

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Special Council Meeting Wednesday, May 21, 2025 in the Village Council Chambers, 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450

Call to Order Special Council Meeting at: 10:00 a.m. by President Dost

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Dost

Roll call taken by Clerk Vicki Scott

Present: Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Cole, DeCoster, Dost

Absent:

Others present: L. Fisher, D. Dost, J. Adams, J. Woodruff, W. Badgerow

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Chris Heiden (Utilities Manager) – commented before the Council makes a decision on the Tierney Park Bid Recommendation for the Harbor Project Renovations, I wanted to fully disclose my sons put in bids as subcontractors for each of the companies that submitted a bid. This is an excavation company I helped my sons start in 2020 and am partial owner. There is no guarantee we will be awarded any work. Lori received the ok from MEDC lending institution and the attorney regarding this.

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. MEDC GRANT –

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to authorize funding of MEDC Harbor Improvement Grant of up to \$8,000,000.00

Discussion: Lori explained what has been approved so far was the design of the Harbor Project (Tierney Park Uplands). We have allocated \$3,000,000.00 funds to the DNR. Funds were previously approved for design & engineering. Edgewater's portion is complete. We have spent \$433,000.00 of the \$8,000,000.00 so far. We will be looking at cutting out some things in the contract as we will be facing a short fall.

Roll Call:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

B. TIERNEY PARK BID RECOMMENDATION –

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Muoio, to approve the Spence Brothers Bid as the project contractor, for their bid price of \$4,977,128.00, plus Alternate #1 at \$582,514.00 and Alternate #2 at \$3,435.00 as recommended by Edgewater Resources.

Discussion: Lori explains this is hiring a general contractor. We received 4 bids from Spence Brothers, Booms Construction, Boddy Construction, and Brencl. Alternate #1 is the walkway that goes across the water, and Alternate #2 is the playground. Spence Brothers is located in Ann Arbor. Discussion followed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays - None

Motion carried

C. WORTH TOWNSHIP ESCROW TRANSFER –

Motion by Ehardt, seconded by DeCoster, to decline to specifically direct the Village Manager to transfer funds or not transfer funds and leave it to her own discretion to transfer funds under her own authority.

Discussion: Chris Heiden explained he handed out the contracts between the Village & Worth Township. In 2001 Lexington & Worth Townships were going to install watermains throughout their districts and wanted 1 million gallons worth of capacity per day from the Village. In lieu of that one million gallons a day, they agreed to contribute roughly 2.5 million dollars toward the water plant expansion. Heiden explained the filters that were installed at that time and the issues with those filters. In 2013 those filters were shut down. Worth Township bought 1 million gallons of capacity, but only used 100,000 – 200,000 gallons per day. In 2010 there was an addendum to the original contract which set up the escrow and debit service fund that they currently pay along with their water charges. Discussion followed on the contract language with regard to the cost sharing portion of replacement equipment. Heiden is keeping a spreadsheet on cost share portions. Heiden explained the funds were transferred from the escrow account into the USDA account because we had to spend a certain amount up front before we could draw funds from the USDA loan. Grant money comes in at the end. Lori Fisher explained in order to close on the USDA loans we needed 1.4 million in an account within a few days. We knew Worth Townships obligation was going to far exceed the \$550,000.00 and this seemed like a quicker process in order to close on this loan. These were internal fund transfers. Discussion followed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT None

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Dost, seconded by Ehardt, to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

All Ayes, Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Scott

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 special meeting held on the 21st day of May, 2025.

Clerk: _____

Dated: _____