

New Lebanon Regular Council Meeting, April 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Arriola. 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	Absent
Raymond Arriola	Present

Others Present:

Fire Chief Keyser
Police Chief Hensley
CFO/Clerk of Council Hinson
Municipal Manager Madden
Law Director Keener
Service Superintendent Brock
Zoning Compliance Officer Davis

Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Village of New Lebanon, Ohio.

Approval of the March 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Any corrections or changes?

None heard

All in favor of accepting the minutes, say "I." All opposed?

6 I's and zero no, minutes approved.

Law Director's comments, none at this time.

Old Business.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-04, Rezoning parcels from split zoning of Community Business District B-2 and Industrial District I-1 to B-2, Community Business District and amending the official zoning map of the Municipality of New Lebanon for parcels L52 00322 0007, 0008 and L52 00322 0014 on the Montgomery County Auditor's tax records also known as 501-519 E. Main Street, New Lebanon, Ohio 45345 and accepting the approval of the planning board (PC case 23-02).

Questions from Council.

Council Member Adkins, is that whole section going to be the new Dollar General or is it gonna be – because I was told that the American Legion was gonna go in 519.

Manager Madden, The Mini-Glo itself is staying where it is. They're going to build the new Dollar General over on Access Road.

Public comments on this ordinance, none.

New Business

Appointments to Charter Review Board of at least 11 members from the Municipality at large.

Twelve citizens requested to be appointed to the Board.

Motion to appoint all 12 to the Charter Review Board by Council Member Joy, seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Sands	abstain
Council Member Macmann	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes

5 yes 1 abstain motion carries.

Public Comments:

Glenn Hughes, 285 Yorkwood Drive, just curious – just because I thought about this while you were talking about the Charter Review Board – can the public have a list of that; is that public or not?

Manager Madden, It will be public. All the Charter Review Board meetings are public.

Jamie Johnson, 585 S Church Street, I have a rental property at 585 S Church Street, and the new housing that you have allowed to be developed there – they raised the ground level about four feet on that. And it's shedding all the water from those houses onto my lot. My lot is flooding and destroying the house that's there. When this last rain came, I'm getting water from across the street in the field. There's six to eight blown places in that field, so I'm getting the flooding from there. And then we've got raised section, and they built in the waterway it looks like, according to what I saw at the Water and Soil Department. And now all that water is shedding off those homes into the back of my lot. So when it rained the last time and we had the flooding, or the water pooling, water was coming up in the kitchen through the floor. So I'm wondering if there's anything that you can do and how that was allowed to happen that they were allowed to build those properties up so high because I'm the low spot and now I have it all. And then there's a house over there in the new plat that has a six-foot privacy fence built, and it's been told to me by Water and Soil that that fence is blocking what the existing waterway is. And I want to know who gave them a permit to build that fence.

Manager Madden, well they would've gotten a permit through the regular channels, by coming in and getting the permit. We are in contact with Soil and Water regarding this, and we're going to have a meeting with them as soon as they pull all the – they're looking for the tile maps. So once they have those, we've got the plat maps, and then we'll look at the topographical land and all that.

Jamie Johnson, when that happens, will you send me a letter?

Manager Madden, yeah, we'll contact you.

Michelle Nadolsky, 301 Ledgewood Court, I want to come up and inquire about the water that is leaking up out of the street on Lawson Avenue near Marilee. I called in to the Village Office and reported that I thought there was a water main leak. It's been going on for over two months now. And I know we've had rain and it could look like it's rain water, but it's a constant flow of water going across two driveways.

Manager Madden, we are aware of it, and we're looking to see where it's coming from before we start digging up the street because we're not sure where it starts.

Michelle Nadolsky, and I saw that – I don't know the name of the street next to Speedway – but I saw that it was ground up today. Thank you. I don't know who's doing it, I don't know why. A happy thing to see, and I don't even live on that street, but that was a very nice thing to see. Thank you.

