

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Public Hearing and a Regular Council Meeting Monday, June 27, 2022 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450

Public Hearing Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

To hear comments on the Proposed 2022-23 FY Budget

Public Comment – None

Closed Public Hearing

Call to order the Regular Council Meeting at 7:03 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, DeCoster, Kaatz

Absent: – Klaas, Jarosz

Others present: Allie Sutton, Shelly McCoy, and 12 citizens

Public Comment:

- Bill Sarkella (County Commissioner) – The county has hired a new county administrator, as well as approved a 3-year contract with all county employees. We are working with a firm to put in 766 miles of fiber optic. The recycling center is going well. We have approved electronic printers for all sheriff vehicles.

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

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. MINUTES – Motion by Fulton, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of May 2, 2022 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Adams, seconded by Fulton to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2022 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Muoio to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of June 8, 2022 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 23, 2022 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

B. CAPITAL OUTLAY ACCOUNTS DISCUSSION – Kaatz explained years ago in a budget study session we discussed capital outlay accounts, specifically for fire, parks & recreation, planning, etc. These accounts were meant to act like a savings account, not to be swept away each year. Kaatz explained we need to address this now so going forward we are clear that these accounts are not being swept away. Sutton explained when discussing this please keep in mind if a department goes over budget, if that department does not have the funds to put aside, and only certain things can be capitalized on depending on the project. Kaatz noted this discussion started with the fire department trying to save for a new fire truck. It has to be an item that can be depreciated. Kaatz added we need to seriously look at a millage for fire and police. Dave Faber explained the City of Sandusky entered into a fire authority in lieu of a millage. Faber explained Sandusky has set up sinking funds for large items which carries over each year. It's not a good idea to have multiple sinking funds as it restricts your money on what it could be used for. Discussion followed. Sutton explained she will work on this and have something to present to Council next meeting. Kaatz asked to have all department heads involved in this as well.

C. BUDGET AMENDMENTS – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Adams, to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, Adams, Muoio, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

D. 2022-2023 BUDGET – Motion by Fulton, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, DeCoster, Adams, Muoio, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

E. SEPTAGE DUMPING FEES TRANSFER - Motion by Muoio, seconded by Fulton, to approve the septage dumping fees transfer of \$46,000 to capital equipment fund 402-000-699-590 (\$38,180 to DPW and \$7,820 to the fire department).

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Muoio, Fulton, Adams, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

F. INVOICE – KELLY LAW FIRM – Motion by Adams, seconded by Fulton, to approve the payment of \$182.00 to Kelly Law Firm, \$28.00 from the General Fund, \$154.00 from Mobile Home Park.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Adams, Fulton, Muoio, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

G. RESOLUTION #2022-02 CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DDA PLAN AMENDMENTS – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Adams, to approve Resolution #2022-02 as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes – Fulton, Adams, DeCoster, Muoio, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

H. PUBLIC HEARING – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Adams, to set a Public Hearing on Monday, July 25, 2022 at the regular Council Meeting set for 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of approving Resolution #2022-03 DDA Plan Amendments, Amendments to the DDA Ordinance, and expansion of the district.

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, Adams, Kaatz

Nays- Muoio, DeCoster

Motion carried

I. VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Adams, to appoint Todd Shoudy as interim Village attorney at a rate of \$180.00 per hour, billed in quarter hour increments.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, Adams, Muoio, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

J. GENERAL ENGINEERING CONTRACT – Motion by Fulton, seconded by Kaatz, to approve the general engineering contract for Townley Engineering as presented.

Discussion

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, Kaatz, Adams, Muoio, DeCoster

Nays- None

Motion carried

K. LIBRARY REQUEST DISCUSSION – Kaatz explained we tried to give the library funding. After reviewing this, we learned we cannot do that as a municipality. A municipality can't give funds to a non-profit. After research with the auditor and attorney, we would have to go under contract with them that they would be providing a service for us that we could provide which we can't. Sutton will draft a letter to the library of support stating why we can not provide funds.

MOBILE HOME PARK

L. MHP LOT DEPOSIT REFUNDS – Motion by Adams, seconded by Fulton, to approve the deposit refund in the amount of \$361.00 to Sandra Scripka (Lot #51), and \$320.00 to Tamara Weidman (Lot #110).

Roll Call

Ayes- Adams, Fulton, Muoio, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Fulton, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the check register in the amount of \$155,154.89 check numbers 37077 through 37135 and financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Fulton, DeCoster, Adams, Muoio, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

REPORTS – Per the Manager’s Report Muoio thanked Sutton for working on the USDA project. Kaatz asked Faber and Sutton where we stood on the possibility of reducing Faber’s hours as we approach the 6-month mark. Faber explained Sutton is progressing well and can see a reduction of his time after the 6-month period.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jackie Huepenbecker- 7108 BR Noble – Commented on the Capital Improvement Plan.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS

- DeCoster- Thank you to the staff for all they do.
- Adams – Thank you to the staff and Allie Sutton.
- Kaatz- Thank you to the staff and Council for staying out of the office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fulton, seconded by DeCoster, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

All ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Scott, Village Clerk