

**The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, September 23, 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, Dost, Kaatz

**Absent:** – None

**Others present:** L. Fisher, C. Townley, C. Heiden, and 5 citizens

**ATTENDANCE –**

**PUBLIC COMMENT –** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA –** Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the agenda as amended correcting the USDA change order contract price amount to \$31,605.07 supporting document on page 28 of the agenda.

All ayes

Motion carried

**BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**A. LORI FISHER – Village Manager Report**

- We received notice that we are officially Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) certified. A celebration will be planned at a later date.
- The Scarecrow Contest starts today and kicks off fall in the Village. Information is listed on the Village website.
- We are working with our fireworks vendor on a contract for 2025 but currently are expecting the fireworks event to be held on June 28, 2025.
- The Village Green Lease is still in review with the property owner.
- The Harbor Redevelopment Project is moving along mostly behind the scenes. The Army Corps of Engineers are planning work on the break wall for late spring or early summer.
- The Village is running a Headlee Override Millage on the November ballot. Three public information sessions will be held, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, and Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- We received notice from our Zoning Administrator that he will not be renewing his contract. His last day will be Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the work Dennis has done.
- The two mobile homes that went out for bid (Lot #73 & Lot #124) both sold.
- Our fire department rescue truck hit a deer and is in need of repair. We are currently trying to get a quote so the vehicle will not be out of service for a long period of time.
- Lori Fisher answers all questions regarding her report.

**B. MINUTES** – Motion by Dost, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of August 15, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Adams, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 26, 2024, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

**C. USDA SEWER PROJECT** - Motion by Gresock, seconded by Muoio, to authorize the draw amount of \$557,998.61 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Sewer Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**D. USDA WATER PROJECT** - Motion by Muoio, seconded by Morris, to authorize the draw amount of \$33,018.35 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Water Infrastructure Project.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**E. USDA CHANGE ORDER FOR THE SEWER PROJECT** – Motion by Morris, seconded by Adams, to approve Change Order #2 with Boddy Construction for an increase in the contract price in the amount of \$31,605.07 for the Sewer Project.

Discussion: Chris Townley answered questions on this increase.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**F. CONLEE DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE** – Lori Fisher explained in June council made a motion to declare the property at 7220 Hubbard St. a dangerous building. The owner made some progress with putting on a new roof. This was a remedy toward correcting the issue. The property still needs cleaned up which is more of a blight issue than a dangerous building. Fisher suggested taking a softer approach and working with the owner on these issues. Fisher recommended giving the owner more time. Fisher will follow up on the blight and follow up with the county.

**G. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT** – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Morris, to approve the updated employment contract as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

## **WATER/SEWER/DPW/STREETS –**

**H. WATER INTAKE UPDATE** – Chris Townley explained we have an issue with the water intake. Initial divers discovered sand is clogging the pipe and mussels are creating problems at the intake. This will cause expected delays and an additional \$150,000.00 to correct this problem. Originally this was budgeted at \$90,000.00 for the project. Commercial divers will be brought in to try and snake out and flush the lines. Chris Townley answered all questions. Chris Heiden explained the pros of the water intake line and the by-pass valves.

## **MOBILE HOME PARK –**

**I. MOBILE HOME PARK DEPOSIT REFUND** – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the deposit refund in the amount of \$361.77 to Lindsay McCullers (Lot #51).

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**J. RESIGNATION** – Motion by Adams, seconded by Morris, to accept the resignation of David Zielinski from the Mobile Home Park Advisory Board.

All Ayes

Motion carried

**K. MOBILE HOME PARK ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT** – Motion by Dost, seconded by Adams, to approve the appointment of David Resovsky to the Mobile Home Park Advisory Board.

All Ayes

Motion carried

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS –**

Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to approve the check register in the amount of \$303,418.71 check numbers 38757 through 38834 and financial reports as presented.

Roll call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by Gresock, seconded by Dost, to approve the USDA water fund check register in the amount of \$156,744.65 check numbers 80009 through 80011 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to approve the USDA sewer fund check register in the amount of \$441,357.04 check numbers 6011 through 6015 and the financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

**REPORTS** – Reports, Minutes, October calendar reviewed

**CORRESPONDENCE**- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

- Dave Resovsky (Lot #48) – Asked about the timeline of the two mobiles (Lot #73 & #124).

**COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS** –

- Kristen Kaatz – Commented on Lori Fisher is holding the titles for the Lot#73 & #124 until work has been completed per the contract. Thank you to Lori for all she has done this month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 8:16 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 23<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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

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