

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

August 03, 2026

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 Ty Danison, Dave Pletcher, Dan Bethel, Debra Hooper, Janie DePinto, Mike Kimble and Bob Spencer. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis, Fire Chief Fain and Police Sergeant Wiseman. Police Chief Gill joined the meeting by zoom.

Mayor Thompson reported he attended the events that took place at the fair.

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

Finance Director Lewis reported that the bond process for the fire truck is complete and the vendor has been paid. Lewis presented Council Ordinance 26-12 regarding fire-truck related things, personnel accounts that needed adjustment, and the pay ordinance.

Administrator Emmert presented Council Resolution No. 26-10 pertaining to an application to apply for a permit for the creation of an outdoor refreshment area. Emmert also presented Council Resolution 26-11 regarding entering into an agreement for \$7,900 pertaining to the preparation of the application for the ODOT Municipal Bridge. Emmert stated that the bridge must be replaced in the next two to three years. Emmert then brought forth Council Ordinance 26-11 pertaining to the prohibition of nonflushable items into the village wastewater collection, which is a recommendation from Ohio EPA inspectors.

Wastewater Plant Superintendent Paul Weiner reported that all underground piping is in, but the blower systems need tied in. Weiner also stated that there still needs piping on the sludge press.

Administrator Emmert also reported that he had a meeting with Jenny Larue from the PCHD on August 3rd, 2026 and received a check for \$4,100 for creating healthy communities. They discussed getting planters for MacGahan Park and receiving a \$2,000 park bench for Arethusa Spring Park. Emmert stated that he received paint from Larue for crosswalks. Emmert reported that their dump truck returned Friday, July 31st. Emmert stated that it will start filling potholes next week. He stated that Park Ave needs fixed as the road is giving way and there is heavy traffic on that road with school buses. He also informed Council that there have been discussions regarding quotes with Mayor Thompson.

Police Chief Gill stated that the department has been discussing daily operations via Microsoft Teams link. Gill stated that as of July 10th, School Resource Officer, Chad Gibbs, resigned. Gill also informed Council that an interview took place regarding a potential School Resource Officer Candidate on July 30th. Gill updated Council on the department's training and events. Gill reported that Main St will be closed for Movie Night on August 6th.

Fire Chief Fain stated that his department attended the events at the county fair. Fain reported that his department had 25 fire calls. He also informed Council that he has an employee taking the test to become a drone pilot on August 7th. Fain requested an executive session.

Councilperson Depinto reported that there was a Finance Committee Meeting on August 3rd. Depinto requested an executive session.

Councilperson Hooper stated that a Municipal Meeting needs to be set. Hooper informed Council that an owner up town would like to discuss putting a short-term parking spot for Door-Dash and delivery drivers near several businesses.

Councilperson Spencer stated there will be a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on August 10 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. Spencer also informed Council that the deposit for the equipment for Madison Park was made on July 31st.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 26-10 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 26-10: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AND APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4301.82.**

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 26-11 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Depinto who abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried. Resolution No. 26-11: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, INC. FOR ODOT MUNICIPAL BRIDGE FUNDING APPLICATION PREPERATION AND PRESENTATION ASSISTANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-11 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Kimble. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to do a first reading for Ordinance No.26-11 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 26-11: **AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF NONFLUSHABLE ITEMS INTO THE VILLAGE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM BY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USERS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.**

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No.26-12 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 26-12: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Depinto. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to appoint Darbie Harris as Council Clerk. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) for personnel. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 6:41pm for executive session.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to exit executive session with Mayor and Council present. Seconded by Councilperson Kimble. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

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

Councilperson Hooper made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(6) for security with Council, Mayor, Fire Chief Fain, and Council Clerk present. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 7:36pm for executive session.

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

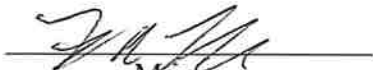
Meeting resumed at 7:46 pm.

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

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.


Mayor


Council Clerk