Administrative staff comments

Police Chief, We were fortunate enough – a couple days ago – Officer Dunn finished her field training officer. And two shifts later, she was dispatched an inspector call and helped deliver a healthy baby girl. So rare in our field that we get to be there for such a really great event. I think she's got really great things ahead of her.

Mayor Arriola, I saw that posted on Facebook.

Police Chief, yeah this has made the rounds. It certainly has got a lot of traction. We're real proud of her, and she said that really reaffirmed why she got into this job.

Fire Chief, I wanted to remind everybody as we enter severe weather season – especially with everything going on throughout the country – that all of our tornado sirens, we have three in the Village, they are all outdoor warning sirens. They are not intended for if you're inside a building. Because every couple years, we have people call and say "well I can't hear them." Their true intention and the design of this are for people that are outside to hear them and take shelter. I just wanted to reiterate that because that does come up every couple years.

Manager Madden, those are tested monthly, the first Monday of the month at noon. So if you hear them go off then, that's probably what it is.

Zoning and Compliance Officer, nothing tonight.

Chief Financial Officer, I have nothing.

Service department Superintendent, nothing.

Comments for Service.

Council Member Adkins, last year, I made a request about cleaning the sewers out on our end of the street. And we had trees that was growing up, and we have a bunch of trash and debris that's in the sewers. And when there's big rains, it's actually so clogged that the road right there floods.

Is there a timeframe this year when we're actually gonna get the sewers cleaned out this year because it didn't happen last year.

Superintendent, we're making our way through the routes. I mean, as of now.

Council Member Adkins, do you know what areas you've already done?

Superintendent, we've done route one and route two.

Council Member Adkins, what is route one and route two?

Superintendent, it'd be the same as your leaf routes. South Clayton to Church Street and then from Church Street to Bronwood.

Manager Madden, they were in your packet last time with a map.

Council Member Adkins, well a lot of people just don't know what that is so if they didn't see the packet, I was just getting it on record for everybody to be able to know.

Municipal Manager, Michelle took my thunder, but Blosser Street has begun. If you go out there and look, it is underway. Just a reminder, I know it's a little early, but prom is the 22nd, so we'll see the kids out. Community Garage Sale – this is just a reminder too – is April 27th through 30th, and you can sign up online or call up here and get put on the list. We don't have a Park Board meeting until May. And I had a request for an Executive Session, and I'm going to withdraw that.

Council Member comments:

Council Member Adkins, I don't have anything.

Council Member Sands, I don't have anything

Council Member Joy, Congratulations to Officer Dunn, and thank you for the residents that stepped up for the Review Board. Appreciate it.

Council Member Macmann, I have three things. I'm going to encourage everyone to stop by the Library; we have the Dixie Art Show, K through 12, in our branch. And we're having a community vote, so you can come by, look at the art, and vote on which ones you think should win the community vote. We have a lot of really great art from our kids here in this community; they are talented. On April 20th, I want to encourage everybody to come by for an hour; we are going to have a band called Rusted Reserve, which is a southern blues rock. I think they're pretty good. They've opened for a big blues name – I can't think of it.

Council Member Macmann, so if you're familiar with that kind of music, they're going to be playing from 6-7, April 20th. And also, because people have me concerned about resources for people who are experiencing homelessness or concerned about food, I brought some of these over – and Glenna's going to put them out and I put them on the back table – it's community resource mini-guides from Montgomery County. This has all kinds of resources that can help people if they need food, have health issues, and older adults. If you want to pick one up, like I said, they'll be here, and they'll also be at the library as well.

Council Member Perkins, Have you received anything else from Perry Township about what they're going to do?

Manager Madden, I have not.

Mayor Arriola, thank you all for coming.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Sands. Seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

Council Member Joy	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Sands	yes
Council Member Macmann	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes

6 yes 0 no motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm by Mayor Arriola.

Approved:



Mayor

April 18, 2023
Date



CFO/Clerk of Council

April 18, 2023
Date