

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 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, Janie DePinto, Mike Kimble and Bob Spencer. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis and Police Chief Gill. Absent was Councilperson Bethel.

Councilperson Hooper made a motion to excuse Councilperson Bethel from the February 2, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 20, 2026 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Depinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Hiedi Milner presented Council an update on the LEMPCO project. Milner stated they are nearing the end of the project. Documents have been submitted to the EPA and it could take six months for them to review. The project should be completed by the end of June.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the Fire/EMS training. Thompson thanked the Public Service Department, Police Department, Fire/EMS department and the Administration Department for all they did during the snowstorm last week.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council an ordinance for amending annual appropriations and a resolution for snow emergency response pay for fire department personnel.

Administrator Emmert reported he spoke with a representative from RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) to discuss taking over the income tax for New Lexington in the future due to the tax clerk will not be here forever. They gave him a quote of \$35,000 - \$39,000. This was based on information provided to them from the income tax department. Emmert stated he had a meeting with ODOT and two other companies to discuss the right of way for the streetscape project on Carroll Street and Broadway. There will be trees that need removed and the Village will be responsible for this. Emmert stated he discussed the design with the engineer regarding the waterline replacement on Carroll Street from Newlon Tire to Cooper Standard. Emmert presented Council with a list of cyber training websites through the Ohio Auditor of State. Emmert stated there are also websites for training required by the State of Ohio for local government employees and elected officials. The Sunshine Law website for training offered by the Ohio Attorney General is on the list also. This training is required in accordance with R. C. 109.43 for all elected officials in Ohio.

Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins presented Council an update on property maintenance. Wilkins stated 311 Swigart St., 5795 Tile Plant Rd., 152 E Broadway St., 110 Mill St., 111 Somerset St. rear, 414 Fowlers St. and 225 Orchard St. have been torn down. Wilkins reported the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance for 201 N. High St. Wilkins stated he will be

attending the Ohio Code Officials Quarterly meeting on February 19, 2026 and he and Administrator Emmert have a land bank meeting on February 12, 2026.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 26-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 26-1: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 26-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Kimble made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 26-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried. Resolution No. 26-1: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SNOW EMERGENCY RESPONSE PAY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Pletcher made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Kimble. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Police Chief Gill stated the department is fully staffed now. Gill presented Council an update on the department's training and events. Gill stated there will be a Point-in-Time count tonight for people experiencing homelessness in New Lexington. Gill reported the light bar on the new cruiser quit working. They will be coming on site to repair this. Gill stated that unit two needs new spark plugs. This will cost \$800 due to the location of the plugs. Police Chief Gill reported the department had 847 calls for service in the month of January. Gill presented Council a breakdown of the calls.

Councilperson Spencer reported there will be a Parks and Recreation meeting on Monday February 9, 2026. The committee will be holding their meetings on the second Monday of the month.

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 6:30 PM.


Mayor


Council Clerk