

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
June 16, 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, Debra Hooper, Bob Spencer, Dan Bethel, Ty Danison and Janie DePinto. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Fire Chief Fain, Finance Director Lewis and Police Chief Gill. Absent was Councilperson Jim Welsh.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2025 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson reported he was present at the fire at the Pizza Place. Thompson stated he attended the MacGahan ceremony at the New Lexington Cemetery, the ceremony held at MacGahan Park and festivities after at Saint Rose. Thompson stated he attended the Elks Flag Day Ceremony at the fairgrounds.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council a copy of the Personnel Policy Manual Acknowledgement Form for them to sign and return to her. Lewis requested a motion to approve the May 2025 financial statements.

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

Lewis informed Council the Fire Department needs a new compressor. The cost for the compressor is \$57,000. Lewis stated the funds are there to purchase the compressor outright or they can finance the purchase. Mayor Thompson stated they should purchase the compressor outright using funds from the fire levy fund.

Councilperson DePinto made a motion to purchase a compressor for the fire department using funds from the fire levy fund. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Lewis presented Council an Ordinance to amend appropriations. Lewis stated the Village received the check from Mount Aloysius in the amount of \$12,500 for fireworks for the 4th of July celebration. Lewis stated New Lexington CSD is purchasing 248 pool passes at a cost of \$37,200 to pass out to students. Councilperson Spencer asked how students could get a pass. Administrator Emmert stated he will find out and let Spencer know.

Administrator Emmert stated Jim Russell presented him with a check for \$10,000 from the Elks for money raised to repair Balls Court which is constantly vandalized. Emmert presented recommendations from Public Entities Pool of Ohio to Council following his meeting regarding risk review on June 6, 2025. Emmert reported ODOT will be repaving a portion of South Main Street. They are going to tear up the current asphalt and remove the bricks and then repave the

area. This will take place after the 4th of July. Emmert stated work on the bridge on State Route 13 will start after the Perry County Fair. Emmert stated Joe Perez was hired at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Emmert requested an executive session regarding personnel.

Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins presented Council an update on code enforcement. Wilkins stated he sent several letters pertaining to high grass. Wilkins stated CVS is making visible improvements to its property, including repaving the parking lot, repairing the roof, painting light poles and power washing the building to promote a better image in the Village after being notified of high grass. Wilkins stated two properties with code violations have stated they are going to sell their properties. Wilkins reported they have a meeting on June 17, 2025 with MORPC to discuss updates and improvements to zoning codes.

Administrator Emmert stated they have a meeting tomorrow with ODOT to discuss the issues at the intersection of Brown Street and State Street.

Police Chief Gill reported Officer Davis will be starting as a part-time officer. Gill stated he attended FBI training with the Office of Partner Engagement. Gill reported one officer has completed Human Trafficking training and another officer will complete Advanced Search Techniques training June 25, 2025. Gill reported on the events the department participated in. Gill stated the updated radios may not be ready to use until January 2026 due to waiting on a MARCS ID from the state. Gill stated they have completed the Emergency Operations Plan with the New Lexington CSD for the 2025-2026 school year. Gill stated the BCI audit was successfully completed. Councilperson DePinto asked Gill to update her on the FBI training he attended. Gill stated he was invited to attend by the Cincinnati field office with all fees paid for. Gill stated he was one of two officers chosen from Southeastern Ohio to attend. Councilperson DePinto congratulated him for such an honor.

Mayor Thompson stated a resident contacted him concerning an area on their property that is always flooding and a crumbling sidewalk. Thompson stated he would give the information to the Municipal Concerns Committee to investigate.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Pletcher from the June 16, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 25-9 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 25-9: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-9 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) regarding personnel with Council, Mayor, Administrator and Police Chief present. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 6:12 pm for executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:12 pm.

Councilperson DePinto stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk