

**New Lebanon Regular Council Meeting, July 5, 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	Absent
Gale B. Joy	Present
Lyndon Perkins	Present
Nicole Adkins	Present
Tammy Loch	Present
Raymond Arriola	Absent

**Others Present:**

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

Approval of the June 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Any corrections or changes?

6 I's and zero no, minutes approved.

Law Directors comments. None.

Old Business.

Manager Madden reported that the playground equipment has been put in but is already broken. They are in the process of reviewing the video to see what has happened. Secondly, the Blosser Street project is progressing nicely; there is a currently a Boil Advisory in that area only – Blosser St, Franklin, Comer, and Sunset.

Council Member Adkins asked when the Boil Advisory came into effect and if it was posted on social media.

Manager Madden responded the Boil Advisory started the 27<sup>th</sup> and that it was posted and letters given to the homes affected.

New Business.

Resolution 2023-05: A Resolution authorizing the Municipal Manager to submit Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program applications for the Blosser Street Improvement Project Phase IV in the Municipality of New Lebanon for Round 2023-2024 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.

Council Comments on this Resolution.

Council Member Perkins asked if we would need to pay this back.

Manager Madden responded we don't pay grants back, just loans.

Public Comments on this Ordinance.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street, asked what are the four phases of Blosser Street.

Manager Madden reported that Phase One is the portion of Blosser Street from Main Street to the halfway point; Phase Two is the rest of Blosser back to the end; Phase Three is Comer Court; and Phase Four is Franklin.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-05 by Council Member Loch, seconded by Council Member Sands.

Roll Call:

Council Member Sands	yes
Vice-Mayor Loch	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Joy	no

5 yes 1 no motion carries.

Resolution 2023-06: A Resolution authorizing the Municipal Manager to submit Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program applications for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase 21 in the Municipality of New Lebanon for Round 2023-2024 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.

Council Comments for this Resolution

Council Member Perkins asked how many more phases will we have and is 21 the last one.

Manager Madden responded that they may have one more phase after that.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-06 by Council Member Sands, seconded by Council Member Perkins.

Roll Call:

Council Member Sands	yes
Vice-Mayor Loch	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Joy	no

5 yes 1 no motion carries.

**Resolution 2023-07: A Resolution awarding the contract to Butler Asphalt, LLC, 7500 Johnson Station Road, Vandalia, Ohio 45377 for the Waite Avenue & Homeway Drive paving project in the amount of \$148,875.82 and authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into an agreement.**

**Council Comments on this Resolution**

Council Member Adkins asked how many bids we got on this and is any of it covered from a grant.

Manager Madden referenced the Council Packet, responded four bids, and answered that this is all levy money.

**Public Comments on this Resolution.**

Shannon Bemis asked if this is a repaving or a full project where they would also redo the sewers and such.

Manager Madden answered that the levees are always repaving. The OPWC are for the infrastructure underneath.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-07 by Council Member Loch, seconded by Council Member Perkins.

**Roll Call:**

Vice-Mayor Loch	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes
Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Council Member Sands	yes

6 yes 0 no motion carries.

**Resolution 2023-08: A Resolution to allow the Municipal Manager to list and sell surplus police items or vehicles acquired through the US Government 1033 Program Defense Logistics Agency on GovDeals, 100 Capitol Commerce Blvd, suite 110, Montgomery, Alabama 36117.**

**Council Comments on this Resolution.**

Council Member Adkins asked if we know which items they're planning on selling and if this money goes back into the police.

Police Chief answered that currently on the list is a Ford Ranger, a box trailer, a van, and a 6-wheel ATV with a plow.

Manager Madden answered this money does go back into police and reminded that these items were acquired for zero amount.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-08 by Vice Mayor Loch, seconded by Council Member Perkins.

Roll Call:

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

6 yes 0 no motion carries.

Public Comments.

Paul Boggs, 138 Glenada Court, stated he sent an email to all the Council Members but for some reason the Mayor and some other emails are coming back blocked. And he shared his concern that he expected that more than two people would respond.

Vice Mayor Loch asked when he sent the email.

Paul Boggs reported two weeks ago and he only received an email back from Mr. Sands and Ms. Adkins. He used the email addresses that were given to him by Tammy at the Village Office front desk.

Manager Madden suggested Council to check their Junk Mail.

Council Member Perkins stated he does not do email or messages and that you should call him if he needs to talk.

Council Member Joy reported that he's been out of town recently, so he hasn't looked in a couple weeks.

Mr. Boggs was thanked for his time and assured it will be looked into.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street, thanked the Police Chief for bringing the radar trailer out.

Police Chief added that the police department will work in tandem with the radar to make sure people are obeying the speed limit.

Shannon Bemis raises a concern that the meeting minutes for February 7<sup>th</sup> are messed up. She also brings up the balance for the street fund and asks what fund patching holes in the street comes out of.

Manager Madden reports that patching holes does come out of the street fund, not the levy fund.

Shannon Bemis asks when Blosser street will be finished and brings up that she's seen Facebook comments that say they're not spending a lot of time up there.

Manager Madden responds should be finished in October. And some of the delay is weather related since it's been raining and the other part of it is they're working under the ground on the pipes but they're out there. It's being contracted out by Coate, but our guys are out there making sure things are running smoothly.

Shannon Bemis asked if there was a chase last night.

Police Chief remarks there was not one by our police department and nothing on their blotter. But he is not aware if there was one by another police department.

Shannon Bemis brings up the playground equipment and recalls that when she was out there when it was just put in she saw that the red cycle equipment was already off it's track and a pedal missing and shares her concern that the equipment might not have been up to par to begin with. She also asked about the courthouse building – if they were already out and if a community center or BMV were planned to go in.

Manager Madden responded we're leaning toward a community center and a BMV may go in on top of that.

Shannon Bemis mentions the old playground equipment and raises a concern for safety around it – rust and sharp areas – and asked if we could fix them or put a coating on them.

Mellissa Sexton, 180 Parkview, asked if the new playground area is completely finished and if there's going to be more sand added to it to build it up between the new and old equipment.

Service Superintendent responded they will once it's settled.

Mellissa made sure Council received some pictures and Manager Madden ensured that she got them.

Administrative staff comments

Police Chief, nothing.

Fire Chief reported they did not respond to anything related to fireworks or firework injuries and encouraged people to still use good judgement and safety on the holidays that they are allowed to shoot off fireworks.

Zoning and Compliance, nothing.

Comments for Zoning.

Council Member Adkins raises a concern with the three sections of sidewalk that are lifted and asks if anybody has been issued a citation or warning about it.

Manager Madden reports that we do not have a sidewalk program anymore where they issue citations to fix sidewalks. If council wants to reimplement the sidewalk program, they can.

Chief Financial Officer, nothing.

Service department, nothing.

Comments for service.

Council Member Adkins brought up the pond and suggested clearing out parts of it so the water flows better.

Service Superintendent remarks that there's an aeration system in the pond that helps water circulate.

Council Member Adkins brought up the drain sewer cleaning in zone 1 and 2 and raises a concern that some drains in those sections don't look like they've been touched.

Mayor Arriola remarked that he was out with the crew recently and they went from Fuls to the end of town and went to every sewer.

Council Member Adkins brings up a picture on her phone of a drain that has not been cleaned and shows it to council. She also mentions a concern about the weeds on the street that could damage the road.

Manager Madden reported they used to do a street cleaning several times a year and the council in the past made the decision to cut that from the budget. But the street cleaner helped get rid of all the grass in the little sections.

Municipal Manager's comments.

Manager Madden reported July 6<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual New Lebanon Community Blood Drive. We currently have 44 appointments filled and still have 22 appointments open. The drive is from 1-7pm at the Elementary Cafeteria, walk-in appointments are welcome, or appointments can still be scheduled online – how to schedule is in the newsletter. The Community Garden will begin vegetable giveaways this Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 12-2pm at the Garden. Any leftover vegetables will go to the library for free pickup. We always need volunteers if you are looking to give back to your community. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Tire Recycling Day is July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Courthouse Parking lot from 8:30am to 3:30pm or until the dumpster is full. There will also be a 3on3 Basketball Tournament on July 22 starting at noon for signups; prize is 50/50.

Council Member Comments.

Vice Mayor Loch thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Mr. Boggs for bringing the email situation to their attention.

Motion to adjourn by Vice Mayor Loch. Seconded by Council Member Joy.

Roll Call:

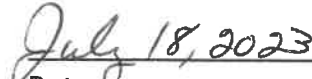
Council Member Perkins	yes
Council Member Joy	yes
Council Member Sands	yes
Vice Mayor Loch	yes
Mayor Arriola	yes
Council Member Adkins	yes

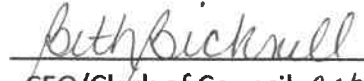
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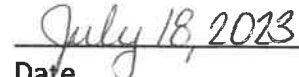
Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm by Mayor Arriola.

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Mayor

  
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