

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 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 November 3, 2025 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he has been present for several water leaks, checked on the bridge replacement on Broadway and the replacement of hydrants. Thompson stated he attended the Veterans Programs on Veterans Day at the New Lexington CSD, the Junction City Elementary School and the Veterans Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park. Thompson thanked Administrator Emmert for the Village of Somerset’s participation in the parade escort for the New Lexington High School Volleyball Team when they went through the Village on their way to the State Tournament.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council a payment listing, an ordinance to amend appropriations. Lewis requested a motion to rescind Resolution No. 25-22 due to changes needed.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 25-22. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Lewis presented Council Resolution 25-27 to replace Resolution 25-22.

Administrator Emmert reported the Public Service Department has repaired five hydrants in the Village. They still need to repair five more. Emmert informed Council he and Mayor Thompson attended the OPWC meeting. Emmert stated the Village will not receive any funding in 2026 for paving. Emmert stated they will continue to investigate this. Councilperson DePinto asked if she could call the engineers office to inquire about this situation. Emmert stated “yes”. Emmert presented Council a letter from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control regarding the renewal of liquor license within the Village.

Councilperson Spencer made a motion to not object the renewal applications of liquor license permits within the Village. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Emmert informed Council the Village received a violation from the EPA at the Water Treatment Plant. Emmert stated Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Kleinert is correcting the situation. There was a mix up in communication between the Water Treatment Plant and the lab. Emmert asked Council if the old computers that the Village has since we had to upgrade could be given

to employees if they are interested in them. Mayor Thompson stated he would have to ask Attorney Barclay. Emmert reported the new lighting at Monument Square was vandalized. Mayor Thompson stated the new monuments look amazing. Emmert reported he visited the landfill with Representatives Kevin Miller and Mark Johnson. Emmert stated it was very impressive and if any of Council is interested, he would set up a tour for them. Emmert stated he and Administrative Assistant Browning will be attending an ODOT meeting on November 20, 2025. Emmert reported there will be a Tree Commission Meeting on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Emmert stated Kelly Clapper is interested in being a member of the tree commission. Mayor Thompson asked Council if any of them had an issue with Administrator Emmert being the Village Administrator and the Mayor of Somerset. Emmert stated he checked with the Ohio Ethics Commission and there are no violations with him being the Administrator of New Lexington and the Mayor of Somerset. Councilperson Welsh thanked all the Village employees for the hard work they do for the Village.

Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins presented Council an update on code enforcement cases. Wilkins stated he has prepared three more court cases to give to the Village Solicitor. Wilkins stated he will be attending the quarterly code officer training on November 20, 2025.

Police Chief Gill informed Council he has posted a job opening for a Police Captain. Gill presented Council an update on the department's training and events. Gill stated they are still waiting for the award announcement for the additional JAG equipment grant they applied for. Gill reported the New Lexington Police Department was awarded \$334,125 grant from COPS office for school violence prevention.

Fain reported the department has participated in all the escorted parades for the New Lexington Volleyball Team. Fain stated photos with Santa will be held on November 29, 2025 and Santa Cade will be on December 13, 2025. Fain stated their ISO inspection is coming up. Fain reported the escort for the New Lexington Football Team leaving for Division IV, Region 15 playoff game will start at 3:00 pm on Friday, November 21, 2025.

Councilperson DePinto stated they held a Finance Committee meeting today. Police Chief Gill stated they created a Captains position at an annual salary of \$62,400 and increased the pay for the Operations Manager 3. This will keep his budget the same since Commander Biggers is leaving and after tomorrow, she will only be an auxiliary officer.

Councilperson Spencer informed Council the Parks and Recreation Committee did not have a quorum for the meeting they held on November 10, 2025. Mayor Thompson asked to add Chelsea Schultheis to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Administrator Emmert asked Spencer if he asked the Perry County Park Board to come to their next meeting. Spencer reminded everyone they will be holding meetings on the second Monday of the month.

Administrator Emmert requested a motion for the mayor to sign a contract from ODOT stating that Administrator Emmert has the authority to sign on behalf of the Village as an authorized representative.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for Mayor Thompson to sign a contract from ODOT giving Administrator Emmert the authority to sign on behalf of the Village as an authorized representative. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 25-19 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 25-19: **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. 25-19 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-27 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-27: **A RESOLUTION SETTING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY CONTRACTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Bethel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-27 as read. Seconded by Councilperson DePinto. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 25-17 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. 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 Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-17 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-20 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher 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 Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-20 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-21 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. 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 adopt Resolution 25-21 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-23 as a second 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 Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution

No. 25-23 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-24 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison 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 adopt Resolution No. 25-24 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 25-25 as a second reading. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. 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 Welsh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-25 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk