

**NOTIFICATION OF MEETING
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, September 10, 2025
TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

To take the Village of Lexington's history into the future through preservation, restoration and promotion

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:

ROLL CALL: Bales, Dost, Westbrook, McGovern, Zysk, Diener, DeCoster, Vogtmann

ATTENDANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the August 13, 2025 minutes as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Motion to approve the financials as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Two Minute Update Statuses – McGovern
 - a. Parking Subcommittee Update & Recommendations
 - b. Coles Alley Subcommittee Update
 - c. Fall Flowers RFP Results

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fall Informational Meeting – Motion to move the Fall Information Meeting from October 8, 2025 to November 12, 2025.
2. MDA Membership Renewal – Motion to approve the MDA Membership Renewal in the amount of \$_____.
3. Private Infrastructure Improvement Request DTE Pole Relocation – McGovern
4. Fall Event Update – McGovern
 - a. Streetscape (Cornstalks & Scarecrows)
 - b. Multiple Events at Village Green
 - Flower Sale
 - Line Dancing
 - Park & Sharp, Volunteer Central for Fall Streetscape Activities
 - Oktoberfest
5. Christmas Decorations (RFP for Pots & Garland on Poles) (RFP for Lights & Decorations)
6. Potential Grant Discussion for Repair of Deteriorating Brick on Village Office Building – McGovern

CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you from Moore Public Library

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

**VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Village of Lexington – 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI
August 13, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson McGovern called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: by Vicki Scott

PRESENT: Bales, Dost, Westbrook, McGovern, Diener, Vogtmann

ABSENT: Zysk, DeCoster

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Muoio

ATTENDANCE: Motion by McGovern, seconded by Bales, to excuse Zysk & DeCoster as they notified the Clerk.
All Ayes, Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Dost, seconded by Diener, to approve the agenda as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Diener, seconded by Dost, to approve the June 11, 2025 minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION: - Bales explained the financial reports and answered questions.

MOTION by Westbrook, seconded by Vogtmann, to approve the financials as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Westbrook, Vogtmann, Dost, Bales, Deiner, McGovern

Nays: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Two Minute Update Statuses –

- a. **Harbor Project Start & End Dates** – Fisher reported Tierney Park will be closed from September 15, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Four under construction signs will be posted.
- b. **Assistant to Manager** – Fisher reported Lori Kerr started on July 28, 2025.
- c. **Independence Weekend Festivities** – Fisher reported the fireworks were great. We had VIP spots set up. Eastern Michigan Bank attended and Gielows cooked hot dogs. The parade went well this year.
- d. **Art Fair / Art Lives @ Village Green** – Fisher reported we had 75 exhibits this year. This was smaller than years past.
- e. **Streetscape** – McGovern stated the summer flowers were beautiful this year. McGovern asked the Board if they wanted to have fall mums/flowers in the pots this year. Discussion followed on how many mums/flowers per pot. McGovern explained we would need to send out an RFP for fall mums/flowers. Discussion followed on what date the RFP's should be returned by and approve a do not exceed amount for the Chairperson to order the mums.

MOTION by Bales, seconded by Dost, to have McGovern send out an RFP for fall mums/flowers with the RFP being due back by August 29, 2025.

All Ayes

Motion carried

MOTION by Diener, seconded by Dost, to allow the Chairman to open the RFP and make a decision on the mums for the flower pots not to exceed \$2,500.00 and to be completed during the week of September 22, 2025.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Diener, Dost, Westbrook, Vogtmann, McGovern

