

**VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Village of Lexington – 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI
January 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson McGovern called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: by Vicki Scott

PRESENT: Adams, Bender, Bales, VanDyke, McGovern, Zysk, Kaatz @ 5:44 pm.

ABSENT: Drouillard, Westbrook

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Fisher, P. Muoio

ATTENDANCE: Drouillard & Westbrook are both excused per McGovern

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Bender, seconded by McGovern, to approve the agenda as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by McGovern, seconded by Adams, to approve of December 13, 2023, minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION: -

MOTION by VanDyke, seconded by Bender, to approve the financials as presented.

Discussion on funds left over under supplies; candy for Halloween & Christmas.

Roll Call:

Ayes – VanDyke, Bender, Zysk, Adams, Bales, McGovern

Nays – None

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Harbor Redevelopment Update** – L. Fisher explained the project is moving along. We have had meeting with Edgewater and the DNR. We do not have funding the entire project as it was presented. We have asked Edgewater to go back and look into Phases for the project. We are moving forward and will keep everyone updated as the meetings progress.
- 2. 2024 RFP for Annual Flowers Update** – McGovern explained we received 2 bids back. Bids were opened at the meeting. The first quote was from Green in the Thumb coming in at \$7,980.00 for the summer flowers (34 pots & 74 hanging baskets) and \$1,654.00 for fall modifications (34 pots). These prices are for the 2024 season. Green in the Thumb also quoted prices for 2025 as well. The second quote was from Croswell Greenhouse coming in at \$7,640.00 for the summer flowers (34 pots, 74 hanging baskets, & 6 wrap-around light pole pots) and \$1,520.00 for fall mums (34 pots – 5 plants per pot). Lengthy discussion followed on both quotes. ***Kaatz arrived @ 5:44 p.m.**

MOTION by Kaatz, seconded by VanDyke, to accept the bid from Croswell Greenhouse for the 2024 flowers in the amount of \$9,160.00.

Discussion: on price includes both summer and fall flowers.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kaatz, VanDyke, Zysk, Bender, McGovern

Nays: Adams

Abstain: Bales

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **LBA Invoices** – McGovern explained the invoices submitted by the LBA. McGovern stated in speaking with Lori Fisher we had the discussion on the sales tax is in fact a reimbursable expense. Discussion followed.

MOTION by Bender, seconded by Adams, to approve the attached invoices submitted by the LBA in the amount of \$976.35 for costs associated with the tree lighting event in the DDA district.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Bender, Adams, Bales, Zysk, VanDyke, McGovern

Abstain: Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

2. **Social District 2024 Plans Discussion** – McGovern stated we have taken in \$1,750.00 and have spent \$1,265.00, we have \$485.00 left over in the account. A nice article came out in the Keel on our social district. Bender explained we have potential for a grant from UDIM that markets the dairy industry in Michigan. Dairy producers have dollars that go to marketing. Bender suggested submitting for this grant to be reimbursed for an ice cream social in the social district. In order to qualify this has to be a free event. Lengthy discussion followed on hosting an ice cream social and working with the Arts Council & LBA. Bender stated the grant would only cover the ice cream. Each farmer has \$2,000.00 for marketing. Board members agree to work on a date and details for next meeting.

3. **Additional 2024 Calendar Year Goals –**

A. Support Village RRC Initiatives- McGovern explained the Village is close to achieving their RRC. We need to have a quorum for a joint meeting with Planning and Council. Fisher is working on the CIB plan as well.

B. Identify & Evaluate Entities Within the DDA Boundary to Enhance What is There and Attract What is Missing – McGovern is working on a list of all the businesses in town. Discussion followed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Peter Muoio (7276 Lester) – commented on the walking map, ice cream social, and concessions with activities
- Larry Adams (7311 Lake) – commented on adding a lighting show at the park for Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by VanDyke, seconded by McGovern, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Scott

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