

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, April 28, 2025 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Ave., 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 Deputy Clerk Beth Grohman

Present: Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Dost, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Absent: – none

Others present: L. Fisher, C. Heiden, and 16 citizens

ATTENDANCE – No action required

PUBLIC COMMENT –

David DiRita – 7302 Hubbard Street- Providing some comments regarding an item on the agenda, I want to raise a few points; one is the general manner that the MOU covers the water front. I do think you should be very careful when you talk about the leasehold. I think leasehold is appropriate for the bottom lands itself or the building they are using on Village property, parking particular general areas where both the Village and the DNR and public wants to use. Another thing I want to reiterate the general area around the redevelopment of the tanks which is critically important, looks like the DNR wants to take responsibility to make sure all issues regarding environmental mitigation and others of like, there on that area are given over to the DNR completely. There seems to be a lot of conversation going on about the need for parking for boaters. I want to make sure we are being clear, as it relates to DNR, the only conceivable need there, other than staff, is seasonable boaters for which there is a very limited number in the DNR area actually limited by whatever arrangement they have with the owners of private marina. As an owner of a private marina the real parking lot is the water, when they drive up and unload, they can park anywhere. They should not be carving out the water front just to park all the time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Dost, seconded by Cole, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. EVANS EHARDT – COUNTY COMMISSIONER – Ehardt reported he is unable to attend.

B. LORI FISHER – VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT –

- Tierney Park Renovation Project – Pre-Bid Meeting was held April 8, 2025. All information can be found on the Bidet Direct and our website. Bids due by April 30th. Construction expected to begin in September and have the park closed until spring. It is also planned to have Construction Administration to represent the Village in the coming weeks.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers is planning a corrective action plan to fix the breakwall. A grout material will be pumped in to the voids between large stone structure to create a solid foundation. Project is being planned for Spring of 2026

- A grant request was submitted to Congresswoman Lisa McClain's office for Community Funded Project Requests for 2026. Request was on behalf of the Township and Village for repairs to the Hall and DPW Building.
- 2025-26 Budget – Been working on the budget and will be have a draft version available soon. Increasing expenses for maintenance and supplies continues to outpace revenue growth. We are fortunate to have several grants to help with expenses to carry into the next year.
- DDA is planning the Memorial Day and Independence Day events. Parade entry and sponsorship forms are the Village website.
- Parks and Recreation Committee would like to move to Phased approach for improvements and upgraded to Lester Street Park.
- Resolution received from Worth Township regarding the fluoride in the water, working with Worth Township and reaching out Sanilac Township and bringing to the board for some planning. It would be important to have public input on the fluoridation process. Will be on going.
- Croswell Pioneer Days holding a tug of war contact on July 12th and have invited the Village to participate.
- Friday, May 2nd at 11:00 a.m. grand opening of the new store Wagging Waters, nutritional dog food and supplements, runs a kennel and training. Council may attend and looking forward to having a new store in town. It is housed in the old Lexington Nutrition Building
- Demo grant for house next door update. Information has been pulled from the water department looks like may be starting the week of May 5th. Reached out to the county and the company name is Bolle. Have not heard from the company at this time.
- Water Rate Study May 13-14. Results should be available at the end of that week.

C. MINUTES – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 24, 2025, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

D. INVOICE- FLETCHER FEALKO SHOUDY & FRANCIS, P.C. – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Muoio, to approve the payment of \$810.00 to Fletcher Fealko Shoudy & Francis, P.C. - \$720.00 from Harbor, and \$90.00 from the Mobile Home Park Fund.

Roll Call

Ayes – DeCoster, Muoio, Ehardt, Adams, Dost, Cole, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

E. USDA CHANGE ORDER FOR THE WATER PROJECT – Heiden explained the change order. Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to approve Change Order #7 with Booms Construction for an increase in the contract price in the amount of \$8,563.00 for the Water Project. (This Change Order incorporates plumbing and ventilation revisions, the addition of downspouts on the west side of the building and adding a double door to the exterior of the south side of the building.)

Discussion: Ehardt had questions.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Adams, Ehardt, Dost, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays - None

Motion carried

F. USDA SEWER PROJECT- Motion by Adams, seconded by Muoio, to authorize the draw amount of \$120,544.15 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Sewer Infrastructure Project

Roll Call

Ayes – Adams, Muoio, Ehardt, Dost, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays - None

Motion carried

G. USDA WATER PROJECT - Motion by Dost seconded by Muoio, to authorize the draw amount of \$345,339.99 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Water Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

Ayes – Dost, Muoio, Ehardt, Adams, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays - None

Motion carried

H. 2024-25 Q2 FINANCIAL SUMMARY –

General Fund- Revenues are on target, police department revenues are greater than expected with golf cart sticker and parking tickets. Fire Department are under expectations as the billable calls have decreased. Please note that \$20,000 in stand by fees are still a receivable. DPW equipment will be higher than expected for the year. We will be submitting from MEDC draw for our zoning grant of approximately \$20,000 prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Administrative department budgets are extremely close and may need small adjustments for the year. Overtime in the police department budget is substantially over budget but offset by regular wages under budget due to staffing that has now been resolved. DPW will need an increase as wages have already surpassed the budgeted amounts. Expenses are based on actual hours worked and are \$5000 more than last year and \$10,000 more than 23/24.

General Fund expenditure totals are at \$1,119,140 out of the \$1,482,773 budgeted. The gap will close in the next two months but we will see a surplus in the Community Development and Recreation & Culture.

Street Funds are withing expected ranges. Our upcoming asphaltting project will use roughly half of our funds.

DDA Fund DDA has an increase in revenues captured from the Township and County millages. We will need some adjustments due to adding programming throughout the year and the Village Green lease.

Sewer Fund The fund overall is in good shape. We will need some adjustments in the USDA project sewer portion as the project totals need to be brought in line with actuals.

Water Fund The water fund similarly need to be brought in line with actuals. Water distribution will be monitored as the budget is over in several line items due to maintenance work.

I. EMERGENCY DREDGING CONCERNS POTENTIAL FUNDING OPTIONS DISCUSSION –

Kaatz thanked Annie Soule, Harbor Master, Port Sanilac for contacting ACOE to get the dredge team up here. Also, a huge thanks to Stacy Fox for investigating some funding sources.

Stacy Fox -I assume the Council is aware of the emergency situation there is at the Harbor. It is in desperate need of dredging depth levels at four feet. If the water rises, perhaps it would rise another five feet. Sailboats are precluded from coming into the harbor. Good news ACOE is working hard to get additional funding. The \$8.2 M originally received from the President's Budget to fix the breakwater fell short of completely fixing the situation, it looks like the ACOE will get additional funding to cover the cost for the injection fill and to dredge the shoal next year, that does not help with this year. Maintaining our harbor as a harbor of refuge is a state responsibility first certainly the local jurisdiction has the authority to make sure that the state fulfills their responsibility to maintain the harbor. The ACOE has suggested that it will fast track any permit needed for the state or the Village to take emergency action to take care of dredging needs, estimate the cost up to \$500,000 hopefully a little less than that to excavate about four feet. I want to make the council aware that the harbor improvement grant secured from the state, the dollars can be used for this purpose. Also, the Waterways Commission and the State DNR that has control over, it also has a source of funding for emergency dredging. Council suggested that the DNR could have up to \$3M of the Village's money for their portion of the improvement. Council may think about whether or not, in addition to the fuel tanks being a deduct from that, possibly the emergency be deducted from the DNR portion, since it's their responsibility for maintaining the harbor of refuge.

Kaatz-The four feet they want to take out is just in the navigation channel to address in the ingress and egress for this year, is that correct?

Fox – Yes, Next year planning a much broader dredging program which will completely eliminate that shoal and take it out to the breakwater.

Adams- Many engineers that engineered the breakwall are a little bit responsible for the fact there is sand getting through.

Fox -We met with the ACOE and Nick Zager person responsible for the Great Lakes Division admits they messed up with the original design, seems completely genuine in his desire to come up with a permanent fix. Heard rumors talking about this injection fill will be effective. Confident that the ACOE has the answers. They did take it upon themselves to go after additional funding to cover the cost rather than come up with a quick fix.

Kaatz- ACOE cannot decide where to use the funds and allocate, they are given direction, they know this was faulty. They must be authorized by the congress to spend money and where it needs to go.

Adams – It is an emergency.

Fox- It is an emergency; they are mobilizing to move along as fast as they can, unfortunately it will not be until next year. They have to go through federal requirements. Need to look into who would be available to fix the issue this year and who will pay for it. I just want Council to know they can use the grant money from the Harbor Improvement project for an emergency.

Muoio- Who would manage the dredging project?

Fox-It can be the Village or the DNR should do it in my view, recommend finding a resource that can get it done as soon as possible.

As dredging projects go, it is not a huge job, the real issue on the timing is getting permits, depending on the materials that need to be dredged out and depositing those materials. Sand is pretty easy, the DNR EGLE has to approve that, but to the extent that we can be of any help, it should go to the Governor's office if we need to fast track.

Muoio- My fear if we jump in here are we going to be responsible.

Fox- Nothing that would find the Village responsible

Kaatz- When I met with the ACOE they did go over the depth, part of the problem could be beneficial to us in the sand placement situation where they nourish the beach. That could be the reason it builds so quickly based on water circulation study pattern it could have swirled that clean sand and deposited it back into the mouth of the opening. If it did, the sand is clean not filthy. In 2014 the DNR did emergency funds, because the harbor was at a point of nearly shutting down. It just so happens that we have right now funds available that we could discuss with the DNR using up funds possibly \$500,000. I guess negotiations could take place.

Fox- As the ACOE explained their last priority is shallow recreational harbors, priorities are to the commercial harbors, Lexington Harbor is way down on the list. There should be an update in the next six weeks, if there is some funding available

Ehardt- Trying to find other sources of funding, if their portion of it is lacking, we are already retaining what we will spend on the tank relocations. Whatever portion is taken out of the Tierney Park budget could also be retained what is gifted to the DNR. They would be further ahead because they will have to pay for the final dredging anyhow.

Kaatz- DNR should be concerned because it limits to what size boats can come in right now. Large boats and sailboats cannot come in right now. Need to engage in discussions with the DNR this is a priority for us to assist them.

Adams- The \$500,000 is recommended to take out of the Tierney Park Improvement Project Grant?

Fox- First of all we are not sure it is \$500,000, that would be the max. Suggesting it is really the DNR responsibility to maintain the harbor of refuge. If they haven't come up with a plan, then it seems like the Village is well within its right, to say we will do this but will withhold the finds from the \$3M grant for your portion backfill with water ways commission money, trust fund etc.

Muoio- Asked Stacy Fox how we would facilitate that arrangement with the DNR?

Fox- Before signing the MOU, we would have a discussion about this and discussion with the DNR the emergency situation and address the MOU at the same time.

Kaatz recommended the Manager engage with Stacy Fox.

Fisher- ACOE meeting held this morning they have secured reprogrammed funds to do the sediment samples they were out on April 7th, to do the depths and shared maps today. They are expecting about forty days before they have results on the sediment samples, measuring the find material if it is greater than 95% sand, they can nourish the beach areas, and they do have some emergency appropriation request in. If the samples come back less than 95%, we do have an EGLE permit secured for offsite dumping places. Unsure if we contracted directly with a dredge company if we still have to go through those processes, not something I am familiar with. Learned there is no dredging in May and for June only allowed in the Federal channel where we need it.

Kaatz- Ask that Manager to work with Stacy Fox to negotiate the emergency dredge of harbor with cooperation with the DNR.

Motion by Dost, seconded by Muoio, to have the manager work with Stacy Fox to come up with an acceptable solution to the dredging emergency that executed with the understanding that it will be addressed in the MOU with a deduction from their funding the \$3M portion of the grant or they identify another source.

Roll Call

Discussion

Ayes- Dost, Muoio, Ehardt, Adams, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

J. DNR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – Fisher- Received the draft back from attorney with his comments and input. DNR looking to get a signed copy and an agreement. Fisher suggested if there are still some items not agreeable, maybe need to schedule a workshop for more discussion. Main issues are with the parking which still needs to be resolved. Understand they need to have a number of parking spaces. DNR want assurance that the Village will police the parking areas. Some of the fuel systems is covered and the DNR has any and all environmental remediation would be on them, make sure that it is clarified in the memo. If Ms. Fox doesn't mind if I reach about use rights, unsure of the legal language enough. Shared parking spaces would be retained by the Village but DNR would have use of them. One concern is in 20 years when the parking lot needs repaving, the Village would want funds from the DNR, to share in the cost. Also, discussion on the footprint of the building and few feet out that being under the DNR lease, with use of other areas, and responsibility for the underground tank, even though above ground tank is the grassy area that we want control of.

Ehardt- Regarding the fuel tank, idea of adding some wording that they are responsible for cleaning up is really immaterial to the ones managing the project, make sure the mitigation is done properly and the cost of that would be deducted from what is going to the DNR anyhow. It isn't going to fall upon the Village. Concerning the amount of the 55 parking spaces, which takes up about half of the new parking area going in. Currently they don't use the 30 they have. Could give them a use right agreement for up to 30 with color differentiation or signage, showing used ordinarily for DNR. Fifty-five parking spaces is excessive removes too much parking for the Village. As far as enforcement goes if they have 30 spaces color coordinated and they have 10 cars parking there, the public could be parking there until it they are needed, the Village could enforce the use.

Kaatz – Concerns timing they put out for when they wanted the remainder of the funds from the fuel tanks. If you take the fuel tanks off and they are getting started in pre bidding for Spring of 2026 would lap that overlap the completion of the work that we were doing mitigation wise would there, be any language regarding the funds given before the pre bidding, we may give you the funds provided that all cleanup is done first

Motion by Ehardt, seconded by DeCoster, that the manager work with Stacy Fox on amendments to the memorandum, regarding parking and future repaving.

Discussion – regarding parking spaces

Roll Call

Ayes- Ehardt, DeCoster, Adams, Muoio, Dost, Cole, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

K. RESOLUTION 2025-03 MUTUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANILAC COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT- Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Muoio to approve Resolution 2025-03

Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement between the Sanilac County Sheriff Department and the Village of Lexington Police Department as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Ehardt, Muoio, Adams, Dost, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

L. FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAN MOVING FORWARD – Currently planning a meeting with Worth Township, Lexington Township and Village, possibly to be held on May 13th. Radtke has had some discussions with Croswell EMS about housing an Ambulance in the Village. Radtke stated they didn't feel it would be cost effective. Radtke is actively recruiting, reaching out to schools during career day. Issues are most businesses don't allow workers to leave their jobs to answer calls, which makes it harder to recruit. Some discussion on reaching out to these businesses about the benefits to having a firefighter and or first responders on staff, such as insurance discounts. Recommendation to have manager contact local businesses, such as Huron Mfg., Gielows, etc.

M. FIRE DEPARTMENT VENTILATION SYSTEM QUOTE – Radtke reported a quote has been received from MagneGrip, nearest dealer in Michigan for a new ventilation system. Quote is for \$60,242.00. Thirty-day testing is done on the air quality, downstairs air quality was fully in the bad for three weeks, testing upstairs gone bad in two weeks. The testing done crabs everything in the building, not exhaust. It was done twice and came back in high risk. Fisher had an independent company come in and do air testing for an 8-hour period and they came back clean. Radtke stated that the quote covers a complete install. Cole may have vendors to talk to about exhaust systems. Muoio asked for where funds would come from. Fisher reported there are some funds available. DeCoster stated with the Fire Department is up in the air right now and hesitant to spend a big chunk of money until we get some answers on how to improve our Fire Department. Muoio stated we should make sure it is going to be functional. Bring back next month for further discussion.

N. FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK AND FUNDING SOURCES - Radtke reported that in January the 1975 back up fire truck suffered engine failure. A new engine could cost approximately \$15,000, if an engine or parts could be found.

Currently there is \$39,253.41 in the capital outlay fund which comes from dumping fees. One option is an inter fund loan and finance a vehicle, second is an Act 99 installment loan to purchase property for public use for a period not to exceed 15 years.

Radtke looking into possible grants for fire trucks.

Bring back for next meeting for further discussion on sources for funding.

O. MEDC GRANT EXTENSION – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Ehardt, to approve Amendment one to the MEDC Grant with the Village of Lexington DDA, pending approve from the DDA Board.

Discussion- DeCoster once the DDA approves, does it come back for final approval?

Kaatz and Fisher responded no it does not need to come back.

Roll Call

Ayes- Muoio, Ehardt, Adams, Dost, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

P. TIERNEY PARK RENOVATION PROJECT OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Dost, to approve the Village Manager to send out an RFP for Tierney Park Renovation Project Owner's Representative.

Roll call

Ayes- DeCoster, Dost, Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Cole, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

Q. MANAGER'S CONTRACT & ADDENDUM- Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Muoio, to the Manager's Contract and Addendum as presented.

Discussion-

Muoio- Been through the contract many times, time to settle

Kaatz- Current contract looks like it starts no item from Double Haul to end their contract. `

Fisher-They will not end their contract until the Village one is signed.

