

**VILLAGE OF NEW LEBANON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Nickerson. The invocation was given by Joshua Farley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VERBAL ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Council Members:**

Timothy L. Back	Present
Gale B. Joy	Present
Lyndon Perkins	Absent
Melissa Sexton	Present
Nicole Adkins	Present
David Nickerson	Present

**Others Present:**

Police Lieutenant Wortman
Fire Chief Keyser
Interim Law Director McNamee
Acting Village Manager Anderson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of the June 18, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

Interim Municipal Manager Anderson stated he revised the minutes to include a change and notated it on the minutes that were in front of council.

5 yes and zero no votes, minutes approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Law Director McNamee presented the council and the public with a copy of the breakdown of invoices from his law firm and discussed the fees and how they were categorized.

Law Director McNamee also presented the council and the public with a copy of the complaint Council member Joy, previous Council member Loch, and ex

Captain Chambers instigated with Montgomery County Sheriff's Office against Mr. McNamee with a copy of the detailed report with no findings investigated by the Sheriff's Office.

Law Director McNamee also presented the council and the public with a copy of his correspondence with previous Council member Loch's attorney regarding the forfeiture of her council position due to not being in compliance with New Lebanon's Village charter requirements.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Craig Roberts, 1080 Saladin, apologized for his conduct after the last meeting, he stated that council has a thankless job, and even though people don't always agree, it's time to move forward with council and do the job they were elected to do.

Joshua Farley, 136 Bronwood Street, stated that what Mr. Roberts came forward and said were the things that would heal the community.

Natasha Farley, 136 Bronwood Street, asked about a hose that has been running for a couple of weeks at the street project on Comer and expressed gratitude to the council.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street, agreed with what Mr. Roberts and Mr. Farley said about moving forward and stated it can be hard when there is new leadership and change. Mrs. Bemis addressed Council member Joy regarding the educational incentives that were paid to employees that were not entitled to this and provided a copy to council of the pay stub showing each employee and the amount paid. Mrs. Bemis stated this was the evidence for Council member Joy related to one of the findings of the preliminary investigation and how we will save money by not paying this and no longer paying to have an empty courthouse cleaned.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS**

Fire Chief Keyser stated on August 24th at 1:00 pm there will be a ceremony at the firehouse that is open to the public for one of the department's employees that will have fifty years of service recognizing his service to our community.

## **MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

Interim Municipal Manager Anderson stated the village office would be closed on the 4th for the holiday with no interruption in trash service. Mr. Anderson informed the council that new invoices would be sent to homeowners on Homeway and Waite that were improperly assessed for curb repair. He also discussed his meeting he had with the school superintendent, Dr. Williams, that they are on board with the tennis court renovation program but asked that we hold off on construction so fall tennis could use the courts for practice.

Vice-Mayor Adkins informed Mr. Anderson there are tall weeds growing out of the sewers again down 35 on the roadway. She inquired into the water tower area that is enclosed and overgrown so badly that nobody could walk in if they had to.

Council member Back thanked the employee that is getting certified to spray weed killer and discussed how bad it is for the weeds to grow along our roads.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council member Sexton reminded everyone of the next meeting for the event, A Day at the Park, would be on July 8th at 5:00 pm at the park and encouraged any volunteers to attend. She added we will also have fireworks at the event and planning has been going well.

Council member Back thanked Council member Sexton and all those helping with the event for the time they are putting in.

## **VICE-MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

None

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Nickerson reiterated the amount of work that is going into the event, A Day at the Park. Commented on how nice the pond looks and noticed more people using the pond. Mayor Nickerson also stated that a community member dropped off ten poles at the gazebo for anyone that wanted to use them to fish and how well the community garden is coming along. Mayor Nickerson stated he is proud to be sitting with council and see all the good things moving forward.

**ADDED TO AGENDA**

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street, used her time to ask Interim Municipal Manager Anderson to give an update on other things going on in the community. Mr. Anderson said our engineer is currently working on what road will be redone this year for our street levy project. He also stated he will be posting for multiple job opportunities in the upcoming week as well as the vacant council position.

Law Director McNamee added information regarding the vacant council position and the process for selecting a new council member.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Sexton made a motion to adjourn, Council member Back seconded.

Roll Call:

Council member Sexton	Yes
Council member Joy	Yes
Council member Back	Yes
Vice-Mayor Adkins	Yes
Mayor Nickerson	Yes

5 yes 0 no, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. by Mayor Nickerson.

Approved:   
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Mayor

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