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The Council of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Arriola presiding. Present were Municipal Manager/Fire Chief George Markus, Law Director Ronald D. Keener, Police Chief Rick Daulton, Zoning Compliance Officer David Lunsford, Clerk of Council Sandy Wright and several visitors. Chief Financial Officer Brenda Etter and Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock were absent.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Raymond Arriola, Gale Joy, Glenna Madden, Carol Macmann, Christopher Sands and Tom Simon. Linda Green was absent

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Arriola gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Arriola stated we did get the Minutes of the March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes here. We would like to approve them at a later date.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Arriola stated next is old business. Do we any have any old business?

Council Member Joy stated I don't know if this is old or new business but we have discussed it in the past. I think we need to do something about the wildlife within the community. I understand that people like squirrels and rabbits. They think they are pretty but they are becoming pests and now we are seeing a lot of raccoons as well as ground hogs. I think that since the State of Ohio won't let us do anything on our own and the Ordinances of New Lebanon won't let us take care of the problem ourselves then I believe the Municipality needs to step up and take care of the problem.

Council Member Simon asked is there a certain area where there is a problem?

Council Member Joy replied they are everywhere.

Mayor Arriola stated I don't have a garden because I get rabbits and squirrels so I just choose to forget about it.

Council Member Simon stated I see a rabbit every once in awhile.

Council Member Joy stated we have about 10 rabbits and squirrels but the people who live across the street feed them.

Council Member Sands stated there is your problem. Get them to stop feeding them.

Council Member Sands stated get a cat.

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Council Member Joy stated that does not stop the raccoons or ground hogs. Ground hogs did holes and raccoons get in the attics.

Mayor Arriola stated we can't poison them by law.

Municipal Manager Markus asked Police Chief Daulton to look into problem. Maybe Ohio DNR will have an answer or solution or maybe you can call Montgomery County Animal Control to find out if they have any solutions and report back at the next council meeting please.

Mayor Arriola asked is there any other old business? Nothing was heard.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Arriola stated new business. Anyone have any new business. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated next is public comments or questions. If anybody has any comments or questions please come forward to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

Lyndon Perkins, 735 Greyhound Drive, stated my comments are going to the manager. Thank you for having Scott fillin the hole at Don Rusk Park. I also noticed when I took the granddaughter up there for softball practice I noticed the ditch was filled in by the low bridge and I also noticed the asphalt lined up where the people walk and if you don't mind please tell Scott I appreciate the time and effort to get that done.

Mayor Arriola asked how is your back?

Mr. Perkins stated it is 100% now. The shot really helped. It is good.

Mayor Arriola stated good.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated we will go to administrative staff comments.

Mayor Arriola stated Police Chief Daulton.

Police Chief Daulton stated I have nothing tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated anyone have any questions for the Police Chief. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Markus stated I have nothing tonight sir.

Mayor Arriola stated anything for the Fire Chief. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Zoning Compliance Officer David.

Zoning Compliance Officer Lunsford stated I have nothing tonight sir.

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Mayor Arriola stated anything for David. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Financial Officer Brenda.

Municipal Manager Markus stated she has nothing tonight sir.

Mayor Arriola stated Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock.

Municipal Manager Markus stated he has a few.

Municipal Manager Markus stated you may or may not have seen Prograde on Phase 7. They have been up there for 2 days. They are just finishing up their curb work. They will have a little concrete to pour at Cliburn's Insurance Place once they get their staging area cleaned out. They should have finished all of the dirt work by this afternoon. Their plan on Thursday is to blow the grass, but it is also looking like a heavy rain day so it is probably not going to happen, but they should not have a problem meeting their April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Mayor Arriola asked do they try to get any of that rock out where the dirt is before they blow the grass?

Municipal Manager Markus replied yes.

Municipal Manager Markus stated if you have been up the area of Phase 1 of Perry Street you have seen pipe, fire hydrants, material, and supplies at both ends of Perry Street. They are ready to move forward with that job. You will see the markings for the water line, sewer lines and curbing and all the other kind of things. Again Thursday is supposed to be the day they were to start making connections but if it is a heavy rain day, I doubt that will happen.

Mayor Arriola stated there was an 80% chance on Sunday.

Municipal Manager Markus stated if it turns out to be a good day they will probably be out there. That is all Scott has tonight.

Mayor Ariola stated they did a nice job on the continuing wall down there.

Municipal Manager Markus stated I am real happy with that. We ended up having about 4 retaining walls. The largest one is at Brookville-Johnsville Road where it comes in to Main Street on the South side. It stretches from the Methodist Church past Eric Patterson's apartment building. They did a very nice job with that.

Mayor Arriola stated anything for Scott. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Parks & Recreation Alex.

Alex stated I have just a few things. We were notified last week that we got our \$1,000 Beautification Grant which was great news. We had our first EDGE last week. It was great. We had about 20 kids. We had an Easter egg hunt, we planted seeds, and it was much more organized. We had more help and I think it is developing into a nice after school program for 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. We are accepting applications right now for the summer camp. The sign was put up today and hope to fill about 30 spots. We ordered the baskets for the disc golf course today. We will start planting at the garden tomorrow so hopefully we can start our Sunday vegetable give a way soon. We are also accepting applications for the Farmer's Market. We have a handful of vendor's

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right now. We have our Beautification Week coming up the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June and we will start looking for volunteers to work in the groups.

Mayor Arriola stated anyone have any questions for Alex. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated Municipal Manager comments.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

Municipal Manager Markus stated I don't have anything for this evening.

Mayor Arriola stated anything for the Manager. Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated council member comments.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated Chris.

Council Member Sands stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Tom.

Council Member Simon stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Gale

Council Member Joy stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Carol.

Council Member Macmann stated I have nothing.

Mayor Arriola stated Glenna.

**VICE MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Madden stated good job on the grant. Kudo's to Scott.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Arriola stated congratulations on the grant.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Council Member Sands, second by Council Member Madden to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Arriola, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Madden, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Simon, yes; 6 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Approved:

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Mayor Date

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Clerk of Council Date