

**VILLAGE OF NEW LEBANON
COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers**

The rescheduled regular meeting from April 2, 2024, was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Nickerson. The invocation was given by Mayor Nickerson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

VERBAL ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Members:

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

Others Present:

Interim Police Chief Chambers
Fire Chief Keyser
Interim Law Director Nate Rose
Acting Village Manager Anderson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the March 19, 2024, regular meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the April 16, 2024, regular meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2024-01 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEBANON CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TITLED

“INCOME TAX” TO COMPLY WITH THE CHANGES ENUMERATED IN OHIO HOUSE BILL 33.

Mayor Nickerson asked if there were any public comments regarding the ordinance above. None heard.

Mayor Nickerson asked if there were any council member comments regarding the ordinance above. None heard.

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2024-1** by Vice-Mayor Adkins, seconded by Council member Loch.

Roll Call:

Council member Back	Yes
Mayor Nickerson	Yes
Council member Perkins	No
Vice-Mayor Adkins	Yes
Council member Sexton	Yes
Council member Loch	Yes

5 yes votes and 1 no vote, the motion carries.

Vice-Mayor Adkins provided the council with a copy of her divorce decree and final judgment showing the attorney she used was Robert Berger.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tammy Joy, 35 Comer Court, referenced Hitler and God. Mrs. Joy expressed her displeasure with council members and cited Proverbs 6:16-19.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood, defined why new council members were elected and expressed displeasure related to the findings of the preliminary investigation report.

questions from Mr. Joy, and myself, as we are also under investigation. When did that happen? Who else is under investigation? He has also refused to provide any information to our legal counsel that we were compelled to attain using our own funds, pertaining to the investigation. This has become a witch hunt.

I also want to address that Mr. Joy introduced violations of our Municipal Ordinances at the March 19th Regular Council meeting, and our Municipal Legal Counsel, Mr. McNamee, disregarded them and stated we are moving on and the mayor accepted that legal counsel which is a violation of Section 8.07 and his oath of office.

What happened and has continued is having a detrimental impact on our community. This impact will have consequences that will be hard to overcome. The reputation of this community is being damaged. The reputation of our employees is being damaged. This has become a toxic environment, not only for the employees, but also within the community.

Council member Perkins asked if he could access tapes from the previous month and will arrange with Mr. Anderson to review. Council member Perkins discussed the Blosser Street project and asked if he needed to put in writing his desire to be removed from the park board.

VICE-MAYOR'S COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADDED TO AGENDA

Tammy Joy, 35 Comer Court, touched on a hostile takeover, violating oaths, the investigation, the KGB, a politburo, Mr. Joy ran again in the last election, and addressed individual council members.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Sexton motioned to adjourn, Council member Back seconded.

Roll Call:

Council member Sexton	Yes
Mayor Nickerson	Yes

Council member Back	Yes
Council member Loch	Yes
Vice-Mayor Adkins	Yes
Council member Perkins	Yes

6 yes votes and 0 no votes, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. by Mayor Nickerson.

Approved:



Mayor

6/18/24

Date



Clerk of Council

6/18/24

Date