

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Meeting Monday, July 27,2020 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450

Call to Order Regular Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kristen Kaatz

Roll call taken by Clerk Beth Grohman

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

Absent: None

Others present: Tatman and 11 citizens

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeannie Simons -5203 Main Lot 86 – Complaints regarding poison ivy on her lot. Stated she has requested it be sprayed. After research found that selective herbicide be used on poison ivy. DPW sprayed and now grass and flowers are damaged. Requested a written response.

Jamie McCombs – Old Orchard Bluff – Comments regarding garden club requests to be on the agenda to address rain garden removal. Also commented on the Village website email and requested council move add the Garden Club to the agenda.

Jeannine Wypask – President Lakeshore Garden Club – Comments regarding the volunteer who worked on the rain garden that was removed. Volunteer working on the rain garden purchased the plants.

Judy Barber – Lakeshore Garden Club – Read letter from Barbara Sobczak regarding the removal of the Village Rain Garden. Request to have Garden Club be put on the agenda.

Judy Ross – Lakeshore Garden Club- Comments regarding communication between the Village and the garden club and reimbursement to the volunteer who paid for the plants that were removed.

Tootie Reckinger – 5203 Main Lot 99 – Request to be notified of any changes in the mobile home park and if she will be required to move.

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

All Ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Picot, to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2020 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Picot, to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 20, 2020 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

B. ROXBURY GROUP PRESENTATION –Stacy Fox – Dave DiRita- James VanDyke- Commercial Rehabilitation District Creation- Roxbury Group requesting the Village consider the creation of a

Commercial Rehabilitation District. Creation of this district allows commercial businesses to apply for exemption under the Michigan Public Act 210. This could qualify the property for an up to 10 year tax abatement. Tax abatements do not reduce taxes or revenues currently received, it holds assessments where they are currently for the period of the abatement, which is determined by the local unit. Creation of this type of district could be an incentive for commercial businesses to proceed with projects and developments.

C. INVOICE – KELLY LAW FIRM - Motion by Schultz, seconded by Muoio, to approve the payment of \$1529.94 to Kelly Law Firm.

Discussion – Questions regarding hourly rate for Ashley Stone.

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

D. TRUSTEE RESIGNATION – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to accept the resignation of Trustee William Ehardt with appreciation.

Discussion

Roll call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

E. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Schultz, to appoint Trustee Mike Fulton to the Personnel Committee.

Roll Call

Ayes – Kaatz, Schultz, Picot, Muoio, Jarosz

Nays- None

Abstain – Fulton

F. CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) POLICY- Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, approve the Coronavirus (COVID 19) policy as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

ENVIRONMENTAL

G. COMMITTEE RESIGNATION – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Muoio, to accept the resignation of Linda Bombard from the Environmental Committee.

All Ayes

Motion carried

H. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Fulton, to approve the appointment of Joanne Adams to the Environmental Committee.

All Ayes

Motion carried

I. COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT – Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the appointment of Trustee Peter Muoio, to the Environmental Committee.

All Ayes

Motion carried

MOBILE HOME PARK

J. DEPOSIT REFUND – Motion by Schultz, seconded by Muoio, to approve the deposit refund of \$100 for Rebecca Ellis Lot 115.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the deposit refund of \$334 for Bradley Moore Lot 145.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

WATER/SEWER/STREETS

K. SILVERSMITH DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – Tatman explained the request for the management system. Sanilac Township would share in cost. Motion made by Jarosz to approve the purchase at \$6350. Questions regarding Sanilac Township share and bid process. Members agreed more information is needed. Bring back next month for further discussion. Jarosz withdrew the motion.

FINANCIALS –

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the check registers for the month of June 2020 in the amount of \$135,078.90 check numbers 35510 through 35589 and financial reports.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

Reports

Tatman reported on FEMA Grant application filed for reimbursement of COVID 19 supplies and also applied for Cares Act payroll reimbursement during COVID Months.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Parraghi – 5203 Main – Questions regarding the data management system, storm drains, weeds in sidewalk cracks, signs in the Village, the information center at Tierney Park, signs at the DNR and Butterfly Garden in need of repair. Also commented on a broken light by the benches filled with cigarette butts. Bluff at the LNS Mobile Home Park, ground hogs are tunneling at the bluff.

Jamie McCombs – Old Orchard Bluff -Asked to revisit the rain garden issue and requests to be put on the agenda. Also made comments regarding the website, contact email. Comments regarding covid pandemic.

COUNCIL PERSONS COMMENTS

Picot – Comments regarding rain garden on next agenda and storm drain south of the launch.

Fulton – Suggested study session regarding abatement and rehabilitation district.

Schultz – Comments regarding the issues with bluff at the LNS mobile home park.

Kaatz – Commented on contract with Sanilac Township we provide service for their water. Commented on the policy and procedure of agenda item additions. Also commented on the Covid issues, all those working to keep everyone safe and DPW working very hard, alternating staff hours. Stay safe and thank you Holly and staff.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to adjourn the meeting 8:38 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Grohman

APPROVED