

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Budget Study Session Wednesday, May 15, 2024 in the MHP Clubhouse at 5203 Main St., Lexington, MI 48450

Call to order the Budget Study Session at 6:11 p.m. by President Kaatz

Roll call taken by Clerk Vicki Scott

Present: Adams, Muoio, Morris, Kaatz

Absent: Gresock, DeCoster

Others present: L. Fisher, J. Adams

BUSINESS

A. Budget Study Session – L. Fisher explained we are expecting a 7% increase in property taxes, 5% of that is the state inflationary factor. Gielow's will come on the tax roll this year. Normally you can count on a 3% - 4% increase in property taxes each year. Inflation was high so the roll back didn't save the taxpayers money this year. Included in the budget is the \$34,000 grant through MEDC for some zoning work, \$20,000 was included in this fiscal year. We allocated \$27,000 of the ARPA funds towards the water truck and outfitting for the police department. Water will buy a new truck. We allocated \$20,000 for some interior repairs of the Village Hall. L. Fisher explained the allocations for administrative transfers and distributing the liability insurance between each department. Board members agree to look at and discuss one section at a time. L. Fisher suggested keeping the mobile home park overage in a reserve funds line for the bluff project. L. Fisher explained we are over in the police department budget due to overtime and not have staff for coverage. Discussion followed on raising the fire department's \$20 per call wage. A public safety mileage was discussed to help offset police and fire. L. Fisher noted we are expecting an increase in rubbish costs. Discussion followed on finding a way to properly fund the parks and recreation department. L. Fisher explained the DDA allocation to the Village is higher this year. Kaatz reminded the Board of the sewer dump fees being allocated to the DPW and Fire Department. L. Fisher recommended an increase in the mobile home park rent this year and discontinuing the one-year free rent program. Morris suggested the department heads attend meetings to answer questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joann Adams (7311 Lake St.) – commented on the environmental budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the study session at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Scott, Village Clerk