

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Meeting Monday, March 27, 2017 in the Council Chambers at the Village Hall at 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450.

Regular Council Meeting Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kristen Kaatz

Roll call taken by Clerk, Beth Grohman

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

Absent: None

Others present: Grohman, Adams, Jimkoski, Schutt, John Hoffman, County Commissioner and 17 citizens.

Public comment:

Jamie McCombs – 5689 Old Orchard Bluff – Announced Village of Lexington approved as Tree City USA for 2016 and Arbor Day will be April 28, 2017

Peter Muoio – 7276 Lester Street- Commented on the resignation of the Fire Department, Council meeting with the Fire Department, Council limited their input on matters that is Manager and Department heads responsibilities.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Beardslee, to approve the agenda as amended, addition of item K. Fire Chief Appointment

All Ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES– Motion by L. Adams, seconded by Fulton, to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting of February 27, 2017 and Special Council Meeting of March 22, 2017, as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

B. SANILAC COUNTY COMMISSION JOHN HOFFMAN – Reported on the Sanilac County Budget, last year amended budget \$15,400,000, end the year \$1.8 Million in carry over. Budget this year, \$15,151, 000, with a contingency fund of \$1.8 Million. Biggest problem facing the County is unfunded liabilities. Defined benefits changing to defined contributions. County pensions is about 80% funded. Another issue is the OPED. Retiree health care. Reported there has been four overdose deaths in the County. 911 and Drug Task Force moved to MSU extension.

C. INVOICE- KELLY LAW FIRM - Motion by Beardslee, seconded by Schultz, to approve the payment of \$616 to Kelly Law Firm to be paid from the General Fund 101-266-811-000

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

D. RESOLUTION 2017-03 – DTE ADDRESS CHANGE REQUEST - Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Beardslee, to approve Resolution 2017-03 DTE Address Change Request as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

E. 2016-17 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Beardslee, to approve the recommended 2016-17 Budget Amendments as presented.

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

F. MHP ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the appointment of Scott Beardslee to the MHP Advisory Board.

All Ayes

Motion carried

G. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION- Motion by Adams, seconded by Schultz, to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation designating April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

H. 2017 RV RENTAL DEPOSIT REFUNDS – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Beardslee, to approve the discontinuance of leasing and refund of 2017 RV rental deposits in the North Shores Mobile Home Park.

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

I. BOARD GOALS & ACTION STRATEGIES – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Adams, to approve the 2017-19 Board Goals & Action Strategies Plan.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

J. RESIGNATION OF FIRE CHIEF, ASSISTANT CHIEF, AND CAPTAIN – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Schultz to table until a task force is formed to identify the issues.

Keefe Radtke approached the Council regarding the concerns and issues behind the resignation

Ehardt withdraws the motion, Schultz withdraws support.

Motion by Beardslee, seconded by Kaatz, to accept the resignation of Fire Chief Mike Sharon, Assistant Chief John Watson, and Captain Chris Anderson effective immediately.

Discussion

All Ayes

Motion carried

K. APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF- Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Beardslee, to appoint Keefe Radtke as Fire Chief.

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

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

Roll Call

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

Nays-None

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE –

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jamie McCombs – 5689 Old Orchard Bluff – Thank you to the fire officers that resigned and to all the full responders.

Steve Hrbcheck – Fireman – Commented on respect for the officers that resigned and interim Chief and Keefe Radtke.

Pauline Balan – 5203 Main Lot 99 -Commented on the Monthly Meeting Calendar

Peter Muoio – 7276 Lester – Thanked the Council for speedy resolution, and commented have an open line of communications.

Eric Davis – Hubbard Street – Commented on the by laws and how it was abolished the by laws. Also commented on the current by laws and explained how appointments within the department were made.

John Gross – 5203 Main Street Lot 163- Thanked the Village Manager and Council for making the changes to the RV Rentals.

Tootie Reckinger – 5203 Main Street Lot 98 – Commented on the permits for an RV Rentals and having the agendas available for the public.

Peter Muoio – 7276 Lester Street – Commented on agenda availability.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Ehardt – Commented on the Committee of the Whole and Study Session. Direction given to the Village Manager. Excellent Manager is takes time to research.

Kaatz – Commented on the concerns for RV Rentals Council acted it to be in compliance with the State Law.

Schultz – Wanted to clarify to the Fire Department about interim fire chief did not mean an outsider.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Beardslee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Grohman, Village Clerk