

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Study Session Wednesday, June 12, 2019 in the conference room of the Village Hall, 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450.

Study Session Called to order at 12 p.m. by President Pro Tem Peter Muoio

Roll call taken by Beth Grohman, Clerk

Present: Schultz, Ehardt, Picot, Muoio

Absent: Jarosz, Kaatz, Fulton

Others present: Tatman, Stapleton, Heiden, Grohman

BUSINESS

- BUDGET REVIEW** – Tatman explained some other changes are being made at this time. Showing the \$25,000 disbursement will come from for OPEB. Some significant changes in the Water and Sewer operational expenses may be needed before money from USDA is received. All department heads and committee chairpersons have been a part of the budget process.
Union contract is not official at this time but wages, uniform allowances and other tentative agreements have been built into the budget.
Grant money for the Master Plan, shows as income coming in but also shows it going right back out to pay for the planners.
Short Term rental fees are not projected in the budget, due to possible changes from State regarding regulations on Short Term Rentals.
Chief Sheldon keeping over time as low as possible, back to a full staff.
Parks and Recreation budget reflects \$5000 from DDA's annual contribution. Grants will have to be obtained for playground equipment and other Parks and Recreation projects.
Tatman explained the capital improvement funds for all the accounts.
Tatman looking into way to cut costs such as the telephone charges. Other municipalities using VOIP (voice over internet protocol) and savings are significant.
Tatman to research this more.
Questions regarding how the budget reflect the operational cost for Lexington Township. Currently the Township pays 20% of the bills.
Contracted services were increased with all the outside contracting such as the Master Plan, legal services, USDA. Upgrade to the website and IT services.
DPW Wages increased due to raises and part time/seasonal employees.

Jarosz entered meeting

Discussion on street funds and how they can be utilized.

Bike Path no monies allocated since there is over \$20,000 in the fund for maintenance for this year according to Croswell.

OPEB annual payment \$25,000.

New Union contract does include employee cost sharing.

MHP fund set aside \$20,000 for parking lot and finishing the fence, patching streets.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Richard Stapleton explained the volunteers doing fundraisers to help with maintenance of the cemetery. Money in capital outlay for roof repairs/replacement.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Picot, to adjourn meeting at 1:51 p.m.
Motion carried

APPROVED