he will check on it.

Councilman Vandewater indicated he wants to send letters to the owners of the old Lempeco building, Panther Drive In, and the old Pizzeria requesting they clean up the properties and share plans for the future of the properties with the Village.


New Lexington's Trick or Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 31 from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Councilman Fiore made a motion to approve and advertise the date and time for Trick or Treat. Seconded by Councilman Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fire Chief Bryan asked if the old school building on School Ave has been sold. He indicated that he has seen kids jumping out of the windows and is concerned that someone could get injured. Administrator Bryant indicated he would look into this.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Chute made a motion to adjourn and Councilperson Thompson seconded. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Dale Eveland – Mayor

  
Lisa Spohn – Council Clerk