

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 22, 2022 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450

Before meeting was called to order, President Kaatz announced due to some unforeseen circumstances, the scheduled Public Hearing is canceled, but citizens with questions will be allowed public comment.

President Kaatz informed the audience and council that Lexington Township was missed in the calculation process of the DDA Plan.

Carmine Avantini – CIB Planning – Gave brief presentation on the plan and the boundary changes.

Council Comments

Peter Muoio – Questions regarding disbanding the DDA should the Village get in trouble, changing project plans. Project plans can be done by Resolution

Ed Jarosz – Questions regarding existing land use and future land use, adoption of this plan, does it require a change in zoning ordinances. DDA expansion, does it expand on the maintenance of projects?

Larry Adams- Questions about boundaries and increase in taxes, residential properties

Public Comment

Brenda Eiselle- Simon Street-Captured property in the district SEV and taxable value will it continue to depreciate. Avantini responded

Jackie Huepenbecker – BR Noble – Question regarding the estimated taxes that will be captured and what was captured in 2021. Avantini responded

Trevor Herbert – Peck Road - Comments on the changes to taxes, no change, just the district and the taxes captured.

Call to order the Regular Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kristen Kaatz

Roll call taken by Deputy Clerk, Beth Grohman

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

Absent: – Klaas

Others present: Allie Sutton, Chris Heiden, Carmine Avantini and 16 citizens

Public Comment: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to approve the agenda as amended, addition of A2. PLC Emergency Purchase - Heiden.

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. MINUTES – Motion by Adams, seconded by Fulton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 25,2022 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

A2. PLC EMERGENCY PURCHASE – HEIDEN- The PLC is the Process Logic Controller main brain of the water plant which tells which valves to open during different processes, when to turn the pumps on and off. The finish pump was running longer than should have and set off the alarm and came close to overflowing the tower. IT tech came in and got everything up and running. The PLC then crashed. IT tech rebooted and was able to get it going. Sunday early morning was informed the tower was empty, could not get pumps running to supply water. Pumps had to be manually running to supply the Village, Worth and Sanilac Township with water. IT Tech unavailable at this time, due to surgery. PLC Contractor from the Wixsom area, IT Tech went through the controller and could not find the problem. Senior Tech coming in this evening to see if they can get it running again. If the PLC needs replacing, approximately \$75,000- to \$100,000. This was in the USDA to be replaced but may not be able to wait. Allen Bradley is the brand that is currently used and would stay with same system. Heiden will shop around to get best price. Could possibly take up to 6-8 months to get the PLC replaced.

B. CAPITAL OUTLAY ACCOUNTS DISCUSSION – SUTTON – Focus on committed and assigned sinking funds, designate what the funds will be used for. If there is no balance left at the end of the budget, there won't be funds to put in the sinking fund. If there are funds left over those funds can be designated, as committed or assigned funds. Council could assign the funds for a project or purchase. Once assigned to a certain project or purchase that what it must be used for. Once the goal needed for a project or purchase is reached than the monies saved would be transferred to a capital outlay account, once the project is ready to happen. Sutton recommended for the 23-24 budget, a project or purchase should be planned and where the revenue can come from little by little, what ever funds are left at the end of year, those funds can be allocated.

C. EMTERRA CONTRACT DISCUSSION – SUTTON – Sutton reported the Emterra Contract is up December 2022 and Emterra is recommending an extension of the current contract for five more years. They have presented the cost per household increase for the next five years, from \$15.05 to \$16.92 by the last year. Emterra verbally stated the fuel surcharge policy would remain the same if fuel prices go down so will Village surcharge fee. Sutton contacted Sandusky and they pay \$5 more than current prices. Also looked into Croswell's rates and they are in line with us, not the same company, and they do not take care of businesses. Sutton asked for direction, on how to proceed, negotiate the contract, or do an RFP.

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Jarosz, to authorize Sutton to negotiate terms of the Emterra Contract and confirm the fuel surcharge agreement.

Discussion- Update at next meeting

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

D. MME CONFERENCE REPORT DISCUSSION – SUTTON – Sutton reported on her attendance to the MME Conference. Met with Village and City Managers, discussed management styles, projects, improvements. packet. Sutton also reported that she met up the DTE rep for the Village had conversations regarding DTE donations. Notes attached from the conference attached in the packet.

E. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESIGNATION – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by DeCoster, to accept the resignation of Peggy Stencil from the Downtown Development Authority.

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

MOBILE HOME PARK

F. MOBILE HOME PARK DEPOSIT REFUND – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Jarosz, to approve the deposit refund in the amount of \$324.00 to Bernadine Reusche Lot 54.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

G. MOBILE HOME PARK METER BIDS – Motion by Jarosz, seconded by Fulton, to accept the bid from GEO Masters, for the installation of meters in the mobile home, in the amount of \$72, 250.00 as recommended by Chris Heiden.

Discussion

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Adams, seconded by Muoio, to approve the check register in the amount of \$122,692.20 check numbers 37234 through 37279 and financial reports as presented.

Discussion – Questions regarding check to Village.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

REPORTS –

Manager report questions regarding blight issues and abandon homes in Mobile Home Park

CORRESPONDENCE-

- Bill Sarkella Update

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS

- Jarosz – Advisory Board meeting is the September 8, and request someone from the water department to attend.
- Kaatz- Treasurer Shelly McCoy having health issues and ask the Council to keep her in their prayers and reach out to her. Working as much as she can around her doctor appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jarosz, seconded by DeCoster, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

All ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Grohman, Deputy Clerk