

**VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 18, 2013**  
**6:30PM**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried

Perry County Commissioner Jim O'Brien spoke to Council concerning 125 South Main St. building (old City Hall). Mr. O'Brien gave details of how they would like to rehabilitate the building, and make it into offices, maintenance building and to restore the stage and seating area. Councilperson Vandewater stated he would like to see it being used instead of having it just set idle. Finance Director Rockwell stated that she would bring the cost of monthly expense of keeping the building to the next meeting.

David Boyle spoke before Council concerning the intentions of holding a "Special Election" on the proposed 8 Charter Amendments. Councilperson Vandewater stated he was not clear on the reasoning, why could they not work together on a solution. The public would need to be educated on the Charter Amendments before it goes to a vote.

Finance Director Rockwell presented the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources that needed a motion to accept, to be given to the Perry County Auditor. Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to accept the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, Councilperson Anderson seconded, all Council voted yes. Also included was the permanent budget for 2013 as emergency Ordinance 2013-03.

Administrator Bryant reported that he and the Mayor along with the Finance Director met with a representatives of the State Auditors and they commended the Village efforts for our reduction plan. A meeting with Perry County Commissioners was held on March 7, 2013 concerning the interagency agreement for sewage and waste treatment in the Rehoboth area. Also, 125 South Main St. was discussed at the same meeting, as Mr. O'Brien discussed earlier this evening. Mr. Bryant had announced per the deficit reduction plan a full time police officer has been laid off, as of March 27, 2013. Bryant also suggested a change in the Ordinance 04-01 Rules of Council, the starting time of Council be reviewed from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Police Chief Ervin reported that a reduction in staff will hurt the Police Department, but he will tweak the schedule and work together the best they can. He has concerns with the budget and a plan for the future needs of the department.

Fire Chief Scott Bryan reported the provided statistics for the month of March to date on Fire and EMS runs. Bryan also stated that 3 new part time EMTs have been hired.

Councilperson Souders has scheduled a Finance Committee meeting to be held April 1, 2013 @ 5:30 pm.

Councilperson Fiore met with Parks and Recreation committee on March 12, 2013 and discussed July 4, 2013 celebration plans. Also, the discussion included the New Lexington Pool not being opened this year due to the budget. Fiore would like to schedule a Parks and Recreation meeting to be held Tuesday, March 26, 2013 @ 3 pm.

Councilperson Vandewater reported on the Public Service meeting held on March 7, 2013 concerning the Rehoboth Sewer Project and Councilperson Chute had concerns with the "opt out" clause written into the agreement. It should state there is to be no cost to the Village for this project. Council would like the agreement modified that the New Lexington Council will have final approval before construction begins. Councilperson Fiore made a motion to accept the current Rehoboth Sewer Project proposal, Councilperson Thompson seconded. Thompson, Fiore and Vandewater voted yes, Anderson, Chute, Pletcher and Souders voted no. Motion failed.

The Charter Revision Committee will meet ~~March 30<sup>th</sup>~~ <sup>April 6</sup> @ ~~2:00~~ <sup>2:30</sup> pm. , 215 South Main St.

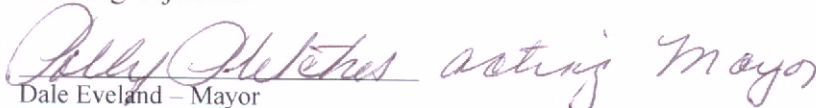
Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 13-03 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

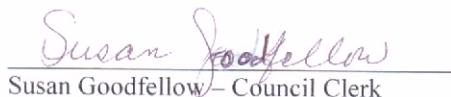
Councilperson Souders made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-03 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.

  
Dale Eveland - Mayor

  
Susan Goodfellow - Council Clerk