

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 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, Debbie Hooper, Dave Pletcher and Bob Spencer. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Gill, Finance Director Lewis and Fire Chief Fain.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 7, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Ken Wilson from Keer Automotive was present to inquire about the progress of the Village vacating the street adjacent to their property that has never been used so they can expand their business. Administrator Emmert stated it is still with Attorney Barclay, but the Village intentions are to move forward with vacating the street.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the Homecoming parade and festivities. Thompson reported he and Fire Chief Fain attended a meeting at Pike Township.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council an updated payment list. Lewis stated the Village received the second half of the Pike Township Fire/EMS levy money.

Administrator Emmert presented a resolution to move forward with the bridge replacement and paving on State Route 13, a resolution to contract with Ardent Environmental for clean soil placement remediation at the former LEMPCO building and a resolution to enter into a memorandum of understanding agreement for the mindfulness trail. Emmert reported he has a meeting with an IT company tomorrow. Emmert stated he is looking at other options for IT other than our current IT company. Councilperson DePinto inquired about the high bills for Kleinfelder Engineering. Emmert stated the Village has a lot of necessary projects currently going on.

Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins presented Council a flyer he made to inform the residents of the code enforcement policies and procedures. Wilkins gave Council a copy of the court packet he will be using. Wilkins informed Council money from the Health Department can be used for actual dump site cleanup and community cleanups. Wilkins suggested possibly having a community cleanup day. Wilkins reported he sent three properties to the Village attorney to file charges with the Municipal Court. Wilkins stated he requested a delinquent property tax list from the County for parcels within the Village. Wilkins stated they are still having success with some property owners.

Police Chief Gill gave Council an update on trainings that have been completed and upcoming trainings for the department. Gill stated the destruction order for this year has started this week. Gill reported the Homecoming Parade was a success. Gill stated he attended the FFA dinner on October 18, 2024. Commander Biggers completed executive leadership training. Gills stated he and Biggers attended the suicide prevention, human trafficking, and drug coalition meeting. Gill reported he and Todd Galleher,

Operations Manager I attended the Homeless Coalition Fundraiser. Gill informed Council the police department did not receive the School Resource Officer grant they applied for due to low crime rates.

Fire Chief Fain reported the department has been busy. Fain stated they attended the Homecoming Parade and the Annual Cancer Awareness Vigil. Fain reminded everyone of the upcoming Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat which the department will be attending.

Councilperson DePinto stated there will be a Finance Committee meeting on October 29, 2024 at 1:00 pm at Village Hall.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-28 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 24-28: **PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION CONSENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-28 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. Motion carried.

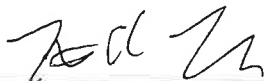
Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-29 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 24-29: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, ACCEPTING, AND ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH ARDENT ENVIRONMENTAL FOR THE CLEAN SOIL PLACEMENT REMEDIATION OF THE FORMER LEMPCO PORPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-29 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-30 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 29-30: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AGREEMENT WITH THE PERRY COUNTY COMMISIONERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A MINDFULNESS TRAIL AT ARETHUSA SPRINGS PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 29-30 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk