

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

October 20, 2025

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 Dave Pletcher, Bob Spencer, Jim Welsh, Janie DePinto, Dan Bethel, Ty Danison and Debbie Hooper. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis, Fire Chief Fain and Police Chief Gill.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 6, 2025 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson reported he has been present for several water leaks and has checked on the bridge replacement on Broadway. Thompson stated he attended the Perry County Cancer Alliance Prayer Vigil, Trunk or Treat and a meeting at the ELKS for the Veterans services on Veterans Day.

Finance Director Lewis requested a motion to approve the September 2025 financial statements.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the September 2025 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council an ordinance to amend appropriations, a resolution and a payment listing. Lewis stated the Village hired a part-time janitor who will be working eight hours a week.

Administrator Emmert reported that the striping on State Street and Tile Plant Rd. will begin next week. Emmert requested approval from Council to apply for the second round of dumpsters through the Perry County Health Dept.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for Administrator Emmert to apply for the grant with the Perry County Health Department for the second round of dumpsters. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Emmert reported three trucks and two mowers from the Public Service Dept. were sold on GovDeals for \$6,245 and a police Crown Victoria was sold for \$1,811.25. Emmert stated the ELKS have purchased two new monuments for Veterans Memorial Park. The monuments will be unveiled at the Veterans Day Services on Veterans Day. Emmert stated Trick or Treat will be on October 30, 2025.

Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins presented Council with an update on court cases and legal actions. Wilkins informed Council he has been working with legal aid and adult services to try and find a resident a new place to rent due to the conditions of the rental property she is living in are unacceptable. Councilperson Spencer stated he has had several complaints about property. Wilkins stated there is already an open case at that address.

Police Chief Gill stated a new auxiliary officer was sworn in on October 17, 2025. Gill reported they handed out approximately 760 tickets at Trunk or Treat and there were around 60 trunks. Gill presented Council an update on the department's training and events. Gill stated they will be having new body worn cameras system orientation this week.

Fire Chief Fain stated Trunk or Treat was well attended by the communities. Fain stated they attended the Perry County Cancer Alliance Prayer Vigil where they presented the alliance with a check for \$2,500 that was raised by the Fire/EMS departments through their annual t-shirt sales. Fain stated they will be inspecting Win Waste dumps for the new blow-off system for excess gases.

Councilperson DePinto asked Administrator Emmert if the Village water is tested. Emmert stated "yes". DePinto asked if we receive a report from the EPA. Emmert stated no, if we are not in violation, we do not receive a report. Emmert stated that anyone can call the EPA and inquire about the water. The EPA is in Logan, Ohio. DePinto asked Emmert if the Village has anything to do with the landfill since it is outside the city limits and if we receive any monies from it. Emmert stated the landfill does make monetary donations for different things for the Village, but the landfill is outside the corporation limits. Mayor Thompson stated the employees at the water treatment plant are licensed and the license they have to obtain is not an easy task.

Councilperson Spencer asked Council if the Parks and Recreation Committee needed permission to put the nativity scene at MacGahan Park. Councilperson DePinto stated "no".

Councilperson Bethel reported he spoke with Code Enforcement Wilkins about some changes that may be needed for zoning. Bethel stated he will be having a Planning/Economic Development committee meeting to discuss some changes and bring their recommendations back to Council.

Councilperson DePinto asked Spencer if he has enough members on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Spencer stated they must replace one member that is moving, and he has been trying to contact another member to see if he still wants to be on the committee.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the Bremen, Ohio Council meeting to help them establish an ATV friendly area.

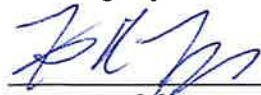
Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 25-16 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 25-16: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-16 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. 25-19 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-19: **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-19 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk