

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting Monday, December 18, 2023 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450

Public Hearing Called to Order: at 7:00 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz
To consider the Birch Drive Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District and hear objections or comments regarding the Special Assessment Roll.
Public Comment: None
Closed Public Hearing: at 7:01 p.m.

Call to order the Regular Council Meeting at 7:01 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz
Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kristen Kaatz
Roll call taken by Clerk Vicki Scott
Present: Gresock, Adams, Muoio, Morris, Klaas, DeCoster, Kaatz
Absent: – None
Others present: L. Fisher, S. Hoskins, and 6 citizens
ATTENDANCE –

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Morris, seconded by Gresock, to approve the agenda as presented.
All ayes
Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. EVANS EHARDT – (County Commissioner) – Evans could not be here this evening.

B. CYNTHIA CUTRIGHT – Cynthia's report is in the packet. She was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Lori explained Cynthia's report and answered questions.

C. LORI FISHER – Lori updated Council on her report and answered all questions. Lori will be attending meetings with the DNR and Engineering Group. Lori attended the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Meeting in Lansing where the grant awards were announced. Although the Village had applied for roughly \$1.2 million, the award grant was \$300,000. The Village received the second highest score. Lori answered questions on the Gielow project.

D. UHY AUDIT PRESENTATION – Scot Hoskins explained the audit findings. The Village of Lexington is in good shape. No concerning factors were found. The net pension and net OPEB liability continue to be under the 40% recommended level. The Village continues to work on this. Hoskins explained the audit communication letter. An inventory adjustment was made from last year. Hoskins recommended adopting written policies for the federal grant funding. Kaatz thanked Scot Hoskins, Shelly McCoy, and Lori Fisher for all their work.

E. MINUTES – Motion by Adams, seconded by Gresock, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2023, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

F. RESOLUTION #2023-18 FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BIRCH DRIVE SPECIAL

ASSESSMENT TAX ROLL - Motion by Klaas, seconded by Muoio, to approve Resolution #2023-18 as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes – Klaas, Muoio, DeCoster, Morris, Gresock, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

G. RESOLUTION 2023-19 AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS WATER SYSTEM – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Adams, to approve Resolution 2023-19 as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes – Gresock, Adams, Muoio, Morris, Klaas, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

H. WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BOND ORDINANCE – Motion by Morris, seconded by Klaas, to adopt the Water Supply System Junior Lien Revenue Bond Ordinance #2023-12-18 authorizing the USDA loans in the amount of \$6,075,000.00 as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes – Morris, Klaas, DeCoster, Muoio, Adams, Gresock, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

I. RESOLUTION #2023-20 PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES (M-DOT ANNUAL PERMIT) – Motion by Klaas, seconded by Adams, to approve Resolution #2023-20 Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Klaas, Adams, Gresock, Muoio, Morris, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

J. RESOLUTION 2023-21 DEPOSITORY INVESTMENTS – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to approve Resolution 2023-21 as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Gresock, Muoio, Adams, Morris, DeCoster, Klaas, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

K. COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2024 – The Clerk asked for clarification on February’s meeting date as it coincides with the February election. Council discussed and agreed to keep the Council meeting date on February 26th and change the location to the MHP Clubhouse; change Monday to Tuesday on May 28th; and keep the December 16th meeting date. Motion by Gresock, seconded by Adams, to approve the meeting and holiday schedule as amended.

All Ayes

Motion carried

L. PARKS & REC APPOINTMENTS – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to approve the appointments of Linda Bajdo & Mike Bajdo to the Parks & Rec Committee.

Discussion: on potential committee members/residents attending the meetings.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Adams, Gresock, DeCoster, Morris, Klaas, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

M. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS –

Motion by Morris, seconded by Gresock, to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Article 3 Administration & Enforcement, section 3.5.2.2 General Requirements by deleting the word “public” as presented.

Discussion: on standards for the roads by developers.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Morris, Gresock, Adams, Muoio, Klaas, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

N. CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Klaas, to approve the calendar of events as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

O. ARPA FUNDS – Lori Fisher explained the allocation of ARPA funds was discussed last month.

The Village received approximately \$117,000. At this time Fisher recommended that Council consider allocating funds for; a police vehicle acquisition and outfitting for budget year 2024/25 at \$26,500; a washer/extractor system for the fire department at \$12,000; and interior work in Village Hall at \$20,000. Fisher answered questions on these 3 items. Discussion followed.

Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to approve the funding of the 3 items listed above recommended by the Village Manager.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Gresock, Muoio, Adams, Morris, Kaatz

Nays – Klaas, DeCoster

Motion carried

MOBILE HOME PARK

P. MOBILE HOME PARK – Quotes for the Bluff – Jarosz explained we have a huge overgrowth problem on the Bluff. Chris Heiden was able to find two contractors who had equipment that could brush hog the bluff. Heiden met with both contractors on site and is comfortable with the contractor from Sandusky for the \$3,000.00 quote. The compost will be left on the bluff. Discussion followed. Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to approve the \$3,000.00 quote from Krueger Excavating.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Gresock, Muoio, Adams, Klaas, Kaatz

Nays – Morris, DeCoster

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Morris, seconded by Gresock, to approve the check register in the amount of \$84,798.26 check numbers 38246 through 38311 and financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Morris, Gresock, Adams, Muoio, DeCoster, Klaas, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to approve the sewer construction check register in the amount of \$4,890.00 check numbers 6001 through 6002 as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes – Gresock, Muoio, DeCoster, Klaas, Morris, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

REPORTS – Gresock: Benches need to be picked up.

CORRESPONDENCE- No comments

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Ed Jarosz (5797 Union) – commented on ARPA funds being allocated for Parks & Rec.
- Greg Brown (Brown Builders) – commented on the washing machine for the fire department is needed.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS

- Adams – commented on the Environmental Committee looking into what can be done for the bluff and security doors needed on the Manager’s office.
- Morris – commented on Elva Mills passed away on December 4 and a celebration of her life will be held on January 6, 2024. Jowett Funeral home has details on their website. Please keep her family in your prayers.
- Kaatz – commented on keeping Elva’s family in our prayers. Thank you to all our staff. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Scott, Village Clerk

I, Vicki Scott, (Village Clerk), do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the minutes approved by the Village of Lexington Village Council at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of December, 2023.

Clerk: _____

Dated: _____

Approved