

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, January 27, 2025 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI 48450

Call to order the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. by President Kristen Kaatz

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kristen Kaatz

Roll call taken by Clerk Vicki Scott

Present: Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Dost, DeCoster, Kaatz

Absent: – Cole

Others present: L. Fisher, C. Townley, and 8 citizens

ATTENDANCE – Board members vote Cole as an excused absence

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Dost, to approve the agenda with one correction to page 46 changing 2024 to 2025.

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. LORI FISHER – VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT – Fisher reported the front office renovation is underway. Quotes are coming in for flooring. I will be meeting with the Township to discuss flooring options. Harbor meetings continue with discussions on design, pedestrian traffic down Simons St., and relocation of the fuel tank. The DNR portion of the project is targeted for fall of 2026. The Army Corp of Engineer project with the breakwater is targeted to start in the spring of 2026. Kaatz explained it will take a vote of the Council for either grouting or sheet piling. Council asked for more information on both before voting. Dredging will not happen this summer. We have been reviewing ordinances. Planning will review updates next week. Chris Townley explained the USDA project is 50% complete; 33% left to do inside the water plant; 17% left in the right of way. Project is going very well. Sean is working well with the residents to accommodate concerns regarding trees and any other issues. Projects will extend into March with restoration to occur after March.

B. MINUTES – Motion by Adams, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 16, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

C. INVOICE- FLETCHER FEALKO SHOUDY & FRANCIS, P.C. – Motion by Dost, seconded by Muoio, to approve the payment of \$405.00 to Fletcher Fealko Shoudy & Francis, P.C. - \$405.00 from the General Fund.

Roll Call

Ayes – Dost, Muoio, DeCoster, Adams, Ehardt, Kaatz

Nays – None
Motion carried

D. UHY INVOICE – Motion by Muoio, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the payment of \$30,336.00 to UHY for audit services.

Discussion: Fisher explained the UHY breakdown that was provided.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, DeCoster, Dost, Ehardt, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

E. USDA CHANGE ORDER FOR THE WATER PROJECT - Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Dost, to approve Change Order #5 with Booms Construction for an increase in the contract price in the amount of \$105,179.28 for the Water Project. This would be to deduct door locks & a meter, and add a valve to formally incorporate the PLC computer programming with SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) work into the project. The PLC & SCADA work was partially budgeted for; this Change Order now incorporates the as quoted scope into the project.

Discussion: Chris Townley explained this change order.

Roll Call

Ayes – DeCoster, Dost, Muoio, Adams, Ehardt, Kaatz

Nays - None

Motion carried

F. USDA SEWER PROJECT - Motion by Adams, seconded by DeCoster, to authorize the draw amount of \$216,836.62 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Sewer Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

Ayes – Adams, DeCoster, Dost, Muoio, Ehardt, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

G. USDA WATER PROJECT - Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to authorize the draw amount of \$414,077.08 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Water Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Adams, Ehardt, Dost, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

H. RESOLUTION #2025-01 PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES (M-DOT ANNUAL PERMIT) – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Dost, to approve Resolution 2025-01 Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies with the correction changing 2024 to 2025.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Dost, DeCoster, Ehardt, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

I. VILLAGE MANAGER CONTRACT NEGOTIATION – Kaatz explained it was suggested by our legal counsel, Todd Shoudy, that many municipalities have the Village President and one other member of Council negotiate directly with the Manager and the municipality’s legal counsel. A draft contract would still have to go back to the Personnel Committee and Village Council for final approval. Discussion followed who on Council would like to participate.

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Muoio, to recommend Bill Ehardt and the Village President to work with the manager and legal counsel to negotiate a contract for presentation to Personnel and recommend to Council.

Roll Call

Ayes – Kaatz, Muoio, DeCoster, Dost, Adams, Ehardt

Nays – None

Motion carried

J. CONTRACT WITH HURON MODULAR HOMES – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Muoio, to approve the contract agreement with Huron Modular Homes and approve the Village Manager to proceed with related expenses to install model homes.

Discussion: Fisher explained there are 6-7 homes coming in soon. Along Sunset Dr. double wide units would fit nicely. Fisher stated in working with Roger from Huron Homes he would like to bring a model in and once it is sold bring in another one. The cost of concrete piers is approximately \$7,000.00 for a single unit and \$15,000.00 for a double wide. Discussion followed on Lori bringing back a second contract once the first unit is sold.

Roll Call

Ayes – DeCoster, Muoio, Ehardt, Adams, Dost, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

K. 2024-2025 Q2 FINANCIAL SUMMARY – Lori Fisher explained the Quarter 2 Financial Summary with regards to the General Fund, DDA Fund, Water Fund, and Mobile Home Park Fund. Memo with detailed information is in the agenda packet for review. Fisher answered all questions.

L. 2024-2025 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Dost, to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment as presented.

Discussion: Lori Fisher explained each budget amendment.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Dost, DeCoster, Ehardt, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

M. CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve the 2025 calendar of events as presented.

Discussion: Fisher stated that the dates for Thumbfest would be August 30th, Bach Festival is September 11th -14th.

All Ayes

Motion carried

N. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT – Motion by Dost, seconded by Adams, to approve the appointment of Danny Perry to the Planning Commission

All Ayes

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS –

Motion by Adams, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the check register in the amount of \$220,106.00 check numbers 39015 through 39088 and financial reports as presented.

Roll call

Ayes- Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Dost, DeCoster, Kaatz

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by Adams, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the USDA water fund check register in the amount of \$556,812.07 check number 80017 through 80019 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Adams, DeCoster, Dost, Muoio, Ehardt, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Dost, seconded by Adams, to approve the USDA sewer fund check register in the amount of \$1,018,559.89 check numbers 6025 through 6030 and the financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Dost, Adams, Ehardt, DeCoster, Muoio, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

REPORTS –

CORRESPONDENCE-

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Mike McGovern (7316 Simons St.) – commented on the Council doing a great job for taking the time to thoroughly go through each item.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –

- Kaatz – thanked the mobile home park community for looking out for their neighbors.

ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Vicki A. Scott
Clerk

I, Vicki A. Scott, (Village Clerk), do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the draft minutes of the Village of Lexington Village Council at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of January, 2025.

Clerk: _____

Dated: _____

Approved