

New Lebanon Regular Council Meeting, October 17, 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	Present
Raymond Arriola	Present

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

Presentation by Shannon Bemis not given. Ms. Bemis was not in attendance.

Presentation given by Linda Green.

Linda Green discussed contrasts from past Council to Council now, service equipment, budget items, businesses coming to the Village, and contract renewal.

Presentation given by Joshua Farley.

Joshua Farley discussed Ordinance writing, Council's and the Service Department Superintendent's attendance, ethics violations, drone policy, court building redesign budget, political signs, and conflict of interest.

Proclamation by Tammy Loch of October 2023 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Approval of the October 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

7 Y's and 0 no, minutes approved.

Law Directors comments.

Law Director discussed civility during meetings.

Public comments on any Resolution or Ordinance under discussion, none.

Old Business.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-07: an ordinance certifying the Municipality of New Lebanon distribution year 2024 and tax year 2023 Street Light Assessment to Montgomery County, Ohio, in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Council Member Comments on this Ordinance, none.

Manager Madden brought up the following Old Business:

She and Chris Edds of the Service Department met with Shannon Bemis and her husband Jerry Bemis on October 4th at the corner of Bronwood and Yale to discuss the condition of the road. The water valve boxes in the street have had the cover replaced but one of the covers might not stay on. That section will not get repaved until either the rest of Bronwood or Yale gets repaved.

Someone during the last meeting brought up the light in the window at the smoke shop. She and the Police Chief went to do a business check and brought up the citizen's concern with the store manager and the light was removed by the end of the day.

The Manager apologized to Mr. Ullery about previously telling him the Village had to order hydrants. That was an incorrect statement; the Village did have hydrants. There was a timing issue with the Blosser Street project which caused a delay in the hydrant being replaced. But it is now replaced and does work; however, the hydrant is a bit short so a riser has been ordered to move it up.

In terms of Council attendance, all of Council are within the 75% of attendance required.

New Business, none.

Public Comments.

Paul Boggs, 138 Glenada Ct, spoke on Mr. Keener's comment.

Tim Back, 29 E Main St, discussed Dayton Daily News reporting, Mr. Hickey's past concern, and temporary signs, council conduct and service.

Tina Bell, 301 Blosser St, spoke on the Service Department Superintendent, dollar stores, smoke shop, newsletter, court building, and Mr. Keener's comments.

Natasha Farley, 136 Bronwood St, commented on Council conduct and asked several questions regarding the police drone coordinator, the Manager's contract, Service Department Superintendent's attendance at Council meetings, Charter Review Board, the parking garage purposed for the budget, and the money the Village had received from the Court House using our building.

Chris Landis, 97 Yale Ave, spoke on civility and the Village in the past.

Administrative staff comments.

Fire Chief, nothing.

Police Chief, nothing.

Municipal Manager's comments.

Manager Madden reported there have been 95 public access requests so far this year – currently four that are unfulfilled, three of which had just come in yesterday. She also announced Fall-O-Ween in the Village is Saturday from 2-6pm and Trick-or-Treat is 6-8pm rain or shine. She thanked Joe Hetzel with the Fire Department for quickly helping a baby during a football game.

She reported the streets of Brice, Drina, Gregory, Short, Traction, Hazelhurst, Benbow, Holderman, N Fuls, Saladin, and Hepner have been cold patched, which was two and a half tons of patch used.

Chief Financial Officer presented the financial report.

Motion to adopt September 2023 financial report by Vice Mayor Loch, seconded by Council Member Macmann.

Roll Call:

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

7 yes 0 no motion carries.

Council Member Comments.

Council Member Sands made claims that Council Member Adkins and Tim Back have meetings. Tim Back was called back to the podium and the three had discussion. (inaudible)

Mayor continued council member comments.

Council Member Joy spoke on smoke shops, new businesses coming in, and his integrity and ethics. He stated he will resign.

Council Member Loch spoke on Council Member Joy's comment and thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Arriola spoke on Council Member Joy's comments.

Motion to go into an executive session, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §121.22 (G) (1), (2), (3), (5) to discuss personnel matters and legal matters, motion by Vice Mayor Loch, seconded by Council Member Perkins.

Roll Call:

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

7 yes 0 no motion carries.

Reminder given by Mayor Arriola; no additional business will take place after the executive session.

Motion to return from executive session by Council Member Perkins, seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

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

7 yes 0 no motion carries.

Council Member Sands wanted on record: I would like to apologize for what I said earlier about Mrs. Adkins.

Council Member Adkins responded, thank you.

Motion to adjourn by Vice Mayor Loch, seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

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

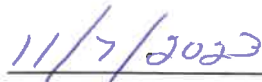
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Meeting adjourned at 9:54pm by Mayor Arriola.

Approved:



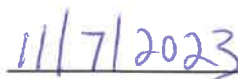
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