

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

August 5, 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 Jim Welsh, Dan Bethel, Ty Danison, Janie DePinto, Dave Pletcher and Bob Spencer. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Gill, Finance Director Lewis and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilperson Hooper.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 15, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Pletcher who abstained due to being absent from the July 15, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson DePinto made a motion to excuse Councilperson Hooper from the August 5, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he and Administrator Emmert were presented with a check from WIN Waste Innovations for \$10,000 to be used to repair or replace the lift chair at the New Lexington swimming pool. Thompson thanked the Public Service Department for their hard work with all the recent water leaks. Thompson also thanked Bob Heavener for his assistance after hours repairing water leaks in the Village.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council with the bank reconciliations for the months of May, June and July that Council needs to sign. Lewis stated she released the July 2024 financial statements. Lewis requested a motion to approve the July 2024 financial statements.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the July 2024 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council an Ordinance for amending the annual appropriations. Lewis stated she received a check from Walmart Inc. for \$3,200 and a check from CVS Inc. for \$1,000 for the opioid settlement. Lewis reported Attorney Barclay sent her an email stating Councilperson Danison cannot vote on anything pertaining to the fire department since he is a member of the department and Councilpersons Hooper and Spencer cannot vote on anything for the fire department pertaining to salaries, policies or benefits due to having family members on the department.

Administrator Emmert reported the new Village website is up and running and the Village app is now available to download. Emmert reported on the hearing with the PUCO concerning the railroad exemptions at Madison St., N. Main St., W. Union St., and Carroll St. Emmert stated MAPSYS visited the Village and met with department heads to introduce new members of their team. Emmert stated they are coordinating a date to work on a Cybersecurity Software & Services Grant. Emmert reported Amanda Allen is resigning from the Tree Commission. Amanda will help with securing the 34th year as a Tree City USA before leaving. Emmert stated she does a great job and will be missed. Emmert stated the Tree Commission needs some volunteers from Council. Emmert informed Council the Public Service department has been working a lot of hours this past week due to five water main breaks. Emmert stated the guys have been doing a great job. Emmert stated he emailed the information to Council members on the Ethics and Sunshine law training that all Council members are required to obtain.

Police Chief Gill stated the department had 542 calls for service the month of July. Gill presented Council a breakdown of the calls. Gill stated the decals have been completed on the new Durango cruiser. Gill stated he entered it into the car show at Hemlock. It won best in class for 1st responder vehicle. Gill stated the Perry County Sheriff's office, and the Police Chiefs met on July 29, 2024 to discuss dispatching. Gill stated the new

app the Village has is great. Residents can go to the app to apply for permits and other forms. They are able to submit tips to the police department also. Councilperson Pletcher asked if all drone training was complete. Gill stated Fire Chief Fain, Operations Manager I Galleher and himself are licensed to fly the drone. Gill stated they are trying to get more people involved in retaining a license to fly the drone. Gill reported the police department and Fire/EMS department are planning a touch the truck day at Arethusa Springs Park on September 28, 2024 from 8:00 am. – 12:00 pm. Gill stated from 8:00 am to 9:00 am will be a quiet time for children who don't like loud noises.

Fire Chief Fain reported they had 22 fire runs in the month of July. Fain stated he attended the meeting with MAPSYS and a meeting with Mount Aloysius. Fain stated they will be helping at the FIDO fest this weekend. Fain stated he attended a meeting with Pleasant Township. Council discussed township contracts.

Councilperson DePinto reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 5, 2024. DePinto stated the committee recommends to Council the Fire Department have permission to purchase bunker gear in the amount of \$40,380.

Councilperson DePinto asked when the paving at the park would be completed. Administrator Emmert stated two to three weeks. DePinto asked if the hot box was completed yet. Emmert stated "no".

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 24-10 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 24-10: **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. 24-10 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-24 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 24-24: **A RESOLUTION ASSESSING COST OF WATER AND WASTEWATER CHARGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-24 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.


Mayor


Council Clerk