

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

November 3, 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 Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2025 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson reported he went on the tour with the Fire Department at the methane plant at the landfill, has been present for several water leaks and checked on the bridge replacement on Broadway. Thompson stated he attended the Veterans Extravaganza, FFA Hog Roast and attended several team escorts for the New Lexington Schools sporting events.

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

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

Finance Director Lewis presented Council an ordinance to amend appropriations and several resolutions for pay increases.

Administrator Emmert presented Council a resolution to make Walnut Street a one-way street. Emmert reported the Village was awarded \$33,399 from the Nature Works Grant for Madison Park. Emmert stated they are working with the Health Department to get additional funding for this project.

Police Chief Gill presented Council a breakdown of the department's calls for service in the month of October. They had 799 total calls for service. Gill informed Council Commander Biggers has resigned and turned in her two-week notice. Gill presented Council an update on the department's training and events. Gill reported that the new body cameras are in use and working well. Gill stated he was contacted about shutting down Monument Square on the morning of November 10, 2025 so the new monuments purchased by the ELKS can be installed.

Fain reported EMS had 184 calls for service in October and 31 fire runs. Fain stated the department toured the methane plant at the landfill and several other events. Fain stated trick-or-treat at the department was a success.

Councilperson DePinto presented Council a breakdown of the pay raises for each department for the Village employees and department heads.

Councilperson Hooper asked Administrator Emmert for the status of the study being done on State and Brown Street. Emmert stated they met with ODOT today and the study has been

completed. They have a design that will work well, but it will probably be 2027 before anything can be done.

Councilperson Spencer informed Council the Parks and Recreation Committee will be having a meeting on November 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. Spencer stated they will be holding meetings on the second Monday of the month.

Mayor Thompson read a thank you card from a resident thanking Council for the paving that has been completed in the Village.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 25-17 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 25-17: **AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A PORTION OF WALNUT STREET AS A ONE-WAY STREET WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON.**

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 25-18 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 25-18: **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. 25-18 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-20 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-20: **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR ERIC EMMERT.**

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-21 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-21: **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND VILLAGE FINANCE DIRECTOR CHELSEY LEWIS.**

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-22 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-22: **A RESOLUTION SETTING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY CONTRACTS.**

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-23 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-23: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR GRANT WRITER HEIDI MILNER.**

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-24 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes” except for Councilpersons Danison and Hooper who abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-24: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTON 24-33 PAY RATES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.**

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-25 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes” except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-25: **A RESOLUTON AMENDING WAGES FOR FULL TIME EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL**

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-26 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-26: **A RESOLUTION SETTING WAGE RATES FOR THE VILLAGE SWIMMING POOL EMPLOYEES.**

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 5:55 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk