

**VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**July 26, 2016**

**4:45 PM**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The Village of New Lexington held a work session regarding property maintenance with Council President Kathy Chute presiding. Council Members present were Dan Bethel, Susan Boyle, Tim Fiore and Susan Goodfellow. Also present were Police Chief Scott Ervin, Administrator Scott Bryant and Debbie Raney of the Perry County Health Department.

Council President Chute called the meeting to order at 4:45PM. Chute provided a history of the property maintenance program in New Lexington and explained the difference between property maintenance and beautification and cleanup. There have been 81 property maintenance complaints since 1/1/16.

Police Chief Ervin provided a potential budget figure needed for property maintenance to operate efficiently. He indicated they needed one employee at lease on a part time basis. The individual would ideally be a police officer and be a certified property maintenance officer. A budget would be needed to allow for demolition of condemned properties.

Council discussed refusing to turn on water until annual rental property inspections are completed, fees for annual rental property inspections, and maintaining a current list of landlords and rental properties.

Council agreed to forward budget requests to the Finance Committee including a part time officer, money to demolish condemned properties (about one home per year). Enforcement of the code will need to be consistent.

Debbie Raney of the Perry County Health Department provided ideas for beautification. She indicated she would like to apply for a grant. Administrator Bryant can sign off with Debbie on the grant to show the Village's support for the grant application.

The work session was adjourned at 6:15PM.

  
Mayor Kevin Ratliff

  
Council Clerk Lisa Spohn