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The regular meeting of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio was called to order on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raymond Arriola presiding.

Present

Municipal Manager Madden
Law Director Ronald Keener
Police Chief Curtis Hensley
Fire Chief J.C. Keyser
Clerk of Council, Sandy Wright

Absent

Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock
Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis
Chief Financial Officer Philip Hinson

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ray Arriola

ROLL CALL

A verbal roll call of Council Members present at meeting for the record. The following members present were Nicole Adkins, Ray Arriola, Gale Joy, Tammy Loch, Carol Macmann, Lyndon Perkins, and Christopher Sands.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arriola stated next is the approval of the June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Arriola asked are there any corrections or changes that need to be made to these minutes? None voiced

Mayor Arriola stated all in favor of these minutes please signify by saying aye, all opposed same sign.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Arriola stated we have no old business tonight. Anyone have any old business to bring forward?

Municipal Manager Madden stated Mr. Perkins asked about the remote reader's at the last meeting; 370 have been installed to date. During Covid we were unable to install meters as we were not inside homes. Installation will start back up as long as Covid stays down.

Council Member Perkins stated thank you.

Municipal Manager Madden stated you are welcome.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Arriola stated under new business we have **RESOLUTION 2022-10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR THE BLOSSER STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE III IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEW LEBANON FOR ROUND 2022-2023 FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATED TO SAID GRANT APPLICATIONS.**

Mayor Arriola stated any questions. Nothing voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-10.

Motion by Council Member Loch, second by Council Member Macmann to adopt Resolution 2022-10.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Arriola, yes; Council Member Joy, no; Council Member Loch, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; 5 yes 1 no.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Arriola stated next we have **RESOLUTION 2022-11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR THE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 20 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEW LEBANON FOR ROUND 2022-2023 FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATED TO SAID GRANT APPLICATIONS.**

Mayor Arriola stated any questions. Nothing voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-11.

Motion by Council Member Macamm, second by Council Member Loch to adopt Resolution 2022-11.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Joy, no; Council Member Loch, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 5 yes 1 no.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Arriola stated next is **RESOLUTION 2022-12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE A 2023 MEDIC/AMBULANCE FROM HORTON EMERGENCY VEHICLES, 3800 MCDOWELL ROAD, GROVE CITY, OHIO 43123 IN THE STATE BID AMOUNT OF \$346,422.00 FOR THE USE AS A MARKED FIRE/EMS VEHICLE.**

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Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-12.

Motion by Council Member Joy, second by Council Member Loch to adopt Resolution 2022-12.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Loch, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 6 yes 0 no.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments or Questions

Mayor Arriola stated we don't have any public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated Police Chief.

Police Chief Hensley stated I have nothing thank you.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Chief Hensley.

Council Member Joy asked did anyone get hurt this weekend?

Police Chief Hensley stated not that I am aware of. I checked the calls and the shift log. We had what I would call very minimal complaints. Only one (1) for somebody driving around shooting off fireworks, even though we did not catch the person in the act we know who it was. He knows that we know who he was so decided to return home and stay there the rest of the evening.

Council Member Perkins stated from looking at this report March was a very busy month for you.

Police Chief Hensley stated it really was. Today marks six (6) months that I have been with New Lebanon. It has been very active. Fortunately we have had minimal serious events but we do stay very steady. The officer's stay busy. Often time it is self initiated activity such as vacation house checks and security checks. If you think March was busy wait until we get caught up on the others.

Municipal Manager Madden stated at this point they are all caught up. I don't think June is out there yet.

Police Chief Hensley stated we stay steady every month.

Municipal Manager Madden stated Mr. Perkins is referring to what was put in the newsletter. For March all the calls that the police had and there is a link through the website and they also posted on police Face book for the actual newsletter that the police are putting out which is where all of your statistics are all of their calls for that month. Yes, they are busy.

Council Member Perkins stated my wife used to call it a sleepy little town; it sure wasn't sleepy that month.

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Council Member Loch stated I just want to pass along there has been a lot of feedback to me in reference to the police department communication and the fire department have been getting a lot of compliments. We do have great departments here. A lot of people have commented about seeing they guys out and about. The same is true about your department J.C.

Police Chief Hensley stated I am pleased to hear that and I will pass it along to the officers because they are the ones that make it happen. I always tell them to try to be a member of the good news crew and not the bad news. They are doing very well with that. I am certain that all of you know that with police work it is difficult to keep everyone happy. Generally when we step in it is not always a good time. It has been a great six (6) months for me.

Council Member Perkins asked are two officers dispatched to go or is there just one.

Police Chief Hensley stated it really depends. Currently we don't have minimum staffing but if we had a minimum staff it would be one. Currently we are staffing and we have just changed staffing for the summer to try to increase coverage on the 3 to 11 shift and midnights because the 3 to 11 shift is always busy. Day shift is usually second and midnights are being the least busy but unfortunately generally that is where you get the most serious things. What we are doing right now it making it so that most times two officers are out on 3 to 11 and on midnights. Generally now on day shift Officer Weir and I are the ones who are covering day shift. So through the week there are two of us here and on the weekends we are currently going to be filling them with part timers and overtime until the summer is out. Our overtime budget this year has really been minimal.

