

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING  
September 3, 2024  
5:30 PM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 19, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the Never Alone-Ohio Overdose Awareness Walk.

Finance Director Lewis stated the Village received \$882.00 from Walgreens for the OPIOD settlement and \$1,492 from the OPIOD general fund. Lewis stated she received \$1,500 in bed tax from the Relax Inn. Lewis reported the Village received the second half of property taxes. Lewis informed Council she received the second half of property taxes from the Village of Shawnee in the amount of \$6,131 for EMS.

Administrator Emmert stated there will be AED and CPR training on September 5, 2024 at 8:30 am at the Administration Building. Emmert reported the railroad tracks on Main Street were temporarily repaired last week after several calls from Village employees. Emmert stated the more people that call and report it as an emergency the better the odds are of getting someone here to fix the tracks on Main Street and East Brown Street. Councilperson Hooper asked Emmert if he had the number. Emmert stated he gets the number from the sign by the railroad tracks. Emmert stated Keer Automotive is going to approach Council about vacating an alley or street. Emmert wants Council to familiarize themselves with the area for when they address Council. Emmert stated there were two big fire runs today and the New Lexington Fire Department did a great job.

Police Chief Gill stated the department responded to 610 calls for service in the month of August. Gill presented Council a breakdown of the calls. Gill gave Council an updated code inspection list. Gill presented Council with an update on the departments training, destruction of evidence, and upcoming events and the events they have attended. Gill stated the School Resource Officers will be participating in a program called Starfish. This is where the officers read to the students.

Gill presented Council a contract for a Mutual Aid Agreement between the members of the Perry County Chiefs of Police Association and of their respective departments. Councilperson DePinto asked if this would cause our Village to be short of officers. Gill stated "no". This would go through him and it would only be for extra help with parades and so forth or emergencies.

Lewis brought the GIS map up on the screen so Council could see where the alley that Keer Automotive would like the Village to vacate is.

Fire Chief Fain reported they have had a busy August. Fain stated they had 39 fire runs and 161 EMS runs with 97 transports in the month of August. Fain stated they attended the Never Alone-Ohio

Overdose Awareness Walk. Fain informed Council they met with the Workforce Development Program at the New Lexington High School about the bunk room project. Fain stated it would cost \$2,500 for them to make the downstairs bunk room for EMS. They informed Fain they could complete the project in two days. They also discussed the upstairs bunk room which will be looked into at a later date.

Councilperson DePinto stated she would schedule a Finance Committee meeting at the next Council meeting. DePinto stated members of the Finance committee should have received an email from Finance Director Lewis regarding the 2025 police budget.

Council discussed what all is involved in vacating a road or alley.

Councilperson DePinto stated she sent all Councilmembers an email regarding being on the Tree Commission Committee. She stated she did not receive a response. DePinto stated she is afraid we are going to lose our Tree City status if no one volunteers for the committee. Administrator Emmert stated we had just received recognition from Senator J. D. Vance for being a tree city. Councilperson Spencer stated he would be on the committee.

Council Clerk Spohn stated Resolution No. 24-25 that was presented by Administrator Emmert at the last meeting but did not get voted on due to some confusion with the absence of the clerk.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-25 and declaring an emergency and being retroactive for August 19, 2024. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 24-25: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND /OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-25 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Contract for the Police Department. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

  
Mayor

  
Council Clerk