

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, April 29, 2024 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 Clerk Vicki Scott

Present: Gresock, Adams, Muoio, Morris, DeCoster, Kaatz

Absent: – Klaas

Others present: L. Fisher, C. Heiden, M. Bender, Paul Rich, Cros-Lex Cheerleading group, 4 citizens

ATTENDANCE – Klaas is excused

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. CROSWELL-LEXINGTON VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING PROCLAMATION –

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Gresock, to approve the Croswell-Lexington Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Proclamation as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Gresock, Adams, Morris, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

B. EVANS EHARDT – (County Commissioner) – Evans explained where we currently are with Green Energy and 500,000 signatures are needed state wide to be on the ballot.

C. MARK DAVIDSON – (Sanilac County Assistant Prosecutor) – Davidson explained he will be running for Sanilac County Prosecutor. Davidson gave a brief description of his background in education, work history, partnerships, and family.

D. LORI FISHER – Lori updated Council on her report. The Harbor Redevelopment Project is moving forward after several meetings to discuss planning and fun allocations. We received good input from the public at the DDA meeting with the DNR presentation. We expect work to begin spring of 2025 for the break wall and fall of 2025 for the upland renovations. The water and sewer projects are underway. The DDA & Village will take over organizing several events this year, including Fireworks, Independence Day Parade, and Tree Lighting.

E. MINUTES – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the minutes of the Budget Study Session March 25, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

F. INVOICE – FLETCHER FEALKO SHOUDY & FRANCIS, P.C. – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the payment of \$1,545.00 to Fletcher Fealko Shoudy & Francil, P.C. – \$1,545.00 from the General Fund.

Roll Call

Ayes- Gresock, Morris, Adams, Muoio, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

G. USDA SEWER PROJECT - Motion by Muoio, seconded by Morris, to authorize the draw amount of \$515,659.25 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Sewer Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Morris, Gresock, Adams, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

H. USDA WATER PROJECT – Motion by Morris, seconded by Gresock, to authorize the draw amount of \$78,735.00 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Water Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

Ayes – Morris, Gresock, Adams, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

I. EGLE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT – Motion by Adams, seconded by Muoio, to approve the EGLE Grant Agreement as presented.

Discussion: Mickey Bender explained what this grant is able to do for the Village. Kaatz thanked Bender for going above and beyond to get this grant.

Roll Call

Ayes – Adams, Muoio, Gresock, Morris, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

J. CITY OF CROSWELL EMS 2024-2025 CONTRACT & INVOICE – Motion by Gresock, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the payment of \$53,640.00 to the City of Croswell for EMS contracted services as presented.

Discussion: about the need to run a public safety mileage.

Roll Call

Ayes – Gresock, DeCoster, Morris, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

K. UHY 2024 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the UHY 2024 Audit Engagement Letter as presented.

Discussion: Fisher explained we will be able to do some of the forms in house to keep part of the cost down (Act 51 filing, F-65, Form 5572, and qualifying statement).

Roll Call

Ayes- Gresock, Morris, DeCoster, Muoio, Adams, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

L. ROOF BIDS – Motion by Morris, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the bid from Woodruff Construction in the amount of \$61,750.00 with an additional \$5,000.00 for related expenses as recommended by the Village Manager contingent upon Lexington Township approving the 20% cost share.

Discussion: Morris suggested using ARPA funds as there is a deadline these funds have to be used. The Village is not sure we will receive the grant funding for Lester Park.

Amended Motion by Morris, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the bid from Woodruff Construction in the amount of \$61,750.00 with an additional \$5,000.00 for related expenses as recommended by the Village Manager contingent upon Lexington Township approving the 20% cost share. This expenditure to come from ARPA funds.

Roll Call

Ayes – Morris, DeCoster, Gresock, Adams, Muoio, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

M. PARKS & REC RESIGNATION – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Gresock, to accept the resignation of Arlette Sutton from the Parks & Rec Committee.

All Ayes

Motion carried

N. PARKS & REC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to approve the appointment of James Farquhar to the Parks & Rec Committee.

All Ayes

Motion carried

WATER/SEWER/DPW/STREETS

O. WATER TREATMENT PLANT BOD INCUBATOR REPLACEMENT – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Morris, to approve the emergency purchase of the Water Treatment Plant BOD Incubator Replacement for a cost of \$3,760.04.

Roll Call:

Ayes – DeCoster, Morris, Muoio, Adams, Gresock, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

P. WATER TREATMENT PLANT SPECTROPHOTOMETER – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Adams, to approve the purchase of a Water Treatment Plant Spectrophotometer not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Gresock, Adams, Muoio, Morris, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

MOBILE HOME PARK

Q. CEMENT PAD INSTALLATION FOR LOT #209 – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to approve up to \$12,000.00 for a cement pad installation on Lot #209 upon approval to reside and lease signing.

Discussion: L. Fisher explained this lot is not big enough for a newer trailer to fit. The new trailer would go on Lot #208 and ½ of #209. The person renting Lot #210 would rent the other ½ of #209. Lengthy discussion followed regarding piers vs. pads, changing the policy offering one-year free rent, and developing a process going forward with situations like this.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Gresock, Muoio, Adams, Morris, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

R. VILLAGE OWNED MOBILES LOT #73 & #124 – Motion by Adams, seconded by Gresock, to authorize the Village Manager to sell the Village owned mobiles at lots #73 & lots 124 through sealed bids, allowing for a 90-day window for the units to pass inspection through a contract in which the bidder agrees to the Village's conditions.

Discussion: L. Fisher explained we did not go to court on both of these. The owners signed over the titles to the Village. Fisher explained the bid document would state the inspection must pass in 90 days. Kaatz explained we need language stating they cannot reside in these mobiles at any time. Permits must be pulled to work on these mobiles as well as only a licensed contractor can do the work. L. Fisher explained the past due write offs for these mobiles will come to Council next month. Kaatz explained any contract needs to be vetted through our attorney. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Muoio, to call the question.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Roll Call:

Ayes – Adams, Gresock, Muoio, Morris, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Morris, seconded by Adams, to approve the check register in the amount of \$131,675.87 check numbers 38476 through 38518 and financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Morris, Adams, Gresock, Muoio, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE- None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –

- DeCoster commented on the Derby Fun Run this weekend.
- Morris commented on having a special council meeting after the DDA meeting regarding the Harbor Redevelopment Project.

ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Scott, Village Clerk

I, Vicki Scott, (Village 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 29th day of April, 2024.

Clerk: _____

Dated: _____