

VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Village of Lexington – 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI
November 8, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: by Beth Grohman

PRESENT: Adams, Bales, Westbrook Drouillard, Zysk, McGovern

ABSENT: Kaatz, Bender, VanDyke

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Fisher and one citizen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Bales, seconded by Adams, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Adams, seconded by McGovern, to approve of October 11, 2023, minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None offered.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION: - Bales explained the financial reports. Current tax revenue, \$14,388.11. Fund balance to date is \$414,693.27.

MOTION by McGovern, seconded by Zysk, to approve the financials as presented.

Discussion on the DPW expenses.

Mickey Bender enters the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

McGovern noted that James VanDyke did inform McGovern of his absence.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGovern, Zysk, Drouillard, Westbrook, Bales, Adams,

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Kristen Kaatz enters the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Harbor Steering Committee Status** – VanDyke did report to McGovern that the Steering Committee did wrap up and wish list is completed. Now work will be done on the real budget and what they can get done with the money available. They came up with a \$5,000,000 budget, plus 20%. \$500,000 set aside for playground equipment, which they will not need that much. Van Dyke will represent the DDA on the committee that will work on the refining Phase 1.
2. **Social District Status-** Village Pub did order more stickers. Reported \$850 was approved for candy for Halloween. Bender did not spend the whole amount and there is candy left over that can be used for the Christmas Tree lighting. Discussed Social District banners for events, such as music in the park. Recommendation to add Drouillard to the social district committee. Motion by Bender, seconded by McGovern, to add Drouillard to the Social District Committee.
All ayes
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MDA Annual Conference Highlights** – McGovern reported on the MDA Annual Conference. Presentation on grants and how to obtain them, \$400 Million dollars in grants available just in Michigan. Grants available for Parks, Alley Conversions, and Studies. Key points mentioned, blight is like cancer, engage with businesses, events, what attracts people is other people, and go to other meetings, LBA, Chambers, Lions, etc. McGovern spoke to several cities regarding Social Districts, how they handle them, what works, and will present his findings to the Social District Committee and maybe make some changes.
2. **2023 Tree Lighting, Additional Décor** – Lexington Gardens reached out to Bender, vendor used for machine that ties the mixed garland is broke so if the DDA wants mixed garland it won't be available this month, they do have straight cedar and have 20 rolls and they can take care of the whole order. Bender reported cedar will not cost more. Lexington Gardens will give it to the Village at cost.
Zysk reported on the cost of the lights, putting them on the tree and tree lighting by Joe Hill is \$500. Do not have the invoice currently. Kaatz reported the art students have stand in cut outs and will have eight students from the NHS, dressing up as elves and help with distributing candy canes. Lakeside Building donating the fire barrels and plywood for the cut outs, and necklaces, that the wrestling team will hand out. McGovern spoke to Stencil regarding the cut outs and the barrels. Concerned about the barrels and the liability. Discussion on payment for the cut outs from the school. Zysk recommends the LBA pay for the cut outs. Zysk to take it to the LBA for payment.
3. **Community Garden Usage for Fall Décor** – Discussion on securing a plot at the community garden to grow pumpkins for the fall flower pots. Plots may not be available at this time. Recommendation to just purchase the pumpkins for right now.
4. **2024 Pots & Flowers- Info for next month RFP's-** McGovern reported last year only one bid was received. Local grower talked to McGovern about some different ideas for the pots and agreed to be added to the bidder list.
5. **Croswell Greenhouse Invoice-** Motion by Bender, seconded by McGovern, to approve the payment of 47.00 to Croswell Greenhouse for soil.
Roll call
Ayes- Bender, McGovern, Drouillard, Westbrook, Bales, Kaatz, Adams, Zysk
Nays- None
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None offered.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Grohman

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