

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 26, 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 Deputy Clerk Beth Grohman

Present: . Adams, Muoio, Dost, DeCoster, Kaatz

Absent: – Morris, Gresock

Others present: L. Fisher, and 8 citizens

ATTENDANCE – Morris absence excused, notified deputy clerk of his absence. Gresock absence not excused no notification of absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. LORI FISHER – Village Manager Report

- Work is being done on updating our Capital Improvement Plan
- Committee is reviewing zoning ordinances and utilizing the grant received through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority
- A joint meeting with the Council, DDA, Planning, ZBA what held as part of the RRC certification. There is one more document that needs to be updated before received certification. MEDC pans to meeting with me to assist with the document requirements.
- Construction work for the sewer program has begun in several areas, currently on Union and will move to Birch Drive. Working to keep residents' information. Updates on current work plans are posted on the banner on the website. Engineering firm also contacting residents directly.
- Village will be running a Headlee Rollback Millage on the November 5th, 2024 ballot. Informational meetings are scheduled for September and October, so residents can learn more.
- Teams have been meeting on the Harbor Development project to discuss the round- a- bout design and fuel tank locations. Currently a green space is planned to the immediate east of the round-a-bout, which will stay in place but widened.
- MHP -208 delivered and on site, 37 utilities are planned for next Tuesday, 119 concrete finalized. Two mobiles that the Village has possession of will go up for bid. Information and form on website. No minimum bid required but, in the contract, if a substantial is not bid the Village has the right to turn down. Bidding ends September 18th. Will inform Council of bids received.
- Thumb Bank hosting an open house Thursday, August 29th at 10 a.m.

- Work being done on the intake and there was a team of divers there.
- Working on the eviction of 220, difficult since it has been in probate. Have another mobile five months behind and owner says they will make good on the balance. I am getting help from another mobile home park owner on the evictions.
- Owner of the garage on Hubbard Street working on clean up. Been in contact with fire chief about possibly doing a controlled burn.

B. MINUTES – Motion by Adams, seconded by Muoio, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 29, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Dost, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of August 1, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Dost, to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of August 15, 2024 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

C. INVOICE – FLETCHER FEALKO SHOUDY & FRANCIS, P.C.– Motion by Muoio, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the payment of \$225.00 to Fletcher Fealko Shoudy & Francis, P.C. - \$135.00 from the General Fund, and \$90.00 from the DDA Fund.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, DeCoster, Adams, Dost, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

D. USDA SEWER PROJECT - Motion by Dost, seconded by Adams, to authorize the draw amount of \$563,748.29 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Sewer Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

Ayes – Dost, Adams, Muoio, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

E. USDA WATER PROJECT - Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to authorize the draw amount of \$11,426.50 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Water Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

Ayes – DeCoster, Adams, Muoio, Dost, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

F. IT BIDS – Motion by Dost, seconded by Muoio, to approve the proposal from the St. Clair County RESA and authorize the Village Manager to enter into IT Services and Virtual Infrastructure Contracts.

Roll Call

Ayes – Dost, Muoio, Adams, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion Carried

DDA

G. VILLAGE GREEN LEASE – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve a lease for 7263 Huron Avenue between the Village of Lexington Downtown Development Authority and Harry & Cindy Joachim and give the DDA authority to negotiate terms and conditions as needed.

Discussion – Kaatz recommended a survey on the property

Roll Call

Ayes- DeCoster, Adams, Muoio, Dost, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS –

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dost, to approve the check register in the amount of \$139,509.37 check numbers 38699 through 38756 and financial reports as presented.

Roll call

Ayes- Adams, Dost, Muoio, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by Dost, seconded by Muoio, to approve the USDA water fund check register in the amount of \$13,372.50 check numbers 80007 through 80008 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Dost, Muoio, Adams, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to approve the USDA sewer fund check register in the amount of \$131,645.05 check numbers 6009-6010 and the financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Muoio, Adams, Dost, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

REPORTS –

- Reports, minutes , September calendar reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE- Lexington Arts Council

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Gary 5203 Main, Lot 48- Asked about an update on the property next to the hall the Village purchased.
- 5203 Main Lot 133- Commented on the purchase agreement for mobiles, agreement makes it sound like purchasing land with mobile.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –

- Kathy DeCoster -Commented on the parking lot behind the pub, needs attention and better organized, dumpster placement.
- Larry Adams voiced concerns about the parking at the end of Lake Street, beach access.

ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 7:37 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 26th day of August , 2024.

Clerk: _____ Dated: _____

Approved