

**New Lebanon Regular Council Meeting, September 19, 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	Absent
Gale B. Joy	Present
Lyndon Perkins	Present
Nicole Adkins	Present
Tammy Loch	Absent
Raymond Arriola	Present

**Others Present:**

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

Presentation given by Montgomery County Auditor, Karl Keith on property value update.

Approval of the September 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Any corrections or changes?

5 I's and zero no, minutes approved.

Law Directors comments, none.

Old Business.

Manager Madden followed up on a number of items: the sludge/cake press installation; a fire hydrant replacement; the water break repair at the west end of town; testing of two timesheet systems for effectiveness, usefulness, and payroll integration; and an update on a number of public record requests made at the last meeting.

New Business.

Resolution 2023-13: a resolution authorizing the Municipal Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Miami Valley Lighting, LLC an Ohio Limited Liability Company and subsidiary of DPL, Inc. ("MVLTL") for street lighting and other energy related services on public grounds, facilities and streets in the Village of New Lebanon, State of Ohio for a term beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

Council Member Comments on this Resolution.

Council Member Joy asked for clarification on what MVLTL would be doing.

Manager Madden explained that they maintain the streetlights, that they recently changed out the lights to LED, and that they come out as often as needed.

Council Member Adkins asked about cost and the LED lights' financial effectiveness.

Manager Madden confirmed there is a cost, but she negotiates with them based on certain factors. She then addressed that the LED lights did cut costs.

Public comments on this Resolution.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood St, asked about lights at the parks and asked on clarification on the negotiating process.

Manager Madden answered that lights at the parks are the Village's but that this resolution would be referring to only streetlights. She further explained the normal negotiating process.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-13 by Council Member Perkins, seconded by Council Member Joy.

Roll Call:

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

5 yes 0 no motion carries.

Public Comments.

Theresa Cooper, 443 Hazelhurst St, discussed her concern for her water meter readings and inquired about the Manager's retirement.

Manager Madden reassured her she would check with the Water Department and explained how her meter is read and answered regarding her retirement.

Pamela Anderson, 101 N Church St, expressed her and her husbands concern over a neighboring apartment building, their driveway, and the neighbor's fence.

Law Director responded that he would look into it for them.

Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood St, asked several questions about Service Department equipment, documents from public access request, ballot language, time clocks, and work orders.

Manager Madden and Mayor Arriola addressed her questions.

Tim Back, 29 E Main St, asked about information regarding Service Department equipment.

Natasha Farley, 136 Bronwood St, questioned Police Department speed trailers, shared grievances over the Charter Review, and requested the ballot language.

Joshua Farley, 136 Bronwood St, referenced Mr. and Mrs. Anderson's concern and asked the Fire Chief about Fire Code.

Fire Chief answered about his allowable involvement with Fire Code on residential property.

Administrative staff comments.

Police Chief reported about the Sergeant taking an instructor level course for active threat response and bringing that training back to the other officers.

Fire Chief informed Council about a potential appearance change to the Fire Reports.

Zoning and Compliance Department updated Council 32 permits issued and approved since July and 35 property notices issued since August 1, some with multiple violations.

Chief Financial Officer presented the financial report.

Motion to adopt August 2023 financial report by Council Member Sands, seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

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

5 yes 0 no motion carries.

Service Department reported Blosser Street Phase 1 and 2 completion and hydrant flushing.

Municipal Managers' comments.

Manager Madden reported about Homecoming, community newsletter, and the two dollar stores' construction.

Council Member Comments.

Council Member Adkins commented on and inquired about Mr. and Mrs. Anderson's concern. She suggested putting the time clock subject on the agenda for the next meeting. Discussion proceeded around work orders and time clocks.

Council Member Perkins briefly discussed a sweeper and water meter installation with the Manager.

Council Member Adkins shared her thoughts on Council Member conduct.

Council Member Perkins asked the Police Chief to put one of the speed trailers by the school on Main Street. The Police Chief agreed to fulfill the request.

Mayor Arriola expressed his proclivity with how the town is growing and positive things are happening.

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 Council Member Perkins, seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

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

5 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 Sands, seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

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

5 yes 0 no motion carries.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Perkins, seconded by Council Member Adkins.

Roll Call:

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


5 yes 0 no motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm by Mayor Arriola.

Approved:

  
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 Mayor

10-3-2023  
 Date

  
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 CFO/Clerk of Council

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