

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING

January 2, 2024

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, Dan Bethel, Janie DePinto, Jeff Danison, Ty Danison and Bob Spencer. Also, present were Administrator Emmert, Police Chief Gill, Finance Director Lewis, and Fire Chief Fain. Absent was Councilperson Debra Hooper.

Mayor Thompson welcomed new Council members Ty Danison and Bob Spencer.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion for Councilperson DePinto to serve as Council President for the 2024 calendar year. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried

Councilperson DePinto accepted.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 18, 2023 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Jeff Danison and DePinto who abstained due to being absent from the December 18, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Councilperson Jeff Danison made a motion to approve the minutes for the special council meeting held on December 21, 2023 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson DePinto who abstained due to being absent from the December 21, 2023 meeting and Councilpersons Ty Danison and Bob Spencer who just started their term of office January 1, 2024.

Mayor Thompson reported on the state of the Village budget. Thompson stated the budget is in good shape.

Finance Director Lewis presented Council with an ordinance for temporary appropriations for calendar year 2024 until the permanent budget for calendar year 2024 is completed.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to excuse Councilperson Hooper from the January 2, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Jeff Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Emmert presented Council with a resolution for design of the sludge press and the blue tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and to apply for the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund and a resolution for a contract for legal services. Emmert reported a \$75,321 increase in income tax revenue in 2023. Emmert stated the sidewalk by the Perry County Dental Group and on Main Street have been completed. Emmert stated they will be starting on the sidewalk by Kroger's this week. This has been possible with the help from the Perry County Health Department.

Police Chief Gill reported 466 calls for service in the month of December. Gill presented Council with a breakdown of the calls. Gill stated they are currently fully staffed. Gill reported Chad Wilkins is planning to start as the Village Code Enforcement in February. Gill stated all sworn officers completed their taser recertification and some other Villages attended the training. Gill stated they are currently awaiting further destruction orders and firearm disposal orders. Gill stated the department participated in the toy drive give away with Eric Barrowman on Christmas Eve. With the toys that were left Officer Brettrager suggested taking them to the apartments behind Kroger. They took the remaining toys to the apartment complex where they were distributed to the children. Gill stated they submitted the 2024 support letter to the Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Fire Chief Fain reported the Fire/EMS had a record high revenue in 2023. Fain stated the new medic is in service. Fain stated he will have an annual report for Council at the next meeting. Fain reported in 2023 they had 1885 EMS runs and 422 Fire runs.

Councilperson DePinto stated they will be scheduling a Finance Committee meeting to discuss the budget for 2024. DePinto informed Council members she will contact each one to discuss what committees they would like to serve on. DePinto asked if the Public Service Department received their coats. Finance Director Lewis stated "yes". Administrator Emmert stated they received a \$1,000 grant from the insurance company to help with the purchase of the coats. Councilperson Jeff Danison asked if the public service department still received a clothing allowance. Administrator Emmert stated they receive a boot allowance, and they now receive their uniforms through Cintas.

Mayor Thompson reported on the Charter Revision Committee meetings held on December 28, 2023.

Mayor Thompson reported on the Records Committee meetings held on December 28, 2023.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 24-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Bethel. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Ordinance No. 24-1: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilperson Jeff Danison made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-1 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Jeff Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Resolution No. 24-1: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR EMMERT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER OR WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilperson Jeff Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution No. 24-2 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Jeff Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.
Resolution No. 24-2: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilperson Jeff Danison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-2 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.



Mayor

Council Clerk