

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 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, Dan Bethel, Mike Kimble, Janie DePinto and Bob Spencer. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis, Fire Chief Fain and Police Captain Newlon.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 20, 2026 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the Poppy Walk hosted by the women of the VFW, the e-scooter meeting and performed a wedding. Thompson stated he attended the Tree Commission Arbor Day Ceremony. Thompson gave Council an update on revenues from some of the levies.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council with a payment listing.

Administrator Emmert presented Council with a Resolution to reset the fees for the Municipal Swimming Pool. Emmert stated they will be going to Thornville this week to get the pool supplies they purchased from the Village. They are going to try and have the pool ready to open by the end of May. Emmert reminded everyone about the dumpsters that will be placed around the Village beginning May 15, 2026 and the Village clean-up day on May 16, 2026 from 9:00 am – 12 noon. Anyone wishing to participate can meet at the shelter house at MacGahan Park. Councilperson DePinto inquired if Eric had spoken to Sarah Matthews from Win Waste Innovations about a donation for the pool. Emmert stated when they schedule the tour of their facility with Council he will ask her. Finance Director Lewis stated they were going over the insurance for the Village vehicles and the insurance company had vehicles that the Village no longer owns insured and others that should have been insured were not. Lewis stated they have it all up to date now. Mayor Thompson stated we may want to look into another insurance company. Lewis stated that is already being done.

Police Captain Newlon presented Council an update on the department’s training and events. Newlon stated the department had 787 calls for service in the month of April 2026. Newlon presented Council a breakdown of the calls.

Fire Chief Fain stated the department helped with the Poppy Walk. Fain reported that the department had 30 fire runs in the month of April 2026. Fain requested a finance committee meeting to discuss a new fire truck and IT. Councilperson DePinto asked Finance Director Lewis if she or Fire Chief Fain could talk to the bank to get information about a loan before the Finance Committee meeting. Lewis stated the bank requires something in writing for this.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for Fire Chief Fain or Finance Director Lewis to get quotes from the bank for a new fire truck. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Councilperson DePinto scheduled a Finance Committee Meeting on May 11, 2026 at 2:00 pm.

Councilperson Spencer stated there will be a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on May 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. Spencer stated the fundraiser at Trotters hosted by the 4th of July committee went well. Spencer stated there are several other fundraisers scheduled.

Councilperson Pletcher showed Council pictures of the progress at MacGahan Park regarding the upgrade project. Council discussed the money the Village receives from the State of Ohio for the marijuana tax from having a dispensary within the Village that they had decided to use for parks. Mayor Thompson stated they received a quote for \$6,200 for concrete and \$1,000 for lighting for MacGahan Park. Thompson requested a motion to purchase these items from the marijuana tax money.

Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to use the marijuana tax money to purchase \$6,200 in concrete and \$1,000 for lighting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 26-2 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 26-2: **A RESOLUTION OMITTING ORDINANCE 14-10 RESETTING FEES FOR MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-2 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk