

**VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
Village of Lexington – 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI  
June 12, 2024**

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

**ROLL CALL:** by Vicki Scott

**PRESENT:** Adams, Bales, Westbrook, Drouillard, McGovern, Bender @ 5:38 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Kaatz, VanDyke, Zysk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** L. Fisher, P. Muoio, K. DeCoster, L. Jackson, S. Diener

**ATTENDANCE:** Kaatz, VanDyke, Zysk all excused

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

All Ayes

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Adams, seconded by McGovern, to approve the May 8, 2024 minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Liz Jackson (Lexington Arts Council) – thanked the DDA for the sponsorship.
- Doug Drouillard – commented on fixing the speakers that went off line.

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** - Bales explained the financial reports and answered questions.

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

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Ice Cream Social Update** – Bender explained Buttercup the cow has been delivered. Daisey will be arriving as well. Sweetwater has taken care of the ice cream, cones, cups, napkins, and supplies. The ice cream flavors offered will be Vanilla, Chocolate, and Superman. June is dairy month and everyone is excited with this event.
2. **4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks & Parade Update** – McGovern explained the DDA is funding this event. The Village has taken on the responsibility of this event. Bales suggested closing the sponsorship gap on the forms to make it easier on the businesses who wish to sponsor. Volunteers are still needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Social District 1 year Status & Sticker Change** – McGovern explained there has been good feedback with implementing the social district. We currently have 3 establishments participating; Sweetwater/ Village Pub, 3 North Vines, and Windjammer. Lengthy discussion followed about lowering the price of the stickers sold to each establishment.

**MOTION** by McGovern, seconded by Bender, for the 2024-2025 social district season we charge \$150.00 registration fee for each of the licensees which provides them 5000 stickers free of charge and anything over 5000 stickers will be .10 cents per sticker.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGovern, Bender, Drouillard Bales, Adams

Abstain: Westbrook

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2. **Village Green Future** – McGovern explained Joe Joachim has graciously allowed the Village to use the Village Green property for a lot of the events in town. He is not interested in selling this property. He is interested in doing a land lease for approximately \$1,260 per month. Lengthy discussion followed.

**MOTION** by Drouillard, seconded by McGovern, to approve up to \$3,000.00 for legal counsel to draw up a land lease for the Village Green property for a term of 5 years with an option to renew for another 5 years.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

3. **New Board Member Application** – McGovern explained Sue Diener has applied to be on the DDA Board.

**MOTION** by Bender, seconded by Bales, to send Sue Diener's application to Council for approval

All Ayes

Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- McGovern explained Lexington Social District was featured in Blue Water.org.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Kathy DeCoster (5203 Main St.) – commented on the social district to go cup stickers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

McGovern adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Scott