

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting Monday, December 17, 2018 in the Council Chambers at the Village Hall at 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450.

Public Hearing Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

To hear comments on the proposed amendments to the Vehicle Impound Authorization and Fees Ordinance, Chapter 66, Sections, 66-03, 66-04, 66-05, 66-06 and 66-07.

Public Comment – None offered

Public Hearing Closed at 7:03 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kristen Kaatz

Roll call taken by Clerk, Beth Grohman

Present: Ehardt, Picot, Muoio, Fulton, Jarosz, Schultz, Kaatz

Absent: None

Others present: Tatman, Grohman, Heiden, Dawson, Sheldon, and 14 citizens

Public comment:

Jerry Bartow – 4786 Lakeshore Road – Opposing comments regarding Council/Management involvement with the Fire Department.

Larry Tyson – 5203 Main – Lot 29 – Comments regarding fire department

Bill Sarkella- County Commissioner – Commented on the issuing and sales of bonds. Reported Sheriff Department to receive unmanned aircraft, known as drones. Capabilities camera, video and heat sensing. Can be used for crime scenes and search and rescue.

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

All Ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

A. MINUTES – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Muoio, to approve the minutes of November 26, 2018 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

B. IMPOUND ORDINANCE CHAPTER 66, SECTION 66-03 THROUGH 66-07 – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Schultz, to approve the amendments to the Impound Ordinance Chapter 66, Sections 66-03 through 66-07 as presented.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, Schultz, Ehardt, Picot, Muoio, Fulton, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

C. INVOICE – KELLY LAW FIRM – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Picot, to approve the payment of \$1246 to Kelly Law Firm.

Roll Call

Ayes – Schultz, Picot, Ehardt, Muoio, Fulton, Jarosz, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

D. INVOICE – STEWART BEAUVAIS & WHIPPLE – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the payment of \$18645.00 (\$1400 due from DDA) to Stewart, Beauvais & Whipple.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Schultz, Ehardt, Picot, Muoio, Fulton, Jarosz, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

E. MHP TREE REMOVAL BID - Tatman reported the arborist went back through the MHP because of several discrepancies, reworked the list. Heiden accompanied Paterson Tree Service to get an on sight review of the priority one trees for removals. Several trees were added to the list. Paterson reworked the quote, which increased to \$13470. Original bid \$6320. Muoio recommended the job go back out for bid. Heiden stated this would set back another month for the removal. Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Ehardt, to approve \$13470 for tree removal.

Discussion on obligation to rebid and time frame. Recommended a special council meeting to approve the new bid proposals. Bids to be sent out to the three that responded.

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz

Nays- Ehardt, Picot, Muoio, Fulton, Schultz, Kaatz

Motion failed

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Muoio, to rebid the proposal using only the three bidders that responded.

Roll Call

Ayes- Kaatz, Muoio, Ehardt, Picot, Fulton, Jarosz, Schultz

Nays – None

Motion carried

F. FEE SCHEDULE – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Picot, to approve the fee schedule increase of six percent.

Discussion – Cemetery Board recommended a three percent increase. Heiden recommended no change in water test fees and sewer dumping/sampling fees.

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, Picot, Ehardt, Muoio, Fulton, Schultz, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

G. TEMPORARY PART TIME EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – Heiden reported Rein Warnke, IT repairman, formerly with R & R Automation, has retired but still willing to work with the Village Water Department as a contract employee on a part time basis. Heiden reported it is same contract used for Gary Flannigan. Labor rates would decrease from \$80 per hour to \$50 per hour. Concerns regarding liability insurance. All contract employees are covered by Village Liability Insurance. Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the part time employment as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, Ehardt, Picot, Muoio, Fulton, Schultz, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

H. BOARD APPOINTMENT- Motion by Muoio, seconded by Schultz, to approve the appointment of Johann Franz to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Discussion

Roll call

Ayes- Muoio, Schultz, Ehardt, Picot, Fulton, Jarosz, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

I. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER – F.Y.I. – Kaatz asked for members to review the Robert's Rules of Order.

J. FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD – Kaatz asked members for their views on expanding the Fire Advisory Board. The current board is a committee of has two council members, chief and the manger. Kaatz would like to include two members from Worth and Lexington Townships. Fulton stated this is not a regulatory board and not put in place to direct the fire department, The Michigan Public Act 33 of 1951 Police and Fire Protection, states creating a fire administrative board, with 2 or more members of each participating townships. Kaatz recommended contacting to the townships to see if there is any interest in sitting on the board.

K. MHP DEPOSIT REFUND – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the deposit refund of \$502 for Lot #23 Charlotte Bryant.

Roll Call

Ayes- Schultz, Ehardt, Picot, Muoio, Fulton, Jarosz, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Muoio, to approve the check register in the amount of \$220,543.81 check numbers 34100 through 34187 and financial reports.

Roll call

Ayes- Schultz, Muoio, Ehardt, Picot, Fulton, Jarosz, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE – Kaatz received a Thank you note from the Chicago Police Department for a condolence letter for a fallen officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jerry Bartow – 4786 Lakeshore Road – Commented on the emergency service board, rescue runs and Croswell Ambulance Service.

COUNCIL PERSONS COMMENTS

Schultz – Wish everyone a Merry Christmas

Jarosz – Commented on the fire and rescue contracts

Kaatz – Commented on the new year and new projects coming up, be safe and have a great holiday.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Muoio, to adjourn the meeting 8:05 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted
Beth Grohman, Village Clerk