

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Meeting Monday, July 24, 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, Muoio, Beardslee, Adams, Fulton Schultz, Kaatz

Absent: None

Others present: Grohman, Heiden, Bender, Radtke, Parsell, Goodman, Harder, Partaka, Calamita, and 42 citizens

Public comment:

Matt Muir – Coalition Against Bigger Trucks – Working regulations for semi truck size and weight limits. Against raising weight limits from 80,000 lbs. to 91,000 lbs. Looking for support from Council.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Adams, to approve the agenda as amended, removal of item G. Calendar of Events

All Ayes

Motion carried

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

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

BUSINESS

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATION PRESENTATION– Michael McNabb donated 100% of his lemonade sales \$1650 to the Lexington Fire Department. Chief Radtke stated with this donation the fire department will purchase four air tanks. Lexington Fireman, Village Council presented fire department lego sets to Michael as well as a Proclamation. Motion by Adams, seconded by Ehardt, to adopt the Proclamation recognizing Michael McNabb for his generous donation to the Fire Department

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

B. 7231 SIMONS STREET –Dennis Balmer, 7214 Simons Street, spoke on behalf of 29 residents who signed a petition of complaint on the property at 7231 Simons, regarding blight, nuisance and dangerous building. Residents are requesting an inspection of the property to determine it is in compliance with the current code of ordinances. Gerald Dawson, Zoning Administrator reported on his findings regarding the said property. Recommendation to authorize the Village Attorney to draft a letter requesting a home inspection. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Muoio to authorize the Village Attorney to draft a letter to the homeowner requesting an inspection of the said property.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Kaatz responded to the residents stating they will be kept informed on the progress.

C. SUEZ CONTRACT – Discussion on contract. Ehardt and Heiden talked over contract with agent from Suez regarding payment schedule and the exclusion of the mixer failure in the contract. Heiden reported that an alarm will set up to alert staff if the mixer fails to function. Discussion on the installation of ladder and the formation of ice should the mixer fail. Waiting on quotes for repairs to the mixer if needed. Heiden to report back to the Committee of the Whole next month.

D. VILLAGE MANAGER UPDATE – Four candidates have been selected for live interviews.

E. CEMETERY BOARD REQUEST FOR FUNDS- Motion by Muoio, seconded by Beardslee, to approve the Cemetery Board requests for \$1000 for tree planting.

Discussion – Request to see a plan of placement of the trees from the Cemetery Board

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

F. DDA REQUEST FOR FUNDS – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Beardslee, to move to close session at 7:40 p.m.

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

Nays – Muoio

Motion carried

Before Closed Session discussion started, Kaatz asked that it be noted that the closed session was to discuss a possible purchase of the Fraser Property

Returned to Open Session at 8:29 p.m.

Motion by Beardslee, seconded by Muoio, to approve the loan to the DDA up to an agreed upon purchase price to acquire the said property not to exceed the maximum amount agreed upon, pending legal review from the Village Attorney.

Roll call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

H. DESIGNATION OF COCA COLA SALES COMMISSION FUNDS –Kaatz reported the commission funds are currently going into the general fund. They machines are placed in Tierney Park and recommends that the funds be earmarked to help offset the cost of supplies for the bathrooms in the park. Kaatz also discussed the responsibility for the machines is not designated to anyone. Suggestion to refer this to the Parks and Recreation Committee Chair to follow on the contract and report on the available funds. Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Beardslee, to assign the Coca Cola Sales Commission revenue to the Parks and Recreation Fund and the management be assigned to the Parks and Recreation Committee Chair.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

I. POLICE CHIEF POSITON – Kaatz asked the members for support on hiring the Interim Police Chief William Craft for the permanent position of Police Chief. Recommendation for a three year contract, 30 hours a week, with a salary of \$46,800 with no benefits. Kaatz stated Craft is doing an exceptional job, creating relationships by interacting with residents and business owners. Chief Craft has created a safe behavior program for children, and with the generous donation of the Stencels, children that are playing safe, receive a coupon from the Lighthouse Creamery. Kaatz received full support from Council to hire Chief Craft with a three year contract.

CORRESPONDENCE – None offered

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jerry Dawson – Zoning Administrator – Reported on the status of the Cadillac House. Dawson contacted the owners regarding the safety of the balcony beams. Contractors will be securing the property with a fence and construction is due to begin within in the next couple weeks.

John Gross – 5203 Main Street Lot 173 – Commented on the status of the inspection requirements for the Mobiles in Lexington North Shores. Kaatz to follow up.

Tootie Reckinger – 5203 Main Street Lot 98 – Commented on the motion made regarding the DDA Fund request.

Pat Kossakowski – 7332 Simons – Commented on the proposed Chief of Police Contract

Mike Harder – Assistant Fire Chief- Commented on the July 4th events and great job by Police Chief Craft.

Ron Bieniek – 7205 Simons- Commented on police officer salaries.

Ray Kossakowski – Questions on the time line for the letter to go to homeowner at 7231 Simons Street

Mary Ann Knoblauch – Commented on the donation and fire equipment.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Grohman, Village Clerk

APPROVED