

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

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

**ROLL CALL:** by Vicki Scott

**PRESENT:** Adams, Bender, Kaatz, Westbrook, Drouillard, McGovern, Zysk, Diener

**ABSENT:** Bales, VanDyke

**OTHERS PRESENT:** L. Fisher, K. DeCoster

**ATTENDANCE:** Bales, VanDyke excused

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by McGovern, seconded by Bender, to approve the agenda as amended adding #4 Harbor Update under Unfinished Business and adding #2 Resignation under New Business.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Bender, seconded by Adams, to approve the June 12, 2024 minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Adams, McGovern, Westbrook, Drouillard, Bender, Zysk, Diener, Kaatz

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Ice Cream Social Update** – McGovern explained this event went extremely well. The A&W and other shops all indicated their business went up that day due to the traffic that was in town for this event. Kaatz suggested we do this event next year even if the grant is not available. Bender stated the grant should be available and will follow up.
2. **4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks & Parade Update/Reimbursements** – McGovern explained everything went as expected for the parade and fireworks. McGovern went over all the sponsors that donated for this event. Kaatz suggested getting sponsors at the end of the year for the upcoming summer events. McGovern explained we need to approve some reimbursements for this event.

**MOTION** by Adams, seconded by Bender, to approve \$4,812.50 reimbursement to the LBA for expenses they paid for the fireworks.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Adams, Bender, Westbrook, Drouillard, Zysk, Diener, Kaatz, McGovern

Nays: None

Motion carried

**MOTION** by Bender, seconded by Westbrook, to reimburse Mike McGovern \$5,312.50 for the fireworks payments.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bender, Westbrook, Adams, Drouillard, Zysk, Diener, Kaatz

Nays: None

Abstain: McGovern

Motion carried

Discussion followed about prior payments made by the LBA to the Cros-Lex marching band and cheerleaders.

**MOTION** by Drouillard, seconded by Zysk, to approve up to \$2,700.00 for expenses related to 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and parade to Matrix, DJ Kurt, VIP event miscellaneous items, and Cros-Lex marching band.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Drouillard, Zysk, Diener, Kaatz, Bender, Westbrook, Adams, McGovern

Nays: None

Abstain: McGovern

Motion carried

3. **Village Green Next Steps** – McGovern explained we have a draft lease to discuss for the property located at the Village Green. The owner is not currently open to sell this property. Lengthy discussion followed on what the board would like to see as possible terms included in the draft lease. Discussion followed on what events the DDA would like to see take place on this property. Kaatz explained we cannot pay someone else's taxes. This would need to also go to Council. Discussion followed on what costs would be involved. Board agreed to have McGovern and attorney reword the draft lease and bring back to the Board for review.

4. **Harbor Update** – Fisher explained the process is moving slow. On July 25 we have a meeting to discuss not moving the round-about. Soil testing will take place on August 5, 2024.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Keel Renewal** – McGovern explained we received the renewal form from the Keel. McGovern asked if the Board wishes to renew the Keel. Discussion followed.

**MOTION** by Bender, seconded by Adams, to not renew the contract with Keel for this upcoming year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bender, Adams, Westbrook, Drouillard, Zysk, Diener, Kaatz, McGovern

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2. **Resignation** – McGovern explained James VanDyke has submitted his resignation.

**MOTION** by Kaatz, seconded by Drouillard, to accept James VanDyke's resignation with regret.

All Ayes

Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Kathy DeCoster (5203 Main St.) – commented on the poles, banners and outhouse rentals.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

McGovern adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Scott