

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Special Council Meeting Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall at 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450.

Special Council Meeting Called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kristen Kaatz

Roll call taken by Clerk, Beth Grohman

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

Absent: None

Others present: Grohman, Tatman, Dawson, Tensbuch and 63 citizens

Kaatz reminded the audience that this meeting about the peddlers ordinance not about the commercial private property.

Public comment:

Jamie McCombs – 5689 Old Orchard Bluff – Commented on participation plan and decision made on the peddlers ordinance, this needed more public participation. Needed a little more review.

Steve Stencil – 5309 Main Street – Thanked the council for holding the special meeting, agreed with Jamie's comments. Fully support a business on commercial property.

David Tenniswood- 5277 Main Street – Pleased with enthusiasm and civic spirit, not in favor of inviting in street peddlers that will compete with the business owners in town, the businesses have invested a lot in their business, why bring in people that would compete and do not pay taxes. Peddlers collect \$1 that is taken away from the businesses. Needs to be more restrictive. Should allow the businesses to select the vendors that want to come in.

Michael Walsh – 4137 Lakeshore Road – Likes the idea of open competition. Peddlers offer something more to the community and promotes growth. Should be regulated.

Patrick Blakely – 5533 Main Street –Support the new hot dog business. Not in support of the changing the peddler's ordinance, read some of the comments on the Facebook page on hot dog stand and peddler's ordinance. A lot of angry people.

Jerry Paradowski – Sheridan Line – Been here 47 years and donated a lot to this community. They asked for permission to start their business. Questions regarding the meeting and was permission given to hot dog stand.

Reginia Rogener – Town Shop – Open all year and keeping her girls working. Would like to see the peddlers make an effort to volunteer and support the LBA.

Bretton Jones – Hombre – Understand what the business owners are saying and would be willing to support the LBA. Pays rent to the owner and rent goes towards the taxes paid on the commercial property.

Jim Gresock – Wimpy's - Comments on the peddler's ordinance, stated the rules of the peddler's ordinance. Trailers are not legal according the ordinance.

Cindy Gresock – Wimpy's – Commented when and why the peddler's ordinance was created. Wimpy's and A & W put up trailers. June – August 50% business. Doesn't want Lexington to be a flea market.

Shelly Blakely – 5533 Main Street – Competition brings lots of dollars into town.

Chuck Laughlin -5621 Main Street – Understands where the businesses are coming from. The more we have to offer the better it is for everyone. If we think that the Village better 40 years ago, you are going to fail. Need to grow or die.

Alisha – Bakeman Photography – Agrees with Chuck Laughlin. Completely support the peddler's ordinance.

David Tenniswood -5277 Main Street – All the businesses here are taxpayers. Peddlers don't pay for the services in the Village and we need to protect our businesses.

Shelly McCarty – Carsonville – Pretty sure these people live in the community and they have paid taxes and spent money here.

Taryn Strausser – 7125 Huron – I am a taxpayer here and I am in favor of peddler's and if people buying from peddlers they are spending money at other businesses as well.

Gerry Paradowski – Sheridan Line – Appreciate what the businesses. All local people paying taxes, to the village and the townships.

Jamie McCombs – 5689 Old Orchard – Council represents the residents. Find out what the people want.

Jim Gresock – Wimpy's – Agree with Jerry Paradowski, but everyone has to play by the rules.

Kim McKinney – General Store – Do not want to see peddlers throughout the town, we don't have enough parking and enough bathrooms. Trying to stay year-round, it just gets harder every year. Only have three months, we don't want peddler's during that three months.

BUSINESS

1. PEDDLERS ORDINANCE – Tatman explained the updated peddler's ordinance.

Jarosz suggested a moratorium be put on the peddlers permits for 30-60 days, doesn't feel this new ordinance is restrictive enough. Ehardt appreciate the input from the community. Recommendation to rescind the new ordinance until there is more review of the ordinance. Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Muoio, to rescind the new peddlers ordinance, Chapter 46, Section 46-31-46-37.

Discussion-

Jarosz – This will put the old ordinance back into effect.

Kaatz- I support our businesses, entrepreneurs. Fear of competition, having variety promotes growth. Think about what you truly want for your community. We want growth. We shouldn't exclude people from coming to our community. Need to move forward

Roll call

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

Nays- Kaatz

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim McKinney – Was not aware that the Peddler's Ordinance was on the agenda. Would like to see people here all year around. Would like clarification on the \$20 fee for water/electricity.

Jerry Paradowski – Have to have growth. This is a resort town. Need to give things a chance.

Cindy Gresock – Growth comes with people participating with events. Need community involvement.

COUNCIL PERSONS COMMENTS

Fulton – A lot that goes on and a lot of work that no one sees and never embarrassed with what has been accomplished.

Muoio – Thanks to both sides for being here.

Kaatz – Thanked everyone for coming. Need participation. Meeting June 17th DNR Harbor renovations. Please come out get involved. We will look at the peddlers permit. This change has no effect on the commercial properties.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Ehardt, to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Grohman, Village Clerk