Council Member Perkins asked was there 2 officers when they had to go to the Rehabilitation Center because a patient was violent?

Police Chief Hensley stated I cannot tell you on that particular one but fortunately the medics and firefighters have not been a bit shy to step in when we need help. With our mutual aide agreements, even though they are not close, if it is a serious call we can take a few extra seconds to make sure officers stay safe. We are taking steps now to make sure there are two officers on the 3-11 shift and on midnights.

Mayor Arriola stated Fire Chief Keyser.

Fire Chief Keyser stated I have nothing.

Municipal Manager Madden stated thank you JC for the all of the work at the fire on Eagle Road. It was so hot and your guys did a great job.

Council Member Loch stated a lot of people have been commenting about the quick response and so forth; even over there at the accident on South Clayton Road. It is appreciated.

Fire Chief Keyser stated it is always better to hear good news rather than complaints. When we have issues I would rather hear about them so that they can be resolved.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Fire Chief Keyser.

Mayor Arriola asked were any issues with the 4th of July weekend?

Fire Chief Keyser stated I didn't see any come across with anything related to fireworks at all. I heard a lot.

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Mayor Arriola stated there was a lot on my street.

Fire Chief Keyser stated I was concerned about the fireworks because of how dry it has been recently. In the future we may have to review that ordinance based on the environmental conditions at the time.

Council Member Loch stated our neighbor pulled out their hose because of the dry conditions. It was nice of him because the sparks do drop.

Mayor Arriola stated anything from Code Enforcement Administrator Melody.

Municipal Manager Madden stated she has nothing tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Melody. None voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated Chief Financial Officer Hinson.

Municipal Manager Madden stated we have nothing from Phil tonight.
Mayor Arriola stated anything from the Service Department.

Municipal Manager Madden stated the Service Department did asphalt on the break area on Avon Oak Court, Swanson Street, and Main Street. I know it 4 tons on Avon Oak Court. I would imagine Vanessa Street took another 4 tons. They also did some additional asphalt on North Maple Street and Hazelhurst Street. It will be in their report next meeting.

Mayor Arriola stated anything to pass on to Scott.

Council Member Loch stated I know they worked really hard on the roads because I have driven around and could tell there was a lot that had been done. They did a really good job.

Mayor Arriola stated Municipal Managers comments.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Municipal Manager Madden stated I am working with a citizen who contacted me about a remote controlled car track. Since we took the hill out behind the garden we have a dirt patch so we are working on putting a remote controlled car track in that area. It is citizen involvement so they will be out there cleaning it up and then lining it out. It will not be on us it will be on the citizens. If you have a remote controlled car you might want to come up to race it once we get it done.

Council Member Joy asked are you pulling anything from the budget for it?

Municipal Manager Madden stated at this point no. We have someone who is wanting to sponsor it so we looking at that.

Council Member Joy asked how big is going to be?

Municipal Manager Madden stated we are going to till a 30 by 20 area.

Council Member Joy stated that is small.

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area. When we were out there I met with the gentleman and I said let's walk outside as I think I have a place for you. They were shocked that we were even at that point. They were like wow. They actually got their remote cars and went out there and ran them a bit in the dirt. They were very excited. I believe they were going to meet there tonight to do cleaning.

Council Member Joy asked is it going to be first come first serve or is it going to be fenced off?

Municipal Manager Madden stated it is marked off. If we do fence it off it will be low fence like the garden fence. I believe they are going to try to do some tournament racing and maybe have some racing leagues that different areas do.

Council Member Joy stated so for an example if someone had a car they could just go up and use it.

Municipal Manager Madden stated yes as long as they are not in the middle of the league.

Council Member Loch stated he has been asking for help.

Municipal Manager Madden stated his company has asked about sponsoring it. I need to ask them what they mean by sponsoring.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for the Manager. None voiced.

Council Member Perkins stated have you seen the grant money for the police chief and the officers for their body armor and camera's.

Police Chief Hensley stated we just received the redaction software and the computer under the body worn camera. As far as the armor grant we haven't received anything. The ongoing justice grant is every year so we purchase it and they refund fifty percent for the federal grant. We just did a grant through the Ohio Attorney General where we only have to pay 25 percent. I believe we have received the check for that some time ago. We have not as of yet received the money for the cameras. When we put in for the grant we ask for enough money to purchase cameras also, but the grant is actually trying to fund cameras for agencies that did not have them so I think we were allowed to get a total of \$15,000 for cameras but since we already had body cameras they only awarded enough for the computer and the redaction. There is going to be another round of them. It is an ongoing thing. We are going to continue to put in for those grants.

Council Member Perkins stated thank you.

Mayor Arriola stated we will go on to Council Member Comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated Gale.

Council Member Joy stated I have nothing else this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated Chris.

Council Member Sands stated I have nothing this evening.

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Mayor Arriola stated Tammy.

Council Member Loch stated I have nothing else.

Mayor Arriola stated Lyndon.

Council Member Perkins stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Carol.

VICE MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Macmann stated I have nothing.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated I have nothing further.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Council Member Joy second by Council Member Loch to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Loch, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; 6 yes 0 no.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor Date



Clerk of Council Date