

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

January 5, 2026

5:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Thompson presiding and the meeting being called to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present were Ty Danison, Debra Hooper, Dave Pletcher, Janie DePinto, Mike Kimble and Bob Spencer. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Gill, Finance Director Lewis, and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilperson Dan Bethel.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to excuse Councilperson Bethel from the January 5, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson DePinto made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 22, 2025 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Hooper who abstained due to being absent from the December 22, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hooper nominated Councilperson DePinto to serve as Council President for the 2026 calendar year. Councilperson Spencer nominated himself.

Councilperson Hooper made a motion for Councilperson DePinto to serve as Council President for the 2026 calendar year. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Spencer who abstained. Motion carried

Councilperson Spencer stated he wanted to serve as president of council to help move forward with projects that council had discussed in 2025.

Steve Janiszaewski from Perry County Mobility Management and Jenny LaRue from the Perry County Health Department addressed Council. Janiszewski stated he can help with any type of transportation needs. He is raising money to help build wheelchair ramps for those in need. LaRue presented Council objectives for creating healthy communities during 2026. One of the events they will be hosting is the Buckeye Lake Bike Rodeo in Perry County. This will be held May 9, 2026 and is open to 80 youth from ages 5 to 10 years old. They continue to work with New Lexington on the Broadway Street Park revitalization, Safe Routes to School and they are establishing a local food council. They will hold the first meeting on January 21, 2026 at 3:00 pm at Job and Family Services.

Mayor Thompson reported on the state of the Village budget. Thompson stated the budget is in good shape. Thompson gave a breakdown of the revenue and expenses for each department.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council a payment listing and a payroll sheet for 2026.

Administrator Emmert stated the used computer equipment has been offered to the employees. Emmert reported that ten of twelve fire hydrants have been repaired. Three hydrants that are inoperable are privately owned. One at the Valerie Apartments on Fowlers Lane, S. Main St. Nursing Home and Center Street Apartments. Repairing the hydrants is the responsibility of the property owners. Councilperson Kimble stated they are required to have them working according to insurance. Administrator Emmert stated maybe he and Kimble could work on this issue. Councilperson DePinto inquired if it would save money over a period of time, if the Village replaced some of the bad waterlines compared to the overtime the Village pays for repairing the leaks. Emmert stated a waterline study was supposed to be completed by Kleinfelder Engineering which was never done. A study must be done to qualify for low interest loans, and the Village cannot afford to replace them on our own. The cost to replace lines from McDonalds to Cooper Standard on Carroll Street is \$570,000.

Police Chief Gill stated Patrolman Isham started as a full-time officer. Gill stated the department will be hosting the Azon Taser Instructor Training. Gill stated the department had 788 calls for service in the month of December and 10,554 total calls for service in calendar year 2025. Gill presented Council a breakdown of the calls.

Fire Chief Fain reported that the fire department had 455 calls for service for calendar year 2025. EMS had a preliminary count of 2,218 runs. Fain stated he attended the Pleasant Township meeting on January 1, 2026. Fain reported they are to increase the money sent to the Village from what they sent last year.

Councilperson Spencer reported on the Parks and Recreation meeting that was held on December 22, 2025. Spencer stated they need to replace James Welsh on the Cemetery Board. Councilperson DePinto stated she would like to leave Welsh on the board.

Councilperson DePinto made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-29 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-29: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON TO OFFER USED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR PURCHASE BY VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR DISTRIBUTION.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-29 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk