

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
March 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, Dan Bethel, Mike Kimble and Bob Spencer. Also present were Administrator Emmert, Finance Director Lewis, Fire Chief Fain and Police Chief Gill.

Councilperson Danison made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 17, 2026 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Spencer who abstained due to being absent from the February 17, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Sarah Matthews from Win Waste Innovations presented the Village with a check for \$8668.56 for franchise fees. Mathews gave Council an update of all the facilities upgrades. Matthews stated she would like to host Council with a tour of the facility. She would like them to see the H2S Plant and gas plant. Administrator Emmert stated that currently Win Waste is hauling leachate to Lancaster and he is looking into the possibility of it being hauled to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He is working with the EPA on this.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council a payment listing. Lewis requested a motion to approve the February financial statements.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the ^{January}~~February~~ 2026 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Emmert stated he needed one more Council member to attend the Utility Management for Governing Boards training since Councilperson DePinto cannot attend. Emmert stated this is a requirement from the EPA to qualify for reimbursements. Councilperson Pletcher stated he would attend. Emmert reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant project being performed by Kirk Brothers on the sludge press and clarifier is 35% complete. Emmert stated the Village was awarded a grant for \$25,000 towards the cost of the fluoride room at the Water Treatment Plant. Emmert stated two of the Public Service Department employees went door to door on Broadway Street to inform residents about the tree removal due to begin in the next couple of weeks. This project is to prepare for the Street Scape project that is due to start in 2027.

Police Chief Gill reported they have one candidate for the internship program at Tri County. Gill stated they have seven applications for the part-time OPS manager. Gill informed Council Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins has nine properties going to court on Wednesday. Gill presented Council an update on the department's trainings and events. Gill stated the department had 748 calls for service in the month of February 2026. Gill presented Council a breakdown of the calls.

Fire Chief Fain stated the department attended active shooter training at Mount Aloysius Fain reported the fire department was awarded a grant for twelve sets of bunker gear. Ryan Seagert applied for the grant for the department. Councilperson Kimble tried to speak to the Center Street

Apartment's manager again about the fire hydrant, and he would not answer the door. He stated he called and left them a message to contact him. Administrator Emmert stated the fire hydrant belongs to them. Kimble will contact Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins to pursue this issue.

Councilperson DePinto asked about what they were going to do with the money the Village received from the State of Ohio marijuana tax. DePinto stated they discussed using the money for parks and recreation, but no decision had been made.

Councilperson DePinto made a motion to use the \$37,763 received from the marijuana dispensary settlement from the State of Ohio for Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Spencer stated there will be a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on Monday March 9, 2026. Spencer reported they are getting a lot more participation. Emmert stated the committee needs to start looking into the parks and recreation levy.

Mayor Thompson requested an executive session.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(5) regarding contracts with the Council, Mayor, Administrator, Finance Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Council Clerk present. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting suspended at 6:08 pm 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 6:35 pm:

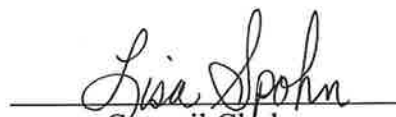
Council person Bethel stated no decisions were made as a result of the executive session.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.


Mayor


Council Clerk