

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 2024
5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Danison and Hooper from the December 2, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson DePinto who abstained due to being absent from the November 18, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Sarah Matthews from Win-Waste Innovations addressed Council about the extension of their contract for trash removal in the Village. Administrator Emmert stated the company has been very good to work with and they are very involved with the community. Matthews thanked the Village for letting them be involved. Matthews stated there is an increase from the previous contract. The cost for senior citizens will be \$16.85 which was previously \$15.15 per month. For other residents the cost will be \$18.44, which was previously \$16.67 per month. This price will be locked in for three years. Councilperson Pletcher stated he thinks Council should approve the extension of the contract.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for Administrator Emmert to sign the extension of the contract for three years for Win-Waste Innovations for trash removal within the Village of New Lexington. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson thanked the Public Service Department for all their hard work in putting up the Christmas decorations in the Village.

Finance Director Lewis stated she has prepared an Ordinance if Council agrees to amend the Personal Policy Manual for holiday pay for EMS and the Police Department. After this issue was discussed, Council did not want to change the PPM.

Councilperson Hooper arrived late.

Lewis presented Council an Ordinance for annual appropriations, Resolution for amending EMS wages and a Resolution for amending the pay for the Fire Department. Lewis stated a decision needs to be made concerning part-time and full-time EMS employees. If an employee consistently works over the required hours for part-time, they are considered full-time and must be offered benefits. Council needs to decide if they want the scheduling to change or if they want these employees to be made full time with benefits. Fire Chief Fain asked when this decision had

to be made. Lewis stated a decision should be made by the first of the year. Mayor Thompson stated he thinks they should speak to the Village Attorney. Lewis informed Council currently the Public Service Department, Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant have a boot allowance of \$150 a year. Lewis stated she thinks this should be increased to \$250 a year.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to increase the boot allowance for the Public Service Department, Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant to \$250 per year.

Administrator Emmert reported the Village is going to start repairs on the storm sewer behind Pletcher's house on Walnut Street. The cost of the repairs is around \$100,000. The repairs will be done in two phases. William Patton has agreed to give the Village an easement on his property to make the repairs. Councilperson DePinto asked who was doing the repairs. Emmert stated several people have looked at it, but Bob Heavener is the only one who wanted to do the job. Emmert stated the project will be starting soon. Emmert informed Council the employee appreciation luncheon will be on December 18, 2024 from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. All Council is welcome to attend. Emmert stated there was a major water leak over the weekend. They were having trouble locating where the leak was, so they asked the Police Department to use the drone to find the leak. Emmert stated with the drone it was found within thirty minutes. The leak has been repaired. Emmert stated the investment the Village made by purchasing the drone was a great one. Emmert reported that the CO2 tank at the Water Treatment Plant has been repaired. Emmert stated they submitted invoices for \$362,000 for reimbursement. Emmert stated he gave Council an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce for a Holiday Social on December 12, 2024. Emmert stated he and Finance Director Lewis have spoken to several IT companies. MAPSYS our current IT company has given them a quote of \$59,580. Emmert present Council a resolution for a solicitation permit.

Police Chief Gill reported that the department had 618 calls for service in the month of November. Gill presented a breakdown of the calls. Gill reviewed the training schedule for the department. Gill stated the Perry County Health Department is giving the Police Department \$5,000 to use for any Child Prevention projects. Gill thanked Commander Biggers for the department receiving this money due to her acquiring her certificate as Child Passenger Safety Technician. Gill stated a church brought in 600 toys for the Fire/EMS, Police and Win-Waste toy drive. Gill presented Council with a 371.06 permit to solicit charitable contributions in the roadway. This is a list of requirements for soliciting donations within the Village. Gill stated he received a call from the Junction City, Ohio Mayor stating they had annexed the Junction City Elementary School inside the city limits. Now the school resource officer will have police powers inside the school.

Fire Chief Fain stated the department's annual banquet was great. Fain reported that the fire department responded to 33 fire runs in the month of November. Fain stated the department is out of room for the Christmas Walk so they are going to move Santa into the Village Hall lobby. Fain stated the toy drive will be on December 7, 2024.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 24-12 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 24-12: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL**

APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-32 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 24-32: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING WAGES FOR FULL TIME EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-32 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Spencer who voted "no". Motion carried.

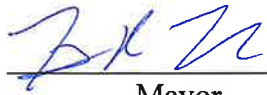
Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-33 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Spencer who abstained due to a conflict of interest. Resolution No. 24-33: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTUION 24-15 PAY RATES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-33 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Spencer who abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-28 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 24-38: **A RESOLUTION REQUIRING ALL VENDORS SOLICITING IN THE NEW LEXINGTON AREA TO OBTAIN A YEARLY SOLICIATION PERMIT AND OMIT RESOLUTION 98-12 AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-38 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

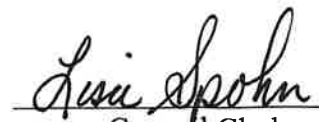
Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk