

VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 2024
5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Thompson presiding and the meeting called to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present were Jim Welsh, Ty Danison, Dan Bethel, Debbie Hooper, Bob Spencer and Dave Pletcher. Also present were Police Chief Gill, Finance Director Lewis and Fire Chief Fain.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to excuse Councilperson DePinto from the November 18, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 4, 2024 meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Hooper. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilpersons Bethel and Spencer who were absent from the November 4, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Thompson stated he attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at the New Lexington High School, Junction City Elementary School and at Veteran's Memorial Park. Thompson stated he attended the startup meeting for the adult workforce development at the school.

Finance Director Lewis requested a motion to approve the October 2024 financial statements.

Councilperson Bethel made a motion to approve the October 2024 financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson Welsh. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Lewis presented Council a payment listing for 11-4-24 through 11-18-24. Lewis stated the Village has received \$28,000 from the logging on Airport Rd. Lewis reported the family of Ned Underwood requested donations be made to the New Lexington Fire/EMS in memory of Ned Underwood. The Fire/EMS has received around \$2,000 in donations. Lewis stated the Village will send a letter to the family thanking them and with names of those who donated. Lewis stated she had two resolutions to present to Council but with only three members at the meeting who are eligible to vote on the resolutions she will bring them to the next meeting.

Mayor Thompson presented a renewal contract for residential refuse and garbage with Winwaste on behalf of Administrator Emmert. Thompson requested a motion to approve a letter of petition from Keer Automotive to vacate Somerset Street between Reading Street and Ferrarra Street.

Councilperson Welsh made a motion to approve the petition to vacate Somerset Street between Reading Street and Ferrarra Street. Seconded by Councilperson Pletcher. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Bethel who abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Council discussed the contract with Winwaste for residential refuse and garbage. Finance Director Lewis stated Winwaste is partnering with the New Lexington Fire/EMS/NLPD for their annual toy drive.

Councilperson Danison made a motion for a representative from Winwaste Innovations to appear before Council to discuss the contract with the Village. Seconded by Councilperson Spencer. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Wilkins informed Council he has nine properties that were sent to the Village solicitor for property code violations. Wilkins stated he and Administrator Emmert met with the Perry County Auditor to discuss property taxes and land bank issues. Wilkins stated there are a lot of vacant properties within the Village. Wilkens presented Council a list of threats to the communities according to HUD of vacant properties. Wilkins reported he attended the Southeast Ohio Code meeting in Nelsonville, Ohio.

Police Chief Gill reported Emma Joseph will graduate from the Police Academy on December 7, 2024. Gill gave an update on the department’s training. Gill stated Commander Biggers completed virtual reality instruction training. Gill stated the department hosted the Perry County Chiefs Association meeting on November 12, 2024. Gill informed Council Officer Bill Dodd will be retire on December 13, 2024. Gill stated he has been reviewing the Village’s codified ordinance on solicitation of funds in the roadways. Gill gave Council a copy of the Ohio Revised Code on soliciting and a copy of Lancaster, Ohio’s codified ordinance on soliciting charitable donations in the roadway. Gill stated he thinks the Village needs to update the codified ordinance. The Municipal Concerns Committee will review the codified ordinance and bring a recommendation back to Council.

Fire Chief Fain stated the department has been very busy. Fain reported they attended the Veteran’s Memorial Ceremony at Veteran’s Memorial Park and Mayor Tom Johnson’s celebration of life. Fain informed Council the departments annual banquet will be held on November 23, 2024.

Councilperson Hooper stated she has received calls concerning the cost of the Hometown Hero banners. Finance Director Lewis gave Hooper an estimated breakdown of the cost to have the banner made and hung. Lewis explained to Hooper that the brackets used to hang the Christmas Banners are different than the ones used to hang the Hometown Hero banners. Hooper expressed concern over how low the reservoir is. Hooper stated she was contacted about the letter the water department sent to residents. Lewis explained to her it was required by the EPA and most of the water departments in this area were required to send letters.

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 6:20 PM.



Mayor


Council Clerk