

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, November 25, 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: Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Dost, Cole, DeCoster, Kaatz

Absent: – None

Others present: L. Fisher, E. Ehardt, C. Heiden, M. Bender, and 15 citizens

ATTENDANCE –

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Joann Adams (7311 Lake St.) – commented on the Christmas decorations look nice, but the street lights need cleaned.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Dost, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the agenda as amended adding item AA Evans Ehardt.

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

AA. EVANS EHARDT – COUNTY COMMISSIONER – There are multiple openings in the County. The audit went great this year. The Township is working on trying to get the bike path refinished.

A. LORI FISHER – VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT – The Headlee Override Millage did not pass. Lexington Township’s Public Safety Millage passed. We will continue to work through the budget looking for cost savings. We received an application for a mural. Murals were discussed at the DDA Conference. A public hearing is scheduled for December 2, 2024, at the Planning Commission meeting to take comments on possible zoning amendments. The Christmas Tree lighting is scheduled for December 7, 2024. The fireworks will take place July 4, 2025. A special thanks to Kristen for finding a company. We continue discussions with Worth Township on the emergency water connection. Welcome to our two new Council members. New officials training is available either in person or virtual. We have only received one noise complaint with the Gielow truck issue. They currently are not running a third shift. Make sure to contact our Police Department with any complaints.

B. MINUTES – Motion by Adams, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 28, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

C. USDA CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE WATER PROJECT – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Ehardt, to approve Change Order #4 with Booms Construction for an increase in the contract price in the amount of \$22,026.00 for the Water Project (to add a second blower for the filters at the Water Treatment Plant).

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

D. USDA CHANGE ORDER FOR THE SEWER PROJECT – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to approve Change Order #1 with Biotech Agronomics for an increase in the contract price in the amount of \$222,736.00 for the Sewer Project (for additional biosolids that were land applied).

Discussion: Chris Heiden explained this increase.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Dost, seconded by DeCoster, to approve Change Order #3 with Boddy Construction for an increase in the contract price in the amount of \$7,094.06 for the Sewer Project (to add piping at the lagoons allowing flow to go directly to Old Cell #1).

Discussion: Chris Heiden explained this increase.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

E. USDA SEWER PROJECT - Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Muoio, to authorize the draw amount of \$1,053,453.15 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Sewer Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

F. USDA WATER PROJECT - Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Dost, to authorize the draw amount of \$556,812.07 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Water Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

G. RESOLUTION 2024-07 – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Dost, to approve Resolution 2024-07

Check Signers as presented

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

H. PORT SANILAC WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT – Chris Heiden explained this is not a new water supply agreement. This water agreement was updated to coincide with the USDA loan language as Port Sanilac is trying to secure funding. Kaatz asked if this has been vetted through our attorney. Lori Fisher responded it has been to our attorney.

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Cole, to approve the Port Sanilac Water Supply Agreement as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

I. FEE SCHEDULE – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Muoio, to approve the proposed 2025 fee schedule as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

J. INTERNAL FINANCING FOR WATER & SEWER HOOK UPS – Lori Fisher explained as we move forward with residents wanting to connect to water and sewer, we need to have an option if they cannot pay costs up front. Fisher researched other communities and found some create special assessment districts or have a contract with the homeowner that is a lien against the property. Fisher is asking Council to go forward with developing a contract with the attorney.

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Dost, to approve the Manager and Utilities Director to develop a contract and have legal council approval to provide internal financing repayment agreement for water and sewer hook ups to new customers.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

K. MIOSHA MIWISH GRANT AGREEMENT FOR HYDRANT & VALVE EXERCISER – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to accept the MIOSHA MIWISH Grant Agreement/Award as presented.

Discussion: M. Bender explained this grant. Kaatz thanked Bender for going above and beyond.

Roll Call:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

L. HYDRO-BUDDY XL HYDRANT & VALVE EXERCISER – Motion by Dost, seconded by Cole, to approve the purchase of a Hydro-Buddy XL Hydrant & Valve Exerciser not to exceed \$5,900.00.

Roll Call:

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

Nays - None

Motion carried

M. COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Dost, to appoint President Protem – Peter Muoio; Planning Commission – William Ehardt; DDA – Kathy DeCoster; Parks & Rec Committee – Larry Adams & Peter Muoio; Environmental – Larry Adams & Kathy DeCoster; MHP Advisory Board – Christopher Cole & Robert Dost; Personnel Committee – Robert Dost & Peter Muoio; Fire Dept. Advisory Board – William Ehardt & Kristen Kaatz.

Ayes – 6

Nays – Adams

Motion carried

N. BOARDS/COMMITTEES REAPPOINTMENTS – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve the reappointments of Mike Ziegler & Steve Stencil to the Planning Commission, Collin Westbrook & Stacie Bales to DDA, Richard Stapleton & Chuck Albertson to the Cemetery Board, Dodd Fisher & John McMahon to the Parks & Rec Committee, Tom Constantineau, Bernard Havel, & Robert Timmerman to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Gayle Picot to the Moore Public Library Board.

All Ayes

Motion carried

O. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT – Motion by Adams, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the appointment of Wilbert Morris to Planning Commission.

All Ayes

Motion carried

P. PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION – Motion by Muoio, seconded by DeCoster to accept the resignation of Jackie Huepenbecker from the Planning Commission.

All Ayes

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS –

Motion by Adams, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the check register in the amount of \$125,396.27 check numbers 38902 through 38964 and financial reports as presented.

Roll call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by Dost, seconded by Muoio, to approve the USDA water fund check register in the amount of \$33,018.35 check number 80013 through 80014 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Dost, to approve the USDA sewer fund check register in the amount of \$557,998.61 check numbers 6019 through 6020 and the financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

REPORTS – DeCoster commented on Jeff’s not being a posting place any longer.

CORRESPONDENCE-

- Letter from Resident regarding Short Term Rentals

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Dave Resovsky (5203 Main – Lot #48) – asked if residents would see a cost savings due to the water extension to Port Sanilac.
- Steve Stencil (7282 Wayne) – commented on the possibility of sidewalks, bike path, or lights with the construction of the sewer going north.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 8:14 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 25th day of November, 2024.

Clerk: _____

Dated: _____