Nays – None

Abstain - Bales

- f. **Social District** – McGovern explained Steiss received their permit from the state to be in the Social District. Westbrook indicated they need more stickers.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MDA Upcoming Opportunities** – McGovern explained the fall conference in Rochester will be November 6th & 7th, 2025. Downtown Day will be September 27, 2025.
2. **Fireworks 2026 Issues / Purchase of Pontoon Authorization** – Fisher explained next year the break-wall will be under construction. We will not be able to shoot the fireworks off from there. We need to think of an alternative solution. Fisher was looking into the DDA purchasing two used pontoon boats to use the platforms for shooting off the fireworks. This needs to be at least 500 ft. from the fuel pumps. Fisher noted renting a barge is costly. Doug Roehl asked about the possibility of using his beach. Fisher explained we would need to close off part of the public beach. Lengthy discussion followed. Diener noted that renting a barge would be a solution and not too costly. Fisher will check on barges and bring back to the board.
3. **Village Green & Fall Season Plans** – McGovern stated he has had very good feed back so far on the Village Green. There has been some discussion on hosting an Oktoberfest on the Village Green October 4th, 2025. McGovern has checked into a band as well as Jeff's Market making brats, Gielow donating sauerkraut & toppings. This could generate revenue for the DDA by having a beer tent as well. McGovern explained seed money was already approved for this event. Cornstalks and scarecrows would be there as well. Board members would volunteer for this event.
4. **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)** – McGovern explained the TIF Plan spells out what the DDA should be doing with their funding.
 - a. **Coles Ally** – McGovern explained this something we having been talking about for a while.
 - b. **Security Cameras** – McGovern stated we have discussed having good security cameras in the downtown after as well as the four corners.
 - c. **Parking** – McGovern explained parking has been an ongoing issue. Lengthy discussion followed on a possible parking structure, charging for parking, and the parking lot behind the Village Theater.

MOTION by McGovern, seconded by Bales, to form a subcommittee for Coles Alley consisting of Diener, Vogtmann, and McGovern.

All Ayes

Motion carried

MOTION by Dost, seconded by McGovern, to form a subcommittee for Parking consisting of Diener, Westbrook, and Dost.

All Ayes

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Lexington Arts Council

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Peter Muoio (7276 Lester) – commented on the sidewalks along Huron Ave., church parking lots are open for parking, the lot next door was to expand the fire department, parking decks are a nightmare, Lester Street parking, and having a ship viewing deck.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bales, seconded by McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Vicki Scott

Fund 248 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
248-000-001.100	EASTERN MICHIGAN BANK	98,285.89
248-000-017.000	INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES GOV MIC	0.00
248-000-017.100	POOLED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT GOV.MIC	404,763.43
248-000-018.100	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.00
248-000-076.001	DUE FROM LEX TOWNSHIP	0.00
248-000-123.000	PREPAID EXPENSES	0.00
Total Assets		503,049.32
*** Liabilities ***		
248-000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	0.00
248-000-257.100	ACCRUED WAGES	428.63
Total Liabilities		428.63
*** Fund Balance ***		
248-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT	392,269.27
Total Fund Balance		392,269.27
Beginning Fund Balance - 24-25		392,269.27
Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 24-25		93,180.51
*24-25 End FB/25-26 Beg FB		485,449.78
Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year		17,170.91
Ending Fund Balance		502,620.69
Total Liabilities And Fund Balance		503,049.32

* Year Not Closed

PERIOD ENDING 08/31/2025

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2025-26	ACTIVITY FOR		YTD BALANCE	
		ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025-26 AMENDED BUDGET	MONTH 08/31/2025 INCREASE (DECREASE)	08/31/2025 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 248 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY						
Revenues						
Dept 248 - ****DDA EXPENSES****						
248-248-402.500	DDA TAXES FROM VILLAGE	92,757.00	92,757.00	25,414.04	39,561.67	42.65
248-248-402.600	DDA TAXES FROM TOWNSHIP	146,650.00	146,650.00	9,611.44	15,795.14	10.77
248-248-477.000	INTERNET REVENUE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-642.000	DONATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-642.002	PARADE FEE	350.00	350.00	0.00	50.00	14.29
248-248-642.003	SPONSORSHIP - JULY 4TH FIRE WORKS	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	11,122.27	50.56
248-248-665.000	INTEREST EARNED	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00	1,593.54	12.26
248-248-686.500	MISC ACCT OF REVENUE	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-699.000	TRANSFER IN OPEN ACCOUNT	218,533.00	218,533.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-699.101	TRASFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND FOR CAPITA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 248 - ****DDA EXPENSES****		499,290.00	499,290.00	35,025.48	68,122.62	13.64
TOTAL REVENUES						
		499,290.00	499,290.00	35,025.48	68,122.62	13.64
Expenditures						
Dept 248 - ****DDA EXPENSES****						
ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT						
248-248-699.940	WAGES	34,500.00	34,500.00	2,875.00	5,750.00	16.67
248-248-702.000	DPW WAGES	15,000.00	15,000.00	730.00	730.00	4.87
248-248-702.600	MATCH - SOCIAL SECURITY	28,000.00	28,000.00	2,109.29	5,407.70	19.31
248-248-709.100	MICH EMP SEC COM	2,140.00	2,140.00	214.67	620.44	28.99
248-248-710.500	DPW-WATER WAGES OVERTIME	150.00	150.00	19.84	47.05	31.37
248-248-713.650	PENSION	500.00	500.00	0.00	2,049.03	409.81
248-248-715.400	AXA EQUITABLE MATCH	2,490.00	2,490.00	0.00	482.51	19.38
248-248-716.401	BLUE CROSS	1,910.00	1,910.00	98.97	276.31	14.47
248-248-719.200	LIFE INSURANCE	7,320.00	7,320.00	663.53	1,525.97	20.85
248-248-724.300	SUPPLIES	280.00	280.00	0.00	45.80	16.36
248-248-752.000	HOLIDAY SUPPLY	7,000.00	7,000.00	779.85	1,224.85	17.50
248-248-779.000	INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT EXPENSES	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	1,100.00	3.14
248-248-779.001	COMPUTER-HARDWARE-SOFTWARE	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	8,600.00	39.09
248-248-797.000	AUDIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-802.000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-802.200	LEGAL	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00	395.50	39.50
248-248-811.000	PHONE/INTERNET EXPENSE	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-850.000	MUSIC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-852.100	MILEAGE	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-861.000	ADVERT/PUBLICATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-880.100	EDUCATION AND TRAINING	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-909.500	MEMBERSHIP/DUES	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-915.000	DTE	350.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-920.000	LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	17.65	37.23	100.00
248-248-934.000	DDA SERVICE PROVIDED BY VILLAGE	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-937.100	DPW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-940.700	VILLAGE GREEN RENT	17,500.00	17,500.00	4,389.82	10,143.16	57.96
248-248-940.800	MISCELLANOUS	15,450.00	15,450.00	0.00	2,516.66	16.29
248-248-955.000	DONATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-956.200	DDA GRANT	22,500.00	22,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
248-248-967.000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	40,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	25.00
248-248-977.000		200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 248 - ****DDA EXPENSES****		479,290.00	479,290.00	21,998.62	50,951.71	10.63

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		ORIGINAL BUDGET		MONTH 08/31/2025 INCREASE (DECREASE)		
Fund 248 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY						
Expenditures						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		479,290.00	479,290.00	21,998.62	50,951.71	10.63
Fund 248 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:						
TOTAL REVENUES		499,290.00	499,290.00	35,025.48	68,122.62	13.64
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		479,290.00	479,290.00	21,998.62	50,951.71	10.63
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		20,000.00	20,000.00	13,026.86	17,170.91	85.85

