

The Village of Lexington Council held a Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in the council chambers of the Village Hall, 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: Ehardt, Muoio, Beardsee, Adams, Fulton, Schultz, Kaatz

Absent: None

Others present: Beth Grohman, Heiden, Scott, Bender, Owen, Vicki Scott and 11 citizens

Public comment: None

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

All Ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. INVOICE – KELLY LAW FIRM - Moved to consent agenda for approval.

B. RESOLUTION 2018-02 – Tabled until March Committee of the Whole Meeting.

C. RFP FOR AUDITOR/ATTORNEY – Discussion on bids received for Attorney and Auditor. Two bids were received for Attorney, one which was Kelly Law Firm, Janal Mossett, our current attorney. Recommendation to retain our current attorney. Ehardt recommended a resolution for the consent agenda. Six bids received for Auditor, one which included our current auditing firm, Stewart Beauvais and Whipple. Stewart Beauvais and Whipple offered the best quote, giving a quote for a five year contract. Recommendation to retain our current auditing firm. Ehardt recommended a resolution for the consent agenda.

D. STENCEL PROPERTY PARKING LOT LEASE RENEWAL – Lessee requested an increase of \$4889 in the rent, (amount of property taxes) due the use of adjoining property parking area. Kaatz stated due to renovations of the parking lot by lessee, six spaces were eliminated and that the Village cannot pay taxes on a private owned business parking lot. Muoio recommended this issue be passed on to the DDA. Recommendation to terminate lease. Moved to Council agenda.

E. COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE – Fulton reported on proposal to construct an office area in the conference chambers, cost \$50,000 plus. Ehardt recommended the renter put up the money for improvements and apply towards the rent. Discussion on possible sale of the property and obtaining an appraisal. Last appraisal was done approximately four years back. Grohman to email members a copy of the last appraisal. More discussion at March Committee of the Whole Meeting.

F. COMPUTER SYSTEM UPDATE – Kaatz still waiting on quotes. Front desk computer replacement will include a monitor, current monitor not compatible with new computer.

G. BACK UP CONTROLS CONNECTION – Moved to consent agenda to approve the installation of fiber optic at a cost not to exceed \$7500.

H. WATER DEPARTMENT PICK UP TRUCK/FORD EXPLORER – Heiden/ Bender requested approval to purchase 2018 Dodge Ram and 2018 Ford Explorer for the Water Department. Both vehicles will be used for a number of years and then passed along to the DPW and Police Department at a discounted rate after depreciation. Recommendation to move to Council agenda to approve the purchase of 2018 Dodge Ram and 2018 Ford Explorer.

I. PARKS AND RECREATION REQUEST FOR FUNDS – Request for \$500 for Civil War Encampment and \$450 for Antique Boat Show. Recommendation to move to Council agenda for approval.

J. MHP CLUBHOUSE DOOR REPLACEMENT BIDS – MHP Manager Owen received three bids, Brown Builders lowest bid for doors with painting. Recommendation to move to Council agenda for approval.

K. MHP WATER REATE INCREASE – Water rate increase will passed along to MHP residents in July after current rates are adjusted.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Moved to consent agenda for approval

Reports –

Treasurer Report – Ehardt and Kaatz to work with department heads on budget. Budget amendments needed. Ehardt recommended a Budget Amendments to be placed on the Council agenda for the two grant accounts. Outstanding \$99 owed to Kelly Law Firm to be placed on the Council agenda for approval. Kaatz reported a deal with Easton Telecom has be made which will cut the bill approximately in half, credited Treasurer McCoy for working getting the bill lowered.

President Report – Kaatz thanked the office staff for extra work that is being done, Vicki Scott, Jan Owen, Beth Grohman and Shelly McCoy. Also thanked Heiden and the water department for extra time they have been putting in with the water breaks. Also reported that Heiden and Bender will be attending Management and Technical Conference in Mt. Pleasant and participating in a state competition for best tasting. McCoy and V. Scott will be attending a payroll conference in April. Muoio requested that water testing services be added to the website.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Michigan Economic Development Corporation
Bill Bareklla – Thank you note

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Will Morris – Cove Court – Commented on possible contractor for Community Center improvements and CMH cite locations, should the Community not be available

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –

Fulton – RRC Community Meeting will be rescheduled.
Muoio – Commented on the new coffee shop

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Adams, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn the meeting 7:56 p.m.
p.m.

All Ayes
Motion carried