

**The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting Monday, June 23, 2025 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI 48450**

**Call to order the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.** by President Robert Dost

**Purpose: To hear comments on the proposed 2025-2026 budget**

**Public Comment:** None

**Close Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.**

**Call to order the Regular Council Meeting at 7:01 p.m.** by President Robert Dost

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by President Robert Dost & Emily

**Roll call taken by** Clerk Vicki Scott

**Present:** Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Morris, Cole, DeCoster, Dost

**Absent:** – None

**Others present:** L. Fisher, E. Ehardt, and 9 citizens

**ATTENDANCE** – No action required

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Adams, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

**BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**A. EVANS EHARDT – COUNTY COMMISSIONER** – Ehardt reported on the boat in the harbor that sank. Hazardous waste collection will be September 9, 2025 between 2:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Sandusky.

**B. LORI FISHER – VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT –**

- It's busy with the fiscal year ending, updating spreadsheets and year end journal entries.
- Tierney Park Renovation Project – Edgewater and Spence Brothers have both signed their contracts. We will be removing the boardwalk portion which will save \$570,000.00. We will continue working with them on cost savings during this project.
- The large-scale street paving project should begin the end of July or beginning of August.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July collection on the 4 corners will take place this weekend. Thank you to Mike McGovern for all his hard work making the Village Green look beautiful.
- The emergency dredging project does not look like it will occur this year due to timelines for permits. At the earliest the permits wouldn't be ready until the middle of August. We are still working on the buoys.
- The abatement is tomorrow for the house next door. Demo will occur soon after.
- The new water storage tank at the water plant is now filled and will be ready to operate soon.
- Lexington North Shores will be getting 2 more new homes this week.

**C. MINUTES** – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Cole, to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 21, 2025, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Adams, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 27, 2025, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

**D. INVOICE- FLETCHER FEALKO SHOUDY & FRANCIS, P.C.** – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Morris, to approve the payment of \$1,170.00 to Fletcher Fealko Shoudy & Francis, P.C. - \$270.00 from the General Fund, \$45.00 from the Mobile Home Park Fund, \$495.00 from the Water Fund, and \$360.00 from the Harbor Fund.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Morris, Ehardt, Adams, Cole, DeCoster, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

**E. USDA SEWER PROJECT-** Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Muoio, to authorize the draw amount of \$7,787.50 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Sewer Infrastructure Project

Roll Call

Ayes – Ehardt, Muoio, Adams, Morris, Cole, DeCoster, Dost

Nays - None

Motion carried

**F. USDA WATER PROJECT -** Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to authorize the draw amount of \$536,474.32 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Water Infrastructure Project.

Discussion: Lori Fisher explained the budgeted funds spent so far.

Roll Call

Ayes – DeCoster, Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Cole, Morris, Dost

Nays - None

Motion carried

**G. 2024-2025 BUDGET AMENDMENTS -** Motion by Muoio, seconded by Cole, to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Amendments as presented.

Discussion: Lori Fisher explained the budget amendments.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Cole, DeCoster, Morris, Adams, Ehardt, Dost

Nays - None

Motion carried

**H. 2025-2026 BUDGET** – Motion by Morris, seconded by Cole, to approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes – Morris, Cole, DeCoster, Muoio, Adams, Ehardt, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

**I. SEPTAGE DUMPING FEES TRANSFER** – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Cole, to approve the septage dumping fees transfer of \$70,000.00 to capital equipment fund 402-402-699-590 (\$56,000.00 for DPW and \$14,000.00 for Fire Department).

Roll Call

Ayes- Muoio, Cole, DeCoster, Morris, Ehardt, Adams, Dost

Nays- None

Motion carried

**J. ARPA FUNDS** – Motion by Morris, seconded by Cole, to apply the balance of the unspent ARPA funds to general expenses account 2024-2025 budget.

Discussion: Lori Fisher explained the funds have to be spent by December 2025. There is some concern with the federal government clawing back some funds. These funds were earmarked for remodeling. We have about \$35,000.00 left. Once the projects get down, the funds will be there.

Roll Call

Ayes- Morris, Cole, DeCoster, Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

**K. COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** – Dost explained the changes.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Ehardt, to accept the committee appointments as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

## **MOBILE HOME PARK**

**L. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS** – Motion by Morris, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendments recommended by the Planning Commission as follows:

- Sections 8.6 & 8.6.1 Specific Requirements Regarding Murals – (Signs)
- Section 3.4.3 – Site Plan Review – (Administration & Enforcement)
- Section 5.7.10 – Mobile Home Requirements – (General & Special Provisions)
- Section 5.30 – Adding Solar & Battery Storage – (General & Special Provisions)
- Section 5.31 – Adding Chickens – (General & Special Provisions)

Discussion: Lori Fisher answered questions regarding chickens and being proactive with this ordinance.

Roll Call

Ayes – Morris, DeCoster, Cole, Muoio, Ehardt, Adams, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

## **MOBILE HOME PARK**

**M. MOBILE HOME PARK DEPOSIT REFUND** – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve the deposit refund in the amount of \$324.00 to David Bamford (Lot #197).

Roll Call

Ayes- DeCoster, Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Cole, Morris, Dost

Nays- None

Motion carried

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS –**

Motion by Adams, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the check register in the amount of \$160,929.35 check numbers 39304 through 39369 and financial reports as presented.

Roll call

Ayes- Adams, DeCoster, Cole, Morris, Muoio, Ehardt, Dost

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Cole, to approve the USDA sewer fund check register in the amount of \$120,544.15 check number 6039 through 6040 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- DeCoster, Cole, Morris, Muoio, Adams, Ehardt, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Cole, seconded by Morris, to approve the USDA water fund check register in the amount of \$345,339.99 check number 80031 through 80033 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Cole, Morris, Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, DeCoster, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

## **REPORTS –**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

## **COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –**

- Peter Muoio – asked about the status of the public tours or open house of the water treatment plant.
- Robert Dost – asked where we are at with the fire department questionnaire.
- Robert Dost – thanked the public for attending the meeting this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dost adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Vicki Scott  
Clerk

I, Vicki 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 23<sup>h</sup> day of June, 2025.

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

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

Approved