

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Public Hearing and a Regular Council Meeting Monday, June 26, 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 hear comments on the Proposed 2023-24 FY Budget

Public Comment

- Doug Roehl (5410 William Dr.) – commented on proration for the new Village Manager.
- David Zielinski (5203 Main St.) – commented on EV Charging Stations.

Closed Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Call to order the Regular Council Meeting at 7:04 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, DeCoster, Klaas, Kaatz

Absent: – None

Others present: C. Cutright, M. Bender, and 16 citizens

ATTENDANCE –

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. EVANS EHARDT – (County Commissioner) – Kaatz explained Ehardt could not be here this evening.

B. CYNTHIA CUTRIGHT – Cutright explained all the bids are being received this month for the water and sewer infrastructure project. We should be finalizing all the bids coming in on Wednesday. This will give us a good idea of where we land with the budget. We are finalizing a few of the budget points being bond council and legal council which are all wrapped in the USDA loan. If it comes back good on the water side, I expect we can take this to council in July so we can begin closing out the loans. The MEDC grant has been executed. Within the next few weeks, we should be receiving the first 50% down. Once that happens, we can move forward with Edgewater Resources. There is additional funding that we will be going after to help out with the gap funding for the total harbor redevelopment project. Unfortunately, we did not receive the bluff grant for the mobile home park. However, Chris Townley is still working on the design and engineering as well as setting up a meeting with EGLE. I spoke to Carl Osentowski from Huron Economic Development Corporation. They are expecting another round of funding for demolition grants in September. He is staring a file for us should council wish to move forward.

C. MINUTES – Motion by Klaas, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 22, 2023, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Adams, seconded by Muoio, to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of June 1, 2023, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Morris, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of June 9, 2023, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Klaas, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of June 9, 2023, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

D. INVOICE – FLETCHER FEALKO SHOUDY & FRANCIS, P.C. – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Adams, to approve the payment of \$90.00 to Fletcher Fealko Shoudy & Francis, P.C. - \$45.00 from the General Fund, \$22.50 from the Water Fund, and \$22.50 from the Sewer Fund.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

E. BUDGET AMENDMENTS – Motion by Morris, seconded by Adams, to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

F. 2023-2024 BUDGET – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Gresock, to approve the 2023-2024 Budget as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

G. SEPTAGE DUMPING FEES TRANSFER – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the septage dumping fees transfer of \$60,000 to capital equipment fund 402-000-699-590 (\$50,000 for DPW and \$10,000 for Fire Department).

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

H. RESOLUTION #2023-12 MEDC RAP 2.0 GRANT – Motion by Morris, seconded by Gresock, to approve Resolution #2023-12 as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

I. HARBOR REDEVELOPMENT CONTRACT PHASE ONE – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Adams, to approve the Phase One Harbor Redevelopment Contract with Edgewater Resources as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

J. SANILAC COUNTY NEWS/JEFFERSONIAN ADVERTISING AGREEMENT – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the Sanilac County News/Jeffersonian advertising agreement as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

K. FIRE & RESCUE CONTRACTS – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Gresock, to approve the fire and rescue contracts for Lexington Township & Worth Township as presented.

Discussion:

Amended Motion by Muoio, seconded by Gresock, to approve sending the fire and rescue contract for presentation to both townships.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

L. LEXINGTON RV RESORT REQUEST FOR WATER/SEWER UTILITY BILL ONE TIME

MODIFICATION – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the one time modification as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

WATER/SEWER/DPW/STREETS

M. CHLORINE SCALES – Motion by Morris, seconded by Gresock, to approve up to \$8,200.00 for the purchase of new chlorine scales from Elhorn Company as recommended by the Water Plant Manager.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

PARKS & RECREATION

N. RESOLUTION #2023-11 SPARK GRANT – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Morris, to approve Resolution #20223-11 and Grant Application as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

PLANNING

O. RRC TASK LIST – Jackie Huepenbecker explained typically in the past the manager would help with this. We are asking President Kaatz to appoint members from the council to be in charge of these different areas. Larry has been working on the training piece of it. The CIP plan needs to be updated as it is supposed to be done every year. Kaatz explained next month we should have a manager in place. Sheila Klaas offered to work with Doug Roehl on this. Kaatz will ask Shelly to true up the numbers. Morris suggested once we have a manager in place having that person make this a priority. Kaatz suggested putting this on July's agenda for a follow up.

MOBILE HOME PARK

P. ONE-YEAR FREE RENT PROGRAM – Motion by Morris, seconded by DeCoster, to approve a one-year free rent program as presented.

Discussion on sending this to the attorney first.

Amended Motion by Morris, seconded by DeCoster, to approve replacing the one-month free rent program with a one-year free rent program as presented.

Discussion on residents not paying their water bill and sending this to the attorney for review.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Morris, seconded by Adams, to approve the check register in the amount of \$109,292.37 check numbers 37844 through 37899 and financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

REPORTS –

CORRESPONDENCE-

PUBLIC COMMENT

- David Zielinski (5203 Main) – commented on the stained-glass windows at the cemetery.
- Mike Fulton (5727 Union) – commented on the Harbor Redevelopment Project following the master plan and going through the Planning Commission.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS

- Muoio commented on the beauty of the stained-glass windows and millwork at the cemetery.
- DeCoster gave an update on the bike path meeting. Kaatz asked where we were with the ground work volunteering.

ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Scott, Village Clerk

APPROVED