

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
December 22, 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 and Ty Danison. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis, Fire Chief Fain and Police Chief Gill. Absent was Councilperson Hooper.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Hooper from the December 22, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 1, 2025 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he participated in the Santa Cade and fill the truck with the Fire/EMS Department. Thompson thanked the Public Service Department for their hard work. They have had several major water leaks recently.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council a letter from the Perry County Budget Commission regarding the deadline submissions. Lewis stated she needs a motion from Council to approve these dates.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to accept the submission deadlines from the Perry County Budget Commission. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Lewis presented Council a payment listing. Lewis asked Council if the current holiday schedule for the employees will remain the same for the 2026 calendar year. Council stated "yes".

Administrator Emmert presented Council a Resolution for the employees to purchase the old computers. Emmert stated he spoke to Attorney Barclay, and the computers will be \$30 a piece with each employee allowed to purchase two. Emmert stated there is a utility training on March 18, 2026. Most of the Council needs to attend this training which will help the Village when applying for grants. Emmert reported that the Village was awarded \$10,271.84 from the Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. This will help get the Village in compliance with House Bill 96 requirements for government cyber security. Emmert stated he got a portable speed limit sign to put in the Village. Hopefully this will help to get people to slow down. Councilperson Welsh asked if there was any way the Village could get some money to help replace water lines within the Village. Emmert stated they are looking for grants for this daily.

Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins presented Council an update on court cases and legal actions. Wilkins stated there will be a variance hearing on January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall regarding a variance application for 201 North High Street to build a new home. Wilkins stated he attended the Ohio Code Official meeting on December 11, 2025.

Police Chief Gill introduced Adam Newlon as the new Police Captain for the department. Gill stated Michael Isham was hired for the full-time position in the department and will start next week. Gill stated

the sergeant selection process was concluded today. Gill presented Council an update on the department's training and events.

Fain stated the department participated in the Christmas parade, held the Santa Cade and the toy drive. Each one of these events was very successful. Fain commended all the volunteers who made the toy drive a success. Fain expressed concern about why his department was not included in the end of year bonus. After some discussion the mayor stated they are permitted to do this for their department and Fain would have to decide who would receive it. Mayor told him to figure out what he wants to do, and they will make it happen.

Councilperson Spencer stated there will be a Parks & Recreation meeting tonight.

Mayor Thompson stated he will be holding a records committee meeting next week.

Councilperson DePinto presented a letter to Council that she received from the Ohio Postal Workers Union asking for the Village to pass a proclamation recognizing the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Post Office.

Mayor Thompson appointed Kathy Chute and Cindy Taylor to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Thompson presented Councilperson Jim Welsh a proclamation for his time of service on Village Council.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-29 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-29: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON TO OFFER USED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR PURCHASE BY VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR DISTRIBUTION.**

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-28 as a seconded reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-28: **A RESOLUTION TO WRITE OFF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO INCOME TAX DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-28 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

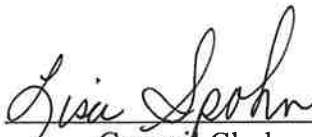
Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk