

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2024 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: Gresock, Adams, Muoio, Morris, DeCoster, Kaatz

Absent: – None

Others present: L. Fisher, and 3 citizens

ATTENDANCE –

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. EVANS EHARDT – (County Commissioner) – Evans was not able to be here this evening. He asked the share this information with the board; regarding the petition for local control over renewable energy. Google citizens for local choice, all the info will pop up on their website.

B. LORI FISHER – Lori updated Council on her report. The Memorial Day Parade will be Monday the 27th at 11:00 a.m. We are looking for sponsors and volunteers for all events this year. The Harbor Redevelopment Project is moving forward after Council allocated \$5 million to the Village uplands project and up to \$3 million for the DNR marina project. The DNR expressed their deep appreciation to the DDA and Council. Resident will soon see our new dump truck and Vac truck on the road. We received a grant to help pay for the Vac truck. Letters will go out next week regarding ordinance issues.

C. MINUTES – Motion by Gresock, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 29, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to approve the minutes of the Study Session April 22, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Morris, to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting April 22, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

D. USDA WATER PROJECT - Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to authorize the draw amount of \$180.00 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Water Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

E. L4029 - MILLAGE – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to approve the 2024 L4029 Millage Rate as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

F. BUDGET AMENDMENTS – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Adams, to approve the budget amendment as presented.

Discussion: L. Fisher explained the budget amendments. Morris suggested having the revenue in a separate category.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

G. PUBLIC HEARING – Motion by Morris, seconded by Adams, to set a Public Hearing on Monday, June 24, 2024, at the regular Council Meeting set for 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of the adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

H. RESOLUTION #2024-03 DANGEROUS BUILDING LOCATED AT 7220 HUBBARD – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to approve Resolution #2024-03 as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

I. PUBLIC HEARING – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to set a Public Hearing on Monday, June 24, 2024, at the regular Council Meeting set for 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of dangerous building located at 7220 Hubbard.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

MOBILE HOME PARK

J. MOBILE HOME PARK LOT RENT INCREASE – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Gresock, to adopt the following lot rent schedule increase beginning July 1, 2024, representing a 5% increase as presented.

Discussion: L. Fisher explained the overall tax rate increase, based off the CPI and set by the State of Michigan, have increased 5% in 2024 following a 5% increase in 2023.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Muoio, Gresock, Adams, Morris, Kaatz

Nays – DeCoster

Motion carried

K. DISCONTINUE ONE YEAR FREE RENT PROGRAM – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to formally discontinue the one-year free rent program to any future resident who has not signed a lease by June 30, 2024.

Discussion: on additional marketing, promoting bringing in trailers using the existing cement pads in the park, and extending the deadline to sign a lease by August 30, 2024.

Amended Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to formally discontinue the one-year free rent program to any future resident who has not signed a lease by August 30, 2024.

Discussion: on getting data showing how many new mobiles came in with and without the promotional offer.

Roll Call:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

L. MOBILE HOME PARK WRITE OFFS (VILLAGE OWNED MOBILES) – Motion by Adams, seconded by Gresock, to write off the balance for Lot #124 (\$15,234.76), and Lot #73 (\$7,127.22).

Discussion: on the 3rd mobile that is outstanding which is still in probate.

Roll Call:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Gresock, to approve the check register in the amount of \$55,888.66 check numbers 38519 through 38577 and financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by Gresock, seconded by Adams, to approve the USDA sewer fund check register in the amount of \$6,270.00 check number 6005 as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by Gresock, seconded by Adams, to approve the USDA water fund check register in the amount of \$8,675.00 check numbers 80002 through 80003 as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

REPORTS – Discussion followed on a steering committee being formed in the future, and downsizing the DPW reports.

CORRESPONDENCE-

- Board members acknowledged they received correspondence from Larry Tyson.
- Kaatz explained she received correspondence from the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Association that Vicki Scott received her MiPMC Certification. Board congratulated her.
- Board members agree to advertise for the open council seat for another 2 weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –

ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 8:48 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 draft minutes of the Village of Lexington Village Council at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of May, 2024.

Clerk: _____

Dated: _____