

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 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, Debra Hooper, Janie DePinto and Bob Spencer. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Gill, and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilperson Pletcher.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilperson Pletcher from the July 15, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 1, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 24, 2024 special meeting. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison and Bethel who abstained due to being absent from the June 24, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended several 4th of July activities within the county. Thompson thanked the 4th of July Committee, Public Service Department, Police Department, and the Fire Department for all their work on the 4th of July celebration. Thompson reported they met with John Carey, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia. They took Carey on a tour of the Village to discuss several projects. Thompson stated he attended meetings with the school and attended the Perry County Fair luncheon today.

Administrator Emmert stated they met with Sara Matthews and Benjamin Nutter from Win-Waste Innovations, and they are donating \$10,000 to the New Lexington Swimming Pool. Emmert informed Council the contract with Hamburg Fireworks has been signed for the 2025 4th of July celebration. Emmert stated the Village App went live today. Emmert reported the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a public hearing on July 26, 2024 at 11:00 am at Village Hall regarding the railroad tracks in the Village that are no longer active. Emmert stated there is a box in the lobby for Children Services for hygiene donations. There is also a can in the Administration office for can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. DePinto asked about the paving at the park. Emmert stated it was supposed to start this week, but it was rescheduled for next week.

Code enforcement officer Wilkins presented Council an update on code inspections. Council discussed property maintenance in the Village. Administrator Emmert stated he received an estimate of \$4,500 to clean the creek by Nuzum Street.

Police Chief Gill stated there will be a car seat check on July 17, 2024 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the fire department. Gill stated there was only one incident at the July 4th celebration requiring an officer. Gill stated he assisted Junction City with their 4th of July celebration. Gill reported

they are waiting on the check from the New Lexington CSD for Unit 6. Gill stated he will start employee evaluations at the end of July. Gill informed Council the Elks donated \$4,000 for the K9 kennel, which has been ordered.

Fire Chief Fain reported there were a few issues with the 4th of July fireworks due to the short rain before they were set off. Fain stated he spoke with Pleasant TWP about their contract with the department. Fain stated he received a letter from Pleasant TWP stating they would like to discuss the contract. Council discussed the issues with Fire/EMS coverage within the county. Fain stated he and Assistant Fire Chief Morrow have come up with some ideas to take to the Perry County Commissioners regarding these issues.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk