

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Special Council Meeting Friday, May 10, 2024 in the Village Council Chambers, 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450

Call to Order Special Council Meeting at: 8:00 a.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:

Others present: L. Fisher, M. Bender, K. Radtke, J. Adams

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Keefe Radtke (Fire Chief) – commented on the Village’s lease with the DNR, cautions Council on moving forward giving the DNR funding without opening up the lease. Proper amendments need to be made in the lease. The DNR wants to charge the Fire Department & Sheriffs Department to put their boat in this year. Radtke suggested having the Village run the Harbor.

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. HARBOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT –

Motion by Gresock, seconded by Kaatz, to accept the recommendation from DDA and confirm allocating funding of the Harbor Redevelopment Grant of \$8 million dollars with the Village retaining \$5 million dollars for the upland portion of the project and \$3 million dollars to the DNR, authorizing the Manager to continue the contract with Edgewater for final design. Funds allocated to the DNR will be subject to MEDC process. Recognizing the importance of broadside dockage, the DNR allocation is subject to at least 500 ft. of broadside capacity to accommodate large vessels, overflow, and day mooring.

Discussion: on not putting restrictions on the DNR design, and reimbursing invoices from the DNR. Fisher explained Edgewater needs to know everyone has funding in place and the permit through EGLE includes the dock design, the walkway, and our drain system. Fisher explained the MEDC may not allow a reimbursement system to work, it may need to be a gift system.

Amended Motion by Gresock, seconded by Kaatz, to confirm allocating funding of the Harbor Redevelopment Grant of \$8 million dollars with the Village retaining \$5 million dollars for the upland portion of the project and up to \$3 million dollars to the DNR via invoice reimbursement, authorizing the Village Manager to continue contracting with Edgewater for final design and giving power to the Village Manger to change this motion to meet any MEDC requirements as appropriate.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Mickey Bender (Water Plant Manager) – commented the DNR is trying to charge the Sheriff’s Department as well. We need to amend the lease to allow the fuel tanks to be moved at the Harbor. The lease should include rental slips for the Village’s Fire Boat as well as the Sheriff’s Department.

COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –

- Morris agreed with Mickey Bender's comments above.
- Adams asked why we are just hearing about the cost for the fire & rescue department.
- Gresock stated this could be a situation where this was overlooked by new staff.
- Kaatz stated each lease with the DNR is different. We need this language added.
- Muoio thanked Mickey Bender for bringing this to light and should be handled by the Village Manger.
- DeCoster agreed with the comments above.

ADJOURNMENT – Kaatz adjourned the meeting 8:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Scott

Approved