

The Village of Lexington Council held a Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in the council chambers of the Village Hall at 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450.

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

Roll call taken by Clerk, Beth Grohman.

Present: Beardslee, Fulton, Schultz, Adams, Ehardt, Kaatz

Absent: None

Others present: Beth Grohman, Sean Adams, Micky Bender, and 11 citizens

Public comment:

Tootie Reckinger – 5203 Main Street Lot 98 – Commented on the use of go carts and fireworks date.

Pauline Balan – 5203 Main Street Lot 99 - Commented on the resignation of Council member.

Bill Moskwa – Croswell – American Legion Historian – Gave a brief presentation on the civil war veterans from Lexington. Requesting a plaque be placed at the Union Street Memorial Cemetery for the Lexington Civil War Veterans. Cost of plaque \$275-\$300.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA –Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Schultz, to approve the agenda as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes February 14 and Public Hearing Minutes of February 14, 2017 as presented

All Ayes

Motion carried

B. INVOICE – KELLY LAW FIRM -Motion by Schultz, seconded by Ehardt to recommend approval to Council the payment of \$616 to Kelly Law Firm to be paid by the General Fund 101-266-811-000.

Roll Call

Ayes-

Nays- None

Motion carried

C. COUNCIL RESIGNATION– Motion by Schultz, seconded by Beardslee, to accept the resignation of Nick Dickinson, dated February 28, 2017 from the Village Board of Trustees, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Mobile Home Park Board effective immediately.

Discussion

All Ayes

Motion carried

D. RESOLUTION 2017-03 DTE ADDRESS CHANGE REQUEST – Motion by Beardslee, seconded by Fulton, to recommend approval to Council Resolution 2017-03 DTE Address Change Request.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes – Beardslee, Fulton, Ehardt, Schultz, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

E. 7275 BOYNTON STREET – Sean Adams reported on an offer from the United Methodist Church to purchase the parsonage on Boynton Street. Adams gave a brief description of the property. Possible use for

parking to support the downtown businesses and summer events, there are some of the issues with the property, no through point or entrance to the downtown and a residential property next to the parsonage. Would need to find a buyer to relocate the home. Sean Adams contacted Crystal Partaka from the DDA. DDA did not show interest in the property at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

F. MONTHLY REPORT – Review of the Monthly report. Discussed the hiring of some part time officers. Ad has been placed and currently have seven applicants. Currently reviewing policies. Has not been undated since 2011. Some training on reporting system. Discussion on the new patches for officers so everyone has the same patch. Cost is approximately \$2 per patch. Sean reported the Croswell Fraternal Order of Eagles has offered the Village a donation of \$500 for the police department. This donation could absorb some of the cost of new patches and badges. Chief recommended new logo on patches. Total cost of badges and patches approximately \$800.

G. PROPERTY ROOM INVENTORY REPORT – Inventory completed. Inventory list reviewed. Some errors discovered. Currently working on fixing errors.

H. STAFFING AND COMMAND MODELS – Discussed four different police department models. Members recommended model four, Part time police chief, two full time officers and three part time officers. Sean discussed possible regional department with Worth and Lexington Township and Croswell. Discussed the hiring of a part time police chief. Job description completed. Ad to be placed in the Jeffersonian, MML and website.

I. DEPARTMENT MODELING – Review of salary and benefits survey of areas with populations of 830 up to 3600.

J. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET ESTIMATES - Discussed capital improvement budget for the department for vehicles and equipment.

K. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS - Chief Rossow reviewed with the members the accomplishments since his employ. Rossow establishing relationship with other communities as well as business owners and residents, working on improvement budget, researching explorer post, 1033 rifle program, coaching one on one with officers, inventory of property room, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the check register for February 2017 in the amount of \$317,461.11 from check number 31773 through check number 31847 and financial reports.

Discussion – Phone Services, MHP Clubhouse improvements, and IT contract.

Roll Call

Ayes- Schultz, Ehardt, Beardslee, Fulton, Adams, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

Manager Report – Sean requested setting a date for the work session. Members agreed to meet March 22, 6:30 p.m.

CONTRACTOR INVOICES –

Rossow –

CORRESPONDENCE –

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Tootie Reckinger – 5203 Main Lot 98 -Commented on part time officers, and hard copies of agendas

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Pauline Balan – 5203 Main Lot 99 – Commented on hard copies of agendas and mhp water bill, also a full time mhp manager

Peter Muoio - 7276 Lester Street – Commented on the logo for police officer badges.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –

Schultz – Would like to continue to receive a hard copy of agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Kaatz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried

APPROVED