

**The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, January 29, 2024 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Avenue, 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:** Gresock, Adams, Muoio, Morris, Klaas, DeCoster, Kaatz

**Absent:** – None

**Others present:** L. Fisher, M. McGovern, J. Adams

**ATTENDANCE –**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA –** Motion by Gresock, seconded by DeCoster, 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. LORI FISHER –** Lori updated Council on her report and answered all questions. Lori stated Dave Picot has done a great job moving us forward toward our RRC certification. Double Haul Solutions will be using modeling software that will allow us to explore funding solutions. Discussion followed on a possible public safety millage to help offset rising costs with police, fire, and EMS. We continue talks with DNR and Edgewater regarding the harbor redevelopment. The final USDA loan documents have been submitted and closing date is scheduled. Talks continue between the Village and Township regarding repairs to the office building.

**C. MINUTES –** Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2023, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

**D. INVOICE – FLETCHER FEALKO SHOUDY & FRANCIS, P.C. –** Motion by Morris, seconded by Klaas, to approve the payment of \$90.00 to Fletcher Fealko Shoudy & Francis, P.C. - \$90.00 from the Water Fund.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

**E. INVOICE – UHY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS** - Motion by Klaas, seconded by Morris, to approve the payment of \$24,640.00 to UHY - \$24,640.00 from the General Fund.

Discussion: L. Fisher explained next year she will be able to do some of this in house.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**F. 2024 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES** – Motion by Klaas, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the Village Manager to apply for the MSHDA Housing Readiness Grant.

Discussion: L. Fisher explained this would help with offsetting costs in revamping some zoning ordinances and future housing developments

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**G. ATTORNEY DISCUSSION** – Fisher stated this arose due to a potential issue within the Village. When I reached out to our attorney, I was told they couldn't represent us with that issue because that client was a current client of theirs. Discussion followed.

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Gresock, to allow the Village Manager to seek auxiliary counsel in emergent situations where our counsel is currently conflicted and unable to represent us.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**H. DTE STREET LIGHT CONVERSION** – Motion by Adams, seconded by Morris, to approve the DTE Municipal Street Lighting Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$25,352.59, funds to come from the County Street Fund.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**I. FIRE DEPARTMENT WASHER/EXTRACTOR/DRYER** – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the purchase of the Circul-Air Washer and Dryer Systems from Dinges Fire Company in the amount of \$12,366.00, funds to come from the General Fund/ARPA Funds.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

**J. ELVA MILLS MEMORIAL DISCUSSION** – Kaatz suggested a few options and asked the Board for their input on a proper memorial dedication for Elva. Board members agree to come back next month with some ideas.

**K. PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023** – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the Planning Commission Annual Report for 2023 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

### **MOBILE HOME PARK**

**L. MOBILE HOME PARK CLUBHOUSE GENERATOR QUOTES** – Motion by Klaas, seconded by Gresock, to approve the Old's Electric 24-kilowatt Generac Generator quote including the protection kit in the amount of \$11,700.00, funds to come from the Mobile Home Park Capital Outlay Fund. Discussion on the different size generators.

Roll Call:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

### **WATER/SEWER/DPW/STREETS**

**M. RV PARK METER REPLACEMENT** – Motion by Morris, seconded by Gresock, to approve the purchase of a new 4" water meter with parts not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Roll Call:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Motion by Adams, seconded by Morris, to approve the check register in the amount of \$94,854.30 check numbers 38312 through 38382 and financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by Klaas, seconded by Adams, to approve the sewer construction check register in the amount of \$4,110.00 check numbers 6003 through 6004 as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**REPORTS –**

**CORRESPONDENCE-** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- Joann Adams (7311 Lake St.) – commented on the memorial benches and flower gardens at Tierney Park.

**COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS**

- Adams – commented on the DTE map that Chris Heiden put together.
- Gresock – commented on may not be able to attend the next Council meeting in February.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 8:16 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_