

New Lebanon Regular Council Meeting, August 1, 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	Present
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 July 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Any corrections or changes?

6 I's and zero no, minutes approved.

Law Directors comments.

Law Director, none.

Old Business, none.

New Business.

Request and Consideration for Appointment of Pete Sexton to vacancy on Tax Appeal Board, term ending 12/31/2023.

Comments from applicant.

Pete Sexton told Council that he appreciates their time and consideration for the tax appeal board and personnel appeal board. He explains that he's spent time at the County and has the ability to understand policy and procedures.

Manager Madden asked him how long he's worked at the County.

Pete Sexton answers that he worked in Juvenile Court for about 23 years.

Motion to appoint Pete Sexton to the Tax Appeal Board by Council Member Macmann, seconded by Council Member Joy.

Roll Call:

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

6 yes 0 no applicant appointed

Request and Consideration for Appointment of Pete Sexton to vacancy on Personnel Appeals Board, term ending 12/31/2023.

Motion to appoint Pete Sexton to the Personnel Appeal Board by Council Member Sands, seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

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

6 yes 0 no applicant appointed

Council Member Joy asked if there's any reason the term ends this year

Manager Madden explains that he'd be filling a term that already exists and Council would just have to reappoint him in January.

Resolution 2023-10: a resolution authorizing the temporary fee waiver of garage sale permit fees for September 14, 15, 16, and, 17 in order to facilitate a Fall Clean up Program in the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio.

Comments on this Resolution.

Council Member Perkins asked if people could just do their garage sale for two days if they wanted and if people could put up signs in the community for their garage sale.

Manager Madden answered yes they can just sell for two days. Signs can be put in the yard but not in the right of way; they are not supposed to be tacked on poles. She explained how the garage sale works is that the homes register and go on a list and the list gets put out as advertising.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-10 by Council Member Macmann , seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

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

6 yes 0 no motion carries.

Public Comments.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood St, brings up concerns about the sign ordinance, particularly with political signs.

Manager Madden explains that political signs are temporary signs that have to have "paid for by" or something of that sort and that the political candidate would have to be the one to get the temporary sign permit that makes the sign able to be up for 30 days.

Shannon Bemis further shares her concern about the sign ordinance and brings up examples of signs that are up at residents' homes.

Manager Madden relays that some of the signs were grandfathered in and we're put up prior to the sign ordinance going through.

Administrative staff comments.

Police Chief reminded everyone that Stagecoach Days are coming up the 4th and 5th. The parade will start at 11am on Saturday that will begin at Access and go to Fuls Rd, and advised everyone that alternate travel plans should be made as the road will be closed due to the parade.

Fire Chief, nothing.

Zoning and Compliance, nothing.

Chief Financial Officer, nothing.

Comments for Chief Financial Officer.

Council Member Perkins humorously asked if everything's coming up even and we're not dead yet.

Council laughs.

Service department, nothing.

Comments for Service Department.

Council Member Adkins recounts that she had to take her dog to the vet and suspects that the problems are due to her dog drinking the tap water. And asked if there were any plans to switch the pipes on 35 to the new system.

Manager Madden responds that there's nothing in the works at this point.

Council Member Perkins asked for an update regarding the manhole covers on Yale and Bronwood.

Manager Madden answers that Service Department have been out there to fix them several times.

Municipal Managers comments.

Manager Madden references an Ohio EPA handout about storm water management and recalls that there had been some questions about grass in the road and treating weeds along the street with chemicals. She reports that they cannot spray chemicals down the road, and not even grass clippings can be in the road and go into the storm drains because they go straight into the waterways and rivers. The manager moves on to mention Stagecoach coming up - there is a band playing on Friday night - and that the Garden Giveaways are underway on Sundays from 12-2pm.

Council Member Comments.

Council Member Macmann referenced the Garden Giveaways and mentioned that any leftover produce that doesn't get taken on Sundays goes to the Library to be given away throughout the week. She also mentioned that a couple community members have been bringing their excess produce to give away.

Council Member Perkins asked the Manager if the Title Agency and License Bureau would be going through and if the Police would be going in the old Court building in January.

Manager Madden responded that they're still working on the Title Agency and License Bureau, and the soonest anybody would be moving in would be April. She reports they still have the RFP out there.

Council Member Perkins asked about how they would get rid of the weeds if they can't use chemicals.

Manager Madden answers that a street sweeper would help cut them down and if the grass clippings would stay out of the road that would help too.

Vice Mayor Comments.

Vice Mayor Loch thanks everyone for coming and welcomes and congratulates Mr. Sexton for being appointed to both boards.

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

Roll Call:

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

6 yes 0 no motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm by Vice Mayor Loch.

Approved:

Sammy Loch
Vice Mayor

8/15/23
Date

[Signature]
CFO/Clerk of Council

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Date