Kaatz- Can't have two contracts for same person and need a start date.

Fisher – May 5th would be a good start date.

Changed to May 1st.

Kaatz- No review of since July

Motion by Muoio, seconded by DeCoster, to call the question

Roll call

Ayes -Muoio, DeCoster, Ehardt, Adams, Dost, Cole, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

Roll Call on Manger Contract

Ayes- Ehardt, Muoio, Adams, Dost, Cole, DeCoster

Nays – Kaatz

Motion carried

R. ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION & HIRING- Motion by Muoio, seconded by Dost to approve the job description and the hire as an assistant to the manager.

Discussion

Kaatz – DDA has not approved the fund of 50% or \$15,000. Nothing showing where the funds are coming from

Fisher funding was in the memo, if the position doesn't share with the DDA, the hours are not noted in this document. Since we have not replaced the zoning administrator some of the things I could use help with would be investigating different zoning ordinance and our code of ordinances are out

dated and a master plan that is expiring at the end of the year, these are things that position would be doing, and some mobile home park up keep, if DDA approved the funding would help with scheduling.

Cole – Position well needed

Kaatz – So is the fire truck but we don't have money for that either. We don't have zoning administration enforced now that's my problem, people are waiting for answers on things and they are not getting them now, if the assistant isn't doing it then who will be doing it.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dost, to call the question

Roll Call

Ayes- Adams, Dost, Ehardt, Muoio, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

Roll Call on Assistant Manager Duties and Hire an Assistant to the Manager

Ayes- Muoio, Dost, Ehardt, Adams, Cole, DeCoster,

Nays- Kaatz

Motion carried

S. RESOLUTION 2025-04 TAX LIENS – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Dost, to approve Resolution 2025-04 Tax Liens as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes – Ehardt, Dost, Adams, Muoio, Cole DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

T. REQUEST TO ADOPT A RULE – Kaatz questioned an email sent to the clerk by four council members regarding the same item within 15 minutes of each other, stating this was a clear violation of the opens meeting act.

Muoio responded Kaatz was assuming it was a violation.

Kaatz-The request to have a rule that a council member cannot contact a government agency or attorney. It is my job to over see the finances of the Village and by law I can contact any government agency, attorney, staff or auditor that represents the Village.

Muoio- Your unauthorized meandering is caused problems in the Village. Council is unaware of the activities that you pursued. Council should be informed of what you are doing. You run down more rabbit holes.

Dost- Was unaware of the communication with the auditor

Kaatz no you were not aware of it you were told about concerns over the \$550,000 being moved without Village approval without council approval.

Muoio- Money was not released it was moved.

Kaatz – It was moved from one bank account to another. Not within the general fund it moved from another bank account to another without Council approval. The fact that council doesn't want to address the concerns brought forth is the problem.

These people that sit in front of them want answers and deserve answers. If we choose to turn a blind eye to whatever concerns come up, we are not executing the will of the public or being good stewards with their money.

Muoio- We can't turn a blind eye to things that are kept secret.

Kaatz- My point, this was hidden for a year. No one knew about it. My activities cleared from the as valid. Your reluctance to address any concerns that were brought up by the public by myself is the problem. Peter, you asked for a meeting refused to address the concerns brought before you, that would be considered reluctant.

Motion by Dost, that a committee consisting of Adams, Muoio and Dost, input from Double Haul, be formed to come before the council for updates on Councils rules of procedures with the purpose of defining the rules and responsibilities of council members.

Motion denied by Kaatz

Kaatz- Violations of opens meeting act. Three members on a committee have a quorum, two of the three is considered a quorum. Frustrated with the lack of forethought that goes on before actions.

Adams- I understand that Council members, and the President is a council member, is not to go manager head, to do anything directly or indirectly. Only actions of the full council may an order be given to get something done. Supposed to go to manager first.

Adams- President is a council member.

Kaatz- I can ask any questions of any staff, I am the President of the Village. As the Village President I have the right to call the attorney and auditor, regarding the finances of this Village. It is also in the policies.

U. DDA BOARD APPOINTMENT- Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Cole, to approve the appointment of David Vogtmann to the DDA Board.

Roll Call

Ayes- DeCoster, Cole, Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Dost, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

MOBILE HOME PARK

V. MARTIN CONCRETE INVOICES

- Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Cole, to approve the Martin Concrete Invoice dated 4/7/25 in the amount of \$13,246.50 for Lot#151.

Roll calls

Ayes- DeCoster, Cole, Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Dost, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

- Motion by Adams, seconded by Ehardt to approve the Martin Concrete Invoice dated 4/15/2025 in the amount of \$12,800.00 for Lot #149

Roll call

Ayes- Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Dost, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

W. MOBILE HOME PARK DEPOSIT REFUND – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Cole, to approve the deposit refund in the amount of \$363.00 to Harriet Taylor Lot 108.

Roll Call

Ayes – DeCoster, Cole, Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Dost, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

WATER/SEWER/DPW/STREETS:

X. PROPOSAL FOR STREETS ENGINEERING – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Muoio, to approve the Proposal from Townley Engineering for the 2025 Street Improvements not to exceed \$20,000.

Discussion – Kaatz where the funds for the project are coming from. Fisher stated it would come from one of the street funds, local, major, county, and municipal.

Kaatz asked to specify, Fisher stated municipal funds

Ehardt, amended the motion to include the specified funds, Muoio, supported the amendment

Roll Call

Ayes- Ehardt, Muoio, Adams, Dost, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

Y. CONCRETE BIDS- Motion by Dost, seconded by DeCoster, to accept the bid from Martin Concrete as recommended by Village Manager and DPW Manager.

Discussion- C. Heiden explained Martin Concrete would handle the concrete jobs in the Village for two years.

Roll call

Ayes- Dost, DeCoster, Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Cole, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

Z. HAND RAILS AT LAKE STREET – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Cole to approve \$3900.00 for a hand rail at Lake Street to be paid from Municipal Funds.

Roll Call

Ayes- DeCoster, Cole, Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Dost, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

AA. STAIRS AT LESTER STREET PARK – Motion by Muoio, seconded by DeCoster, to approve \$2100.00 to correct the access to the beach.

Discussion

Roll call

Ayes- None

Nays- Muoio, DeCoster, Ehardt, Adams, Dost, Cole, Kaatz

Motion failed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS –

Motion by Dost, seconded by Adams, to approve the check register in the amount of \$156,615.10 check numbers 39182 through 39239 and financial reports as presented.

Roll call

Ayes- Dost, Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None
Motion carried

Motion by Adams, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the USDA sewer fund check register in the amount of \$54,731.14 check number 6033 through 6034 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Dost, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve the USDA water fund check register in the amount of \$505,026.63 check number 80025 through 80027 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- DeCoster, Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Dost, Cole, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

REPORTS –

DeCoster- Question regarding the President Report regarding concerns that were not followed up on.

CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from the Dennis Klaas, Lexington Arts Council and Resolution from Worth Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Sue Zappa 5489 Dallas Street- Question regarding parking at the Lester Street viewing area.

Greg Brown - Brown Ridge Estates- Inform council on the progress on Brownridge Estates, infrastructure has all been installed. Closer will keep you updated. One thing noted in the Presidents report with what is going on there, so Council is aware what happened, there was an easement that was granted to Birch Drive to service the sewers back there and easement was a 25ft easement for the Village. I had met Village and Mr. Townley's representative prior to the work started, and distinctly had a meeting that asked them not to go past the 25ft easement, that's our blinder in the back of the development, I came back the next day to find they went back 45ft. This is Tree City USA I am not talking about saplings, they took out big trees that are not replaceable. I met Lori and we discussed it, Chris and I discussed it. The representative for Townley no longer works for Townley Engineering, now he works for Boddy. Nothing has been resolved. Met with Lori there today and looked at it together. Nothing has been resolved. Wanted Council to know what goes on. I have also talked to Mr. Ehardt about zoning violations not being enforced. In regard to the Fire Department and the truck. I was on this department and ran that truck and there are a few select people who can drive that truck. It is a stick shift, and no new member could run that truck. I drove that truck and there were only two other people that operated that truck. The repair on that truck is one thing but the repair on the truck is another thing.

Also to make council aware a firefighter gets \$20 per run, A guy leaves his house and comes here miss hours of work that could be five hours or all day, for \$20. You want people to come volunteer, very few people will do that.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –
ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Beth Grohman
Deputy Clerk

I, Beth Grohman, (Village Deputy Clerk), do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the draft minutes of the Village of Lexington Village Council at a regular meeting held on the 28^h day of April, 2025.

Deputy Clerk: _____

Dated: _____

Approved