

VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Village of Lexington – 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI
March 13, 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, Westbrook, McGovern, Zysk, Kaatz @ 5:42 pm.

ABSENT: Drouillard

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Fisher, P. Muoio, K. DeCoster, J. Adams

ATTENDANCE: Drouillard is excused per McGovern

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

All Ayes

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by McGovern, seconded by Adams, to approve of January 10, 2024, minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION: -

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

Discussion:

Roll Call:

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Harbor Redevelopment Update** – L. Fisher explained we have had meetings with Edgewater and the DNR. We are at somewhat of a standstill with the DNR. VanDyke explained after this pause with the DNR, we will be getting back on track and moving forward with the project. ****Kaatz arrived @ 5:42 p.m.**
2. **Social District 2024 Ice Cream Social Status Update** – McGovern explained a date has been set for the ice cream social and will be 6-15-24. We have permission from the owner to use the Village Green for this event. Bender explained we will be serving scoop ice cream in chocolate, vanilla, and superman flavors. A large cow will be on display for photo ops. Board agrees this will be a great event to give back with free ice cream in the social district. Thanks to Mickey Bender for initiating this. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MDA Spring Workshop** – McGovern explained this would be a great workshop to attend.
MOTION by VanDyke, seconded by Bender, to approve the MDA Spring Workshop Fee of \$150.00.
Roll Call:
Ayes – VanDyke, Bender, Bales, Kaatz, Westbrook, Adams, Zysk
Abstain: McGovern
Nays – None
Motion carried

2. **Historic Preservation Discussion – Bell, Fire Truck (Hook & Ladder #1)** – McGovern explained there has been interest in putting the bell back to its original location. McGovern spoke to the owners of the Winery (5475 Main St.) They would like to see the bell put back as well. Board members agree to bring back a cost analysis for next meeting.
3. **DDA Reporting Requirements** – McGovern explained in your packet you will find the list of requirements that need to be posted on our website. Many of these we already have on the website. This is going to be a matter of us updating these requirements each year, especially the annual synopsis. Discussion followed. The end of the fiscal year this should be updated.
4. **Parcel within DDA Boundary –**
 - A. **Discussion on paying taxes for green space lot, other proposals** – McGovern stated he spoke to the owner of the Village Green to see if he would be interested in selling this lot. At this time, he is not, but would be open to lease it. The owner has been letting the Village use this property for the tree lighting and events. Discussion followed on how to compensate the owner for having the ability to use this property for events in the DDA district.
MOTION by VanDyke, seconded by McGovern, to approve an offer of \$3,500.00 for a one-year usage fee or lease, whereby the Village will pay the owner of this property \$3,500.00 for a year and the Village will be responsible for the maintenance.
Roll Call:
Ayes – VanDyke, McGovern, Bender, Bales, Kaatz, Westbrook, Adams, Zysk
Nays – None
Motion carried
 - B. **Discussion on property next to fire station** – McGovern explained the Village purchased the property/house next to the fire station. Discussion followed. Board members agreed to schedule a tour of the house before the next meeting.
 - C. **Discussion on full block of Main St.** – McGovern explained this was just for informational purposes that this property is for sale.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kathy DeCoster (5203 Main) – commented on possible donation of \$750.00, block property, and stairs by Tierney Park need attention.
- Peter Muoio (7276 Lester) – commented on the property at 7219 Huron Ave., the Village Green, and Brownfield assistance.
- Larry Adams (7311 Lake) – commented on the block property at Wayne & Jefferson, and lowering the flower pots.
- Mickey Bender – commented on the flower pots have been delivered to Croswell Greenhouse.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by VanDyke, seconded by McGovern, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Scott

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