

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

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

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilperson Spencer from the June 3, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 20, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Chase Bennett thanked Council for their support in the primary election for Perry County Commissioner. Bennett stated the basketball fundraisers the police and fire departments held to purchase a drone were great. Bennett stated he was sorry for the Village and other towns in the county that did not receive any grant money from the Appalachian Community Grant. Bennett informed Council he has been making phone calls to get information on why they were not awarded to any municipalities in the county.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the fire department pancake breakfast held on Memorial Day, the Memorial Day parades held in New Lexington and Junction City and meetings at the New Lexington Schools.

Administrator Emmert informed Council the Village did not receive the grant for the bar screen at the wastewater treatment plant. Emmert reported he spoke with Representative Balderson's office last Wednesday and the Village was awarded a \$3,000,000 grant for water pressure improvements on the west side of the Village. Emmert informed Council he and Mayor Thompson are having a meeting with WIN Waste Innovations leadership team this week to discuss improvements to the swimming pool. Emmert stated they are working on railroad tracks within the Village that are no longer live tracks to remove signage so required vehicles will no longer have to stop.

Finance Director Lewis stated she released the May financial statements today. She will wait until the next meeting for a motion to approve the statements to give Council time to review them. Lewis presented Council Ordinance 24-7 to amend appropriations. Councilperson Bethel stated they have not made the investments at the bank yet that was discussed at the last meeting. Lewis stated she was advised by the bank to proceed with the investments two days prior to closing on the land the Village is purchasing.

Police Chief Gill stated Brianna Miller passed her test and was sworn in on May 30, 2024. Miller will start her employment with the police department on June 5, 2024. Gill stated he is working

with the school on pricing for Unit 6. Gill reported in the month of May they had 678 calls for service. Gill presented Council a breakdown of the calls. Gill stated the new Durango Cruiser should arrive any time. Councilperson Bethel asked Gill if he could give a demonstration of the drone at a Council meeting. Gill stated “yes”.

Fire Chief Fain informed Council the department had 27 fire runs in the month of May. Fain reported there will be a fire chiefs meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 and they have asked the New Lexington Fair Board to attend. Fain stated the pancake breakfast on Memorial Day was well attended and so was the parade. Fain stated the standard operating procedures for the drone are in place and once in service it will be the aviation division. Fain stated the department officers have been working on a plan to try and have manpower for daytime fire runs.

Councilperson Hooper asked if Council members could have a list of properties that have been issued citations for zoning or property maintenance issues. Finance Director Lewis stated Council received that information at the last Council meeting. Police Chief Gill informed Council Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins has currently only sent out letters for code violations. Council discussed zoning and property maintenance codes and the procedure for someone who has received a letter pertaining to a violation.

Council Clerk Spohn presented Council an Ordinance for taxable age.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 24-6 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted “yes” Motion carried. Ordinance No. 24-6: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO TAXABLE AGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-6 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 24-7 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 24-7: **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. 24-7 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

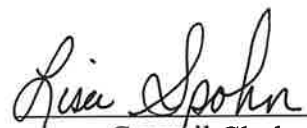
Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk