

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting Monday, September 25, 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 and introducing a draft ordinance under Article III Section 3-4 – 3-9 Regulation of Overflowing Trash Around Dumpsters with Fines recommended by the Zoning Administrator.

Public Comment

- Bernie Havel (5363 Altona Dr.) – commented on section 3.6 needs additional language.
- Steve Stencil (7282 Wayne St.) – commented on successful businesses shouldn't be fined.

Closed Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Call to order the Regular Council Meeting at 7:06 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: – Klaas

Others present: L. Fisher, C. Cutright, and 8 citizens

ATTENDANCE – Klaas excused (notified the clerk).

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Mike McGovern (7316 Simons)- commented on seasonal décor and scarecrow contest.
- Erica Michaels (5076 Lakeshore) – commented on being new to the area and suggested having a central location for information materials.

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

All ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. EVANS EHARDT – (County Commissioner) – No report at this time.

B. CYNTHIA CUTRIGHT – September started off with closing on the Sewer Infrastructure Project loan with USDA followed by a pre-construction meeting with Village staff, Townley Engineering, USDA and construction contractors. We anticipate prep work to begin this winter. Our subsequent funding request has been submitted to USDA. We hope to learn in October whether or not we have received this funding. We may consider a rebid of the Water Treatment Plant project, which came in at \$4.9M. Edgewater Resources was back in town on September 20 for their second public input session. I have been provided a checklist of information for the demolition grant that is being fed through the Sanilac & Huron Economic Development Corporation for the 7219 Huron Ave. property. I expect to have the checklist completed in October. Morris suggested this property be monitored.

C. MINUTES – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of the Goal Setting Workshop Meeting of August 22, 2023, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Morris, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2023, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

D. ANTI BLIGHT ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE III, SECTION 3-4 – 3-9 REGULATION OF OVERFLOWING TRASH AROUND DUMPSTERS – Motion by Morris, seconded by Muoio, to table this until next month.

All ayes

Motion carried

E. INVOICE – FLETCHER FEALKO SHOUDY & FRANCIS, P.C. – Motion by Morris, seconded by Gresock, to approve the payment of \$1,031.26 to Fletcher Fealko Shoudy & Francis, P.C. - \$90.00 from the General Fund, \$491.26 from the Mobile Home Park Fund and \$450.00 from the Harbor Project

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

F. WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Morris, to accept the recommendation from Townley Engineering and award the bid to Boddy Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,375,205.00 for the Water Main Improvements subject to approval of USDA Rural Development funding.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

G. USDA SEWER PROJECT - Motion by Muoio, seconded by Morris, to authorize the draw amount of \$36,915.00 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Sewer Infrastructure Project.

Discussion: Cutright explained as the USDA Sewer Project progresses Council will authorize these draws at each meeting.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

H. RESOLUTION #2023-13 DECLARATION OF INTENT TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BIRCH DRIVE SEWER – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Morris, to approve Resolution #2023-13 as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

I. PUBLIC HEARING – Motion by Gresock, seconded by Morris, to set a Public Hearing on Monday, October 23, 2023, at the regular Council Meeting set for 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of Birch Drive Sewer Special Assessment District.

Roll Call

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

J. PARKING EXPLANSION – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to authorize the Village Manager to perform the investigation, including obtaining pricing for work and materials recommended.

Discussion: Fisher explained this is the tie down lot at Boynton & Washington.

All Ayes

Motion carried

K. CODE OF ETHICS – Fisher asked for feedback from Council on the draft one-page uniform code of ethics document. Council agreed each committee and Council should all sign the document when they are appointed or elected. Morris suggested sending this to all the committees asking for feedback, Council agreed. Kaatz asked for this to be on the Council agenda next month.

L. BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE – DeCoster reported the storm grates have been replaced.

MOBILE HOME PARK

M. MOBILE HOME PARK BILLING & WRITE OFF'S – Motion by Morris, seconded by Muoio, to table this for 90 days to give legal the opportunity to get this wrapped up and get the deeds taken care of on these properties so that either the trailers are removed, the debt is paid, or the Village owns them before we write off the debt.

All ayes

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Morris, seconded by Gresock, to approve the check register in the amount of \$259,697.76 check numbers 38044 through 38117 and financial reports as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays- None

Motion carried

REPORTS –

- Fisher explained Michelle Irwin has left the Village to pursue a teaching career. Michelle will be missed and we thank her for her dedication to the Village. We have offered Katelyn Heiden the open position in the office and extend a warm welcome. I am still working on the voice over phone system. We lost a large tree in Tierney Park.
- Kaatz extended a huge thank you to Sue Haron, our cemetery sexton, for organizing and hosting an appreciation luncheon for the DPW for all the work they do.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Doug Roehl (5410 William Dr.) – commented on the road condition on Denissen Street, parking behind the Village Theater, code of ethics, and voice over phone system.
- Steve Stencil (7282 Wayne) – commented on street lights going in during the sewer project and code of ethics.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS

- Morris – Thanked Erica Michaels for coming out tonight and speaking up.
- DeCoster – Thanked the audience as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Kaatz adjourned the meeting at 8:01 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 minutes approved by the Village of Lexington Village Council at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of October, 2023.

Clerk: _____

Dated: _____