

**VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
Village Hall 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, Michigan 48450
June 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kerri Yankee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL: by Beth Grohman, Village Clerk
PRESENT: Blaesing, Kaatz, Yankee, Westbook, Adams, Drouillard, VanDyke, Bales.
ABSENT: Bender, Stencil
OTHERS: Tatman, McCoy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Blaesing to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Bender joined meeting at 5:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None offered

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Bales to approve the financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- VanDyke, Bales, Blaesing, Bender, Kaatz, Westbrook, Adams, Drouillard, Yankee

Nays- None

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Speaker System Discussion** - Tatman gave a brief recap on the year it was purchased and current status, Currently system is off. KLA is watching the system remotely. Tatman was informed it was working but no music is playing. KLA made a site visit, and found there is a gap, showing remotely that they speakers are working, but no sound coming from the system, nine of the eleven speakers are not working. Possible problem may be a transmitter. Discussion whether to spend more money to fix the issues. Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Bender, to form a subcommittee to address the issues for the next 30 days and provide a report. Discussion – May be able to find another service to provide music. Do the businesses want the music, some complaints have been made. Huge investment in this infrastructure that does not work and no one liable to take care of it other than DDA and draining money. Need to make a decision on how to fix the issues. VanDyke amends the motion to appoint Drouillard as chair for the subcommittee and

meeting over the next 30-60 days. Bender supports the amendment.
Westbrook offers to sit on the committee.

All ayes

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **LBA Request** - Beth Ryan, VP of LBA - Army Corp of Engineers increased costs for the five year agreement to use the wall for the fire works. 2016 it was \$450 for five years, increased to \$3450. Tatman spoke with ACOE and they agreed to reduce the cost to \$2300. Ryan stated other avenues were looked at such as the north beach, not enough room and a barge, but it was more expensive. LBA requesting funds from the DDA to help pay for the renewal . LBA still owes \$5000 for fireworks. Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Blaesing, to donate \$5000 to the LBA to assist with the fireworks and renewal.

Roll Call

Ayes- VanDyke, Blaesing, Bender, Adams, Westbrook, Kaatz, Bales, Drouillard, Yankee

Nays- None

Motion carried

2. **DDA Budget (2021-2022 Draft & Amendments)** Review of the amendments presented.

A. Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Drouillard, to approve the 2020-21 Budget Amendments as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- VanDyke, Drouillard, Blaesing, Adams, Bender, Westbrook, Kaatz, Bales, Yankee

Nays- None

Motion carried

B. 2021-2022 Budget – Reviewed and discussed proposed budget. Motion by Adams, seconded by Bales, to approve the 2021-2022 Budget.

Roll Call

Ayes- Adams, Bales, Bender, VanDyke, Blaesing, Westbrook, Kaatz, Yankee, Drouillard.

Motion carried

3. **Projects for Upcoming Year** – Landscaping, empty grates in the sidewalks, more trash cans east and west on Main Street. Establish a wish list for next years budget.

Public Comment

Beth Ryan – Speakers in front of apartment some times running all night and too loud, sometimes no music at all.

Mike Ziegler – Suggested taking a poll of the business owners, see what they want. Speakers could be used for events , just cut out the music

Kathy DeCoster – Comments on the boundary lines

Peter Muoio- Comments on the website and information stations

Tatman- Third Level of RRC certification, and updating by laws, training.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bender, seconded by VanDyke to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

All ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Grohman, Village Clerk

APPROVED