

The Village of Lexington Council held a Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the conference room of the Lexington Community Center 6964 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Elva Mills

Roll call taken by Clerk, Beth Grohman.

Present: Babisz, Dickinson, Kaatz, Klaas, Beardslee, Mills

Absent: None

Others present: Beth Grohman, Jason Schoen, Cam O'Mara, and 22 citizens

Public comment: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA –Motion by Klass, seconded by Mills, to approve the agenda as amended, moving items G H I J to the Personnel Committee.

Discussion - Dickinson asked to have the items table.

Klaas withdraws motion, Mills withdraws support.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Babisz to approve the agenda as presented

Roll Call

Ayes -Dickinson, Babisz, Kaatz, Klaas, Beardslee

Nays- Mills

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Mills, to approve the minutes from March 15, 2016 with corrections.

All Ayes

Motion carried

B. INVOICE KELLY WHIPPLE ZICK AND KEYES – Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Beardslee, to recommend approval to Council the payment of \$140 to Kelly, Whipple, Zick and Keyes to be paid from the General Fund.

Discussion regarding officer compensation and why an officer who had not been technically hired or sworn in was paid. Felt the issue put the Village of Lexington at liability risk.

Roll Call

Ayes-

Nays- None

Motion carried

C. HENRY AND SIMONS STREET PROPERTY – Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Beardslee, to allow Joyce and Dave Coon to purchase the property for \$870

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Kaatz, Beardslee, Mills

Nays- Babisz, Dickinson, Klaas

Motion failed

D. PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Dickinson wanted it verified that the Council President makes the recommendation but must have approval by Council.

E. USDA GRANT REQUEST – Kosht requested authorization to pursue a USDA grant for a backhoe. Motion by Dickison, seconded by Babisz, to authorize Village Manager Jon Kosht to pursue a USDA grant to purchase a backhoe.

Discussion -

Kaatz asked if there was a match

Kosht – That information is not available at this time.

Roll Call

Ayes – Dickinson, Babisz, Kaatz, Klaas, Beardslee, Mills

Nays – None

Motion carried

F. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RESIGNATION– Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Mills, to accept the resignation of Jeff Babisz from the Personnel Committee.

Discussion transparency and a new hiring policy. Kosht reported he is working on a policy. Kaatz, asked Babisz to reconsider.

Kaatz withdraws her motion

After discussion Babisz declines the offer to reconsider

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Mills to accept the resignation of Jeff Babisz from the Personnel Committee

Ayes- Dickinson, Klaas, Beardslee, Mills

Nays – Kaatz

No vote from Babisz

Motion carried

G. NEW OFFICERS HIRED- Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Klaas to table items G through J.

Roll Call

Ayes- Dickinson, Klaas, Mills

Nays- Babisz, Kaatz, Beardslee

Motion failed

ADJOURNMENT – Mills adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.