TRANSACTIONS FROM 08/01/2025 TO 08/31/2025

Date	JNL	Type	Description	Reference #	Debits	Credits	Balance
Fund 248 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY							
08/01/2025			248-248-699.940 ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT		BEG. BALANCE		2,875.00
08/29/2025	GJ	JE	ADMIN. REIMBURSEMENT AUG 29 2025	3509	2,875.00		5,750.00
08/31/2025			248-248-699.940	END BALANCE	2,875.00	0.00	5,750.00
08/01/2025			248-248-702.000 WAGES		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
08/06/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/06/2025		170.00		170.00
08/20/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/20/2025		190.00		360.00
08/27/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/27/2025		370.00		730.00
08/31/2025			248-248-702.000	END BALANCE	730.00	0.00	730.00
08/01/2025			248-248-702.600 DPW WAGES		BEG. BALANCE		3,298.41
08/06/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/06/2025		534.69		3,833.10
08/13/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/13/2025		609.89		4,442.99
08/20/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/20/2025		426.81		4,869.80
08/27/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/27/2025		537.90		5,407.70
08/31/2025			248-248-702.600	END BALANCE	2,109.29	0.00	5,407.70
08/01/2025			248-248-709.100 MATCH - SOCIAL SECURITY		BEG. BALANCE		405.77
08/06/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/06/2025		53.69		459.46
08/13/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/13/2025		45.83		505.29
08/20/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/20/2025		46.59		551.88
08/27/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/27/2025		68.56		620.44
08/31/2025			248-248-709.100	END BALANCE	214.67	0.00	620.44
08/01/2025			248-248-710.500 MICH EMP SEC COM		BEG. BALANCE		27.21
08/06/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/06/2025		8.23		35.44
08/13/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/13/2025		1.19		36.63
08/20/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/20/2025		3.80		40.43
08/27/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/27/2025		6.62		47.05
08/31/2025			248-248-710.500	END BALANCE	19.84	0.00	47.05
08/01/2025			248-248-713.650 DPW-WATER WAGES OVERTIME		BEG. BALANCE		2,049.03
08/31/2025			248-248-713.650	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	2,049.03
08/01/2025			248-248-715.400 PENSION		BEG. BALANCE		482.51
08/31/2025			248-248-715.400	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	482.51
08/01/2025			248-248-716.401 AXA EQUITABLE MATCH		BEG. BALANCE		177.34
08/06/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/06/2025		10.76		188.10
08/13/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/13/2025		31.89		219.99
08/20/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/20/2025		24.84		244.83
08/27/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/27/2025		31.48		276.31
08/31/2025			248-248-716.401	END BALANCE	98.97	0.00	276.31
08/01/2025			248-248-719.200 BLUE CROSS		BEG. BALANCE		862.44
08/06/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/06/2025		54.53		916.97
08/13/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/13/2025		216.67		1,133.64
08/20/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/20/2025		155.66		1,289.30
08/27/2025	PR	CHK	SUMMARY PR 08/27/2025		236.67		1,525.97
08/31/2025			248-248-719.200	END BALANCE	663.53	0.00	1,525.97
08/01/2025			248-248-724.300 LIFE INSURANCE		BEG. BALANCE		45.80
08/31/2025			248-248-724.300	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	45.80
08/01/2025			248-248-752.000 SUPPLIES		BEG. BALANCE		445.00
08/06/2025	AP	INV	DDA P&R SOAP TP, TRASH BAGS	9823	180.00		625.00
08/06/2025	AP	INV	MULTI FUNDS	4291 AUG 2025	6.96		631.96
08/06/2025	AP	INV	DDA SEWER MHP SUPPLY	STMT JULY 25 ACT	310.93		942.89
08/14/2025	AP	INV	TRASH BAGS TP GLOVES P&R, SEWER DDA	9846	60.00		1,002.89
08/27/2025	AP	INV	REIMBURSEMENT DDA SUPPLY	DDA SUPPLY	221.96		1,224.85
08/31/2025			248-248-752.000	END BALANCE	779.85	0.00	1,224.85
08/01/2025			248-248-779.000 HOLIDAY SUPPLY		BEG. BALANCE		1,100.00
08/31/2025			248-248-779.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
08/01/2025			248-248-779.001 INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT EXPENSE		BEG. BALANCE		8,600.00
08/31/2025			248-248-779.001	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	8,600.00
08/01/2025			248-248-802.200 CONTRACTED SERVICES		BEG. BALANCE		295.00
08/14/2025	AP	INV	DDA MTG 8-13-25	DDA MTG 8/13/25	100.00		395.00
08/31/2025			248-248-802.200	END BALANCE	100.00	0.00	395.00
08/01/2025			248-248-920.000 DTE		BEG. BALANCE		19.58
08/14/2025	AP	INV	MULTI FUNDS ELECTRIC	DUE 8/29/25	17.65		37.23
08/31/2025			248-248-920.000	END BALANCE	17.65	0.00	37.23

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TRANSACTIONS FROM 08/01/2025 TO 08/31/2025

Date	JNL	Type	Description	Reference #	Debits	Credits	Balance
08/01/2025			248-248-940.700 DPW EQUIPMENT		BEG. BALANCE		5,753.34
08/29/2025	GJ	JE	DPW EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT 8/29/25	3511	4,389.82		10,143.16
08/31/2025			248-248-940.700	END BALANCE	4,389.82	0.00	10,143.16
08/01/2025			248-248-940.800 VILLAGE GREEN RENT		BEG. BALANCE		2,516.66
08/31/2025			248-248-940.800	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	2,516.66
08/01/2025			248-248-967.000 DDA GRANT		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
08/14/2025	AP	INV	DDA PEDGE GRANT	DDA PLEDGE GRANT	10,000.00		10,000.00
08/31/2025			248-248-967.000	END BALANCE	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
TOTAL FOR FUND 248 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY					21,998.62		50,951.71

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AUG 25 2025
BY: _____

Lexington, MI

Steph. Bales

Michigan Downtown Association
P.O. Box 3591
North Branch, MI 48461
248-838-9711
director@michigandowntowns.com



MICHIGAN
DOWNTOWN
ASSOCIATION

Membership Invoice

Invoice # 3887

Michael McGovern
Village of Lexington DDA
7227 Huron Ave
Lexington, MI 48450

Membership dues are based upon an organization's total budget for DOWNTOWN. Please refer to the tiers below and if necessary, adjust your annual membership rate accordingly.

\$249,000 & Under: \$250

\$250,000-\$499,999: \$400

\$500,000+: \$650

The \$100 contribution to our Advocacy Fund has already been included in your membership dues renewal invoice and is 100% OPT-IN.

MEMBER	ITEM	AMOUNT
Village of Lexington DDA 10/1/2025 - 10/1/2026	Municipal or Public Agency Membership Dues	250.00
	Contribution	100.00
Please remit payment to the address listed. Please do NOT Fax payments.		
		TOTAL: 350.00

Payment Stub

Please tear off this stub and include with your payment.
Send payment to:

Michigan Downtown Association
P.O. Box 3591
North Branch, MI 48461

or login and pay online at www.michigandowntowns.com

Member: McGovern, Michael
Village of Lexington DDA

Invoice #: 3887
Description: Membership Dues
Date Due: 10/1/2025

Amt. Due: 350.00

Enclosed:





Michael McGovern <mikemcgovern100@gmail.com>

Fwd: DTE Contact & Pole Movement

1 message

Lori Fisher <manager@villageoflexington.com>
To: Mike McGovern <mikemcgovern100@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 12:42 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **David Rickerman** <davidr@questresearch.org>
Date: Fri, Aug 29, 2025 at 9:55 AM
Subject: Re: DTE Contact & Pole Movement
To: Lori Fisher <manager@villageoflexington.com>, Alina Rits <arits@ritscpa.com>
Cc: Matt McDonald <mattm@questresearch.org>, Mufasa ICE <yrits@dmc.org>

Lori,

Thanks. I will be there for the meeting in Sept and can speak to this letter and situation. Can you add me to the agenda?

David

Get Outlook for iOS

From: Lori Fisher <manager@villageoflexington.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 9:46:46 AM
To: Alina Rits <arits@ritscpa.com>
Cc: David Rickerman <davidr@questresearch.org>; Matt McDonald <mattm@questresearch.org>; Mufasa ICE <yrits@dmc.org>
Subject: Re: Fw: DTE Contact & Pole Movement

Thank you - I will forward this to DDA members.

On Fri, Aug 29, 2025 at 9:36 AM Alina Rits <arits@ritscpa.com> wrote:

Lexington Downtown Development Authority

7227 Huron Ave.,

Lexington, MI 48450

Phone: (810) 359-8631

Dear Members of the Lexington Downtown Development Authority,

I am writing to respectfully request funding assistance in the amount of \$11,000 to relocate an electric pole that currently interferes with improvements planned for our

building located at 5540 Washington Ave, Lexington.

The relocation of this pole is essential to enhancing aesthetics and enabling renovation of our building. This project not only addresses immediate functional needs but will also contribute to the overall appeal, accessibility, and economic vitality of the downtown area.

The requested support will cover the direct costs of moving the electric pole, which have been quoted at \$11,000 by DTE (see email below). By undertaking this improvement, we aim to improve sightlines for downtown visitors, support our business growth and contribute to the community's long-term development goals.

Sincerely,

Alina