

New Lebanon Regular Council Meeting, August 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Vice Mayor Loch. The invocation given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verbal Roll Call of Council Members:

Council Members:

Christopher Sands	Present
Carol Macmann	Present
Gale B. Joy	Absent
Lyndon Perkins	Present
Nicole Adkins	Present
Tammy Loch	Present
Raymond Arriola	Absent

Others Present:

Police Chief Hensley
Fire Chief Keyser
CFO/Clerk of Council Hinson
Municipal Manager Madden
Law Director Keener

Approval of the August 1, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Any corrections or changes?

5 Y's and zero no, minute approved.

Law Directors comments.

Law Director, none.

Old Business, none.

New Business.

Resolution 2023-11: a resolution amending Resolution 2023-03 to proceed to submit to the Electors of the Municipality of New Lebanon at the election of November 7, 2023, the renewal of the 5.0 mill, five (5) year levy for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges within the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio.

Comments on this Resolution.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-11 by Council Member Sands, seconded by Council Member Macmann.

Roll Call:

Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes
Council Member Sands	yes
Vice Mayor Loch	yes

5 yes 0 no motion carries.

Public Comments.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street, brought up the bathrooms at Don Rusk Park and shared a concern that they weren't being kept open. She recalled a time where the Village was going to keep it open from sunrise to sunset.

Manager Madden replied that at one point that was the case but that this issue has been addressed before, and the bathrooms constantly get vandalized – and were even vandalized almost directly after being completely redone – and therefore the bathrooms should be locked except in the case of an event happening at the park. She continued that if someone has an event at the park, they can contact her in regards to the bathroom.

Council Member Sands added that if we open the bathroom for someone's event that would make them responsible for whatever happens when the bathrooms are open.

Manager Madden confirmed that would be correct.

Shannon Bemis noted that there are cameras at the park now and commented that the bathrooms aren't vandalized every day.

Manager Madden explained that there are cameras, but they are not pointed at the bathrooms.

Shannon Bemis moved on to discuss the weeds and the stormwater that was mentioned last meeting. She explained that she had come across a vegetation management company that handles weeds without harsh chemicals that the Department of Agriculture would approve that can be done once or twice a year and suggested that someone look into that alternative. She stated that she would send that company information to the Village to look into going that direction. She further brought up the Stagecoach Days festival, thanked everyone that put it together, and remarked that she had a lot of fun and won 3 games of Bingo. She concluded by thanking the Manager, Chief Hensley, and Officer Jenkins for handling a situation that had happened earlier that day.

Tim Back, 29 E Main St, also referenced Stagecoach and thanked the Village for putting it back together; he reminisced about the festival as a kid and hoped that as time goes on the festival can grow back into that. He remarked that he had a good time and thanked everyone again. He briefly mentioned that the road work on Blosser was coming along nicely. He moved on to question if the service workers are required to attend EPA and OSHA meetings and when the last time they went was.

Manager Madden replied that they are not required but they do go to trainings, and she'd have to look at when the last time they did.

Theresa Cooper, 443 Hazelhurst, asked how the water meters readings are done and if they round up; she expressed that she has been concerned that her meter has been reading similar amounts of even thousands and that it might be different than the actual reading.

Manager Madden explained that there are different meters in the Village so some meters are rounded to the nearest even number and that there is a minimum as well. She reassured that she

will pass her concern on to the Water Department to investigate, and they will contact her about it.

Administrative staff comments.

Police Chief touched on the Stagecoach Days festival and remarked that it went very well for them; he observed that the community seemed to like dunking coaches and police officers in the Dunk Tank – they are hoping to get the firefighters involved next year. He went on to reference the report given to Council and mentioned that July was the most modest increase they've seen this year in calls for services – only about 5 percent – and major crimes remain pretty steady.

Council Member Perkins inquired if the Police have full staff currently.

Police Chief answered that they are currently lacking one full-time officer but are in the process to resolve that.

Fire Chief also mentioned Stagecoach festival and stated that they gave away carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors that were donated from the Firefighters Credit Union and they are now out of carbon monoxide detectors and down to about four smoke detectors. He reported that usually if they were responding to calls regarding those two detectors, they would give them away to the house at no cost, but that program is unfortunately just about done.

Council Member Perkins asked if the Fire Department have full staff.

Fire Chief responded they just had one full-time staff step down but are in the process of seeking another person to fill that position.

Council Member Perkins referenced Council's Fire report and observed Jackson 1 is always high.

Fire Chief explained that Jackson 1 is the incorporated area that has a majority of the plats and residential structures within the Village.

Zoning and Compliance, nothing.

Chief Financial Officer, financial report.

Motion to adopt July 2023 financial report by Council Member Sands, seconded by Council Member Macmann.

Roll Call:

Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes
Council Member Sands	yes
Vice Mayor Loch	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes

5 yes 0 no motion carries.

Service department, nothing.

Municipal Managers comments.

Manager Madden praised everyone working on Stagecoach festival, congratulated Shannon on winning 3 rounds of Bingo, and remarked that everyone there had a great time and that Stagecoach will keep building.

Council Member Perkins referenced Brookville and inquired if they could lease they're street sweeper to us.

Manager Madden assured she would look into it.

Council Member Comments, none.

Vice Mayor Loch thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Macmann. seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

Council Member Macmann	yes
Council Member Sands	yes
Vice Mayor Loch	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes

5 yes 0 no motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm by Vice Mayor Loch.

Approved:



 Vice Mayor

9/5/23

 Date



 CFO/Clerk of Council

9/5/23

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