

The Village of Lexington Council held a Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, April 21, 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 6:00 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, Tim McNabb, Ed Jarosz, and 22 citizens

Public comment:

Karen Henige – New resident of the mobile home park and was wondering about progress of her lot 128.

Michael Fulton- 5727 Union Street- Commented on the policies for filling council vacancy. Also commented on the Open Meetings Act and the adjournment of last meeting.

Debbie Fulton – 5727 Union Street – Commented on the MML and Open Meetings Act and following procedures.

Larry Tyson- Comments the contesting of the procedure of filling the vacancy of Council

Pauline Balan – 5203 Main Street – Commented on the behavior of Council from the meeting of April 12, 2016.

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ISSUES – Kaatz- The issues from the Personnel Committee brought up by Babisz have not been addressed. Recommended policy on how to conduct the committees and the responsibility of Council on the committee.

B. ETHICS POLICY – Kaatz – Discussion on Ethics Policy and Ethics Ordinance. Klaas stated some of the Ethics ordinance had some of the same policy items that is in the Conflict of Interest. Recommendation to have a study session to work on the Ethics Ordinance and include the residents for their opinions as recommended by the MML.

C. LIGHTING UPDATE – Kosht has contacted DTE regarding grants for lighting, still working with contact from DTE. Kosht has researched other areas for grants and unable to locate any. Crystal Partaka from DDA stated the DDA Board willing to share in the cost with the Village but will wait until after the budget is approved. Kaatz added there is may be some grant funds available from Rural Development.

D. GRANTS - Kaatz asked for permission to research grants for Fire Department monies. Kaatz granted permission.

E. BUDGET STUDY SESSION – Study session to be set.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

F. AIR PACK PURCHASE INVOICE– Motion by Beardslee, seconded by Kaatz, to table.

All Ayes

Motion carried

MOBILE HOME PARK

G. MHP RULES AND REGULATIONS- Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Babisz, to recommend approval to Council the 2016 MHP Rules and Regulations as with amendments.

Roll call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

H. WIFI – Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Babisz, to recommend to approval to have the IT Committee and Jeff Babisz pursue the proposal from Air Advantage.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

I. FREE RENT EXTENSION – Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Babisz to recommend approval to Council Free Rent extension until August 15, 2016.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes-Dickinson, Babisz, Kaatz, Klaas, Thibault, Mills

Nays- Beardslee

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Klaas, to recommend approval to Council the check register from March 2015 in the amount of \$166,386.04 from number 30774 through check number 30850 and financial reports.

Discussion – Community Center revenues and expenditures

Roll Call

Ayes- Dickinson, Beardslee, Babisz, Kaatz, Klaas, Thibault, Mills

Nays- None

Motion carried

Manager Report

Contractor Invoices –

Dickinson questioned the donated hours by the Village Manager

Correspondence –

Peter Muoio – Planning Commission appointment

Cindy Stewart – Vicious dog attack

Public Comment

Mike Harder – Fire Department – Commented on grant monies for air packs

Larry Tyson – 5203 Main Street -Commented on MHP incentive programs

Michael Fulton – 5727 Union – Apologized for outburst and commented on the following rules and procedures.

Pauline Balan -5203 Main Street – Commented on Kaatz’s grant information and sharing with Village Manager.

Council Persons Comments

Dickinson – Commented on the slab for lot 128 and extending free rent

Kaatz- Commented on the request from the Fire Department regarding Chief going on rescue call.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Klaas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried