

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2026
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 Ty Danison, Debra Hooper, Dave Pletcher, Dan Bethel, Mike Kimble and Bob Spencer. Absent was Councilperson DePinto. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis, Fire Chief Fain and Police Chief Gill.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson DePinto from the April 20, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 6, 2026 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Kimble. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson reported he had lunch with Mount Aloysius CEO David Couch and they are going to raise their donation to \$15,000 for fireworks for the New Lexington 4th of July celebration. Couch informed Thompson they are going to install a walking trail at the facility. Thompson stated he received a donation of \$4,500 for the MacGahan park upgrades.

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

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the March 2026 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson Kimble. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Lewis presented Council with the payment listing and Ordinance 26- 6 amending appropriations.

Administrator Emmert reported a storm sewer collapsed on Mill Street and it was repaired by Bob Heavener. Emmert stated we have started the income tax conversion with the Regional Income Tax Agency. Emmert reported he received a flyer from Ann Hankinson and Jody Newlon regarding an Art Walk on Main St. on May 29, 2026. Emmert requested the closure of Main St. for the walk.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to close Main St. on May 29, 2026 for the Art Walk. Seconded by Councilperson Kimble. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Emmert stated the dumpsters have been scheduled for May 15, 2026. They will be at the same locations as the last time. Emmert reported they are replacing the plumbing at the bathrooms at Arethusa Springs Park. Emmert stated the sand filter at the swimming pool is broken. Emmert informed Council he spoke with the Village of Thornville about pool parts they might have since they are closing their pool. Emmert stated Thornville has two sand filters and we need three. Emmert asked Council to approve purchasing Thornville's pool equipment for \$10,000.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to purchase the Thornville pool equipment for \$10,000. Seconded by Councilperson Kimble. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Emmert stated since Mount Aloysius is building a new walking trail, that the Village may move the Story Book Trail from the reservoir to Mount Aloysius.

Police Chief Gill requested an executive session for employee compensation. Gill presented Council an update on the department's training, evidence and events Gill stated they will be hosting a public meeting on April 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss e-scooters within the Village.

Fire Chief Fain stated the event at the fairgrounds went well. Fain requested a Finance Committee meeting to discuss trucks for the department.

Councilperson Spencer reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting which was held with the 4th of July Committee. Spencer stated the 4th of July committee has several fund-raising events coming up soon. Spencer stated the committee has been going around all the parks within the Village to see what upgrades might be needed.

Councilperson Danison reported on the Cemetery Board meeting. Danison stated they have been cutting down dead trees and are going to replace the fence.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 26-6 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 26-6: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN ANMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 26-6 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) for employee compensation with Council and the Mayor present. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 6:00 pm for executive session.

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

Meeting resumed at 6:12 pm.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(3) for possible litigation with Council, Mayor, Administrator and Administrative Assistant present. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 6:13 pm for executive session.

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

Meeting resumed at 6:36 pm.

Council person Bethel stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

Councilperson Kimble made a motion for Mayor Thompson and Administrator Emmert to make the decision about a water bill. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk