

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, November 22, 2021 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450

Call to order the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kristen Kaatz

Roll call taken by Clerk Vicki Scott

Present: Adams, Muoio, Fulton, Jarosz, DeCoster, Kaatz

Absent: – Klaas

Others present: Chris Heiden, Allie Sutton, Mickey Bender and 10 citizens

Public Comment –

- Lucrecia Ferriby (5401 William Dr.) – Commented on the long-standing use of Union Street North of M-90 utilized as a truck route. This has been used mainly as an entrance to Gielow Pickles. A letter of concern with signatures was given to the clerk.

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

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. BILL SARKELLA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER – Kaatz explained Bill Sarkella could not be here this evening but sent in an update. The Worth Township sewer project is completed. County ARPA consultant is available if there are any questions on funds. Wind turbine litigation is progressing and looks like its possibly in the counties favor.

B. MINUTES – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 25, 2021 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

C. UHY INVOICE UPDATE – Kaatz explained Amos discussed the overage of \$3,180.00 with UHY. UHY agreed to split the difference of the overage and refund \$1,590.00 of the invoice. Discussion followed.

D. AMENDMENT TO THE MANAGER'S CONTRACT –

Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the amendment to the manager's contract dated September 1, 2021.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, Fulton DeCoster, Adams Muoio, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

**E. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION REVIEW / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION REGARDING MANAGER RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAGE
INCREASES AND UNION NEGOTIATIONS**

– Kaatz and Heiden explained the wage scale and answered questions on where funds would come from. This will be an amendment to the current union contract. Discussion on opening up the union contract. Motion by Jarosz, seconded by DeCoster, to accept the wage increases by department for the remainder of the fiscal year 2021 and the recommendation of \$66,341.00 for 2022 and give the Village Manager the authority to open the contract for negotiations. Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, DeCoster, Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

F. ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGER'S CONTRACT –

Motion by Jarosz, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the assistant to the manager's contract job description and duties as presented in the packet.

Discussion – Board members agree this contract cannot automatically roll over.

Roll Call

Ayes – Jarosz, DeCoster, Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

G. ADDENDUM TO ELIZABETH GROHMAN CONTRACT –

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Adams, to approve the addendum to Elizabeth Grohman's contract.

Roll Call

Ayes – Fulton, Adams, Muoio, Jarosz, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

H. RESOLUTION 2021-09 CHECK SIGNERS –

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Muoio, to approve Resolution 2021-09 Check Signers as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Kaatz, Muoio, Adams, Fulton, Jarosz, DeCoster

Nays – None

Motion carried

I. BOARDS/COMMITTEES REAPPOINTMENTS –

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Adams, to approve the reappointment of Mike Ziegler to Planning Commission.

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, Adams, Muoio, Jarosz, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Jarosz, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the reappointment of Steve Stencil to Planning Commission.

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, DeCoster, Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Adams, seconded by Muoio, to approve the reappointment of Sue Pomilia to Parks & Rec Board.

Roll Call

Ayes- Adams, Muoio, Fulton, Jarosz, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Muoio, to approve the reappointment of Richard Stapleton to Cemetery Board.

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Jarosz, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Adams, to approve the reappointment of Chuck Albertson to Cemetery Board.

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, Adams, Muoio, Jarosz, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

J. MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY REAPPOINTMENTS –

Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the reappointment of Jackie Huepenbecker to Moore Public Library Board.

Roll Call

Ayes- Jarosz, Fulton, DeCoster, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

K. EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY BONUS –

Motion by Jarosz, seconded by DeCoster to approve the holiday bonuses in the amount of \$2,050.00 as presented.

Discussion

Amended Motion by Jarosz, seconded by DeCoster to double the holiday bonuses this year.

Roll call

Ayes – Jarosz, DeCoster, Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

L. VILLAGE RECOGNITION –

Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Muoio, to approve the Village President to recognize citizens at the tree lightening ceremony.

All Ayes

Motion carried

MOBILE HOME PARK

M. MHP LOT DEPOSIT REFUNDS –

Motion by Adams, seconded by Fulton, to approve the lot deposit refunds to Lisa Lewandowski Lot #71 in the amount of \$361.00, Steven Reynolds Lot #63 in the amount of \$324.00, and Kathleen Rybicki in the amount of \$324.00.

Discussion – Jarosz asked if lots are inspected before refunds are issued and suggested an exit checklist going forward.

Roll Call

Ayes- Adams, Fulton, Muoio, Jarosz, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

N. MHP LEASE AGREEMENT LANGUAGE –

Motion by Jarosz, seconded by DeCoster to approve the Mobile Home Park Lease agreement language with the following corrections, changing dogs to pets and changing North Shore to North Shores.

Roll Call

Ayes – Jarosz, DeCoster, Fulton, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

O. MHP AD-HOC – UPDATE

Jarosz explained all that took place at the first meeting. Marketing and management will continue to be discussed going forward. Adams will have a speaker join the next meeting. Irwin did a nice job with the notes.

WATER/SEWER/DPW/STREETS

P. GREENBUSH GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Amos Williams drafted this release and had it signed per last Board meeting.

Q. SEWER JEFFERSON STREET LIFT STATION CONTROLS

Heiden explained we experienced problems with this lift station during the last wind storm. An electrician was called in and the motor had to be replaced. This lift station is from the mid to late 1960's and is in need of replacement. Heiden received three bids that are included in the packet. Discussion follows.

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Fulton to accept the bid from Bland Electric Co. in the amount of \$7,350.00

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Fulton Adams, Jarosz, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Adams, to approve the check register in the amount of \$152,087.90 check numbers 36597 through 36679 and financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, Adams, Muoio, Jarosz, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

REPORTS – Muoio asked about Port Sanilac water issue. Heiden responded we had to step in and help them with their operations due to staffing issues. Heiden explained we still did not get water meters in for the mobile home park due to the chip shortage.

CORRESPONDENCE – Moore Public Library Update

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lucrecia Ferriby (5401 William Dr.) – Asked to follow up on the Gielow Permit.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS

- Jarosz commented on the December 2020 engineering quotes for the mobile home park erosion issue. Jarosz would like Amos to follow up. Jarosz does not feel it is necessary to have the police present at Council Meetings.
- Adams thanked all who helped with the Christmas decorations. Adams commented on the possibility of the ice rink going in behind the Village Theater.
- Kaatz commented please decorate your house for the Christmas Light Contest.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

All ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Scott, Village Clerk

Approved