

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 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 Jim Welsh, Ty Danison, Debra Hooper, Dave Pletcher, Bob Spencer and Dan Bethel. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Gill, Finance Director Lewis, and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilperson DePinto.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 18, 2025 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson reported that he read to the second graders at the New Lexington Elementary School.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council the payment listing from 2/18/25 – 3/3/25.

Administrator Emmert presented Council an Ordinance for updating the codified ordinances and an Ordinance for establishing a business registration requirement for the Village. Emmert stated the public service department is working on potholes. Emmert stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant has a sludge press on loan. They will start removing sludge in May. Emmert reported they replaced two pumps at the Water Treatment Plant. Emmert stated they are looking at restoration of the clear well. Councilperson Hooper asked if South Main Street was going to be paved this year. Emmert stated "yes". Emmert reported they received a quote to trim trees on E. Brown Street and Tunnel Hill Rd.

Police Chief Gill stated the department had 901 calls for service in February. Gill presented a breakdown of the calls to Council. Gill reported he has one officer on administrative leave. Gill stated five cases have been submitted to court for code enforcement violations. Gill stated School Resource Officer Abram and therapy dog Lexi are attending OPOTA Therapy Dog Training this week. Gill reported on several other training courses the department is attending. Gill stated he and Officer Miller assisted with the Big Brother/Big Sisters at the New Lexington Elementary School. Gill informed Council the department ordered four new radios. Six of the currently owned radios will not function after July 1, 2025. Gill reported the OIBRS was turned off in May of 2023. This has kept the department from receiving grants since no reports were submitted. Gill stated it has been turned back on. Gill requested an executive session.

Fire Chief Fain reported 27 fire runs in the month of February. Fain reported he just received information from Medicoount for the last three years billing and payments received. Fain stated he will have copies for Council at the next meeting. Fain stated the article on the Village drone program is live.

Councilperson Spencer stated he will bring updated information according to the Charter concerning Council committees to the next meeting.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilperson DePinto from the March 3, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) regarding employment with Council, Mayor, Finance Director, Administrator, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Council Clerk present. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 5:50 pm for executive session.

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

Meeting resumed at 6:00 pm.

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

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 25-2 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 25-2: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ENACT THE 2024 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Welsh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-2 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 25-3 as a first reading. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. Motion carried. Ordinance No 25-3: **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO**

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 6:05 PM.



Mayor



Council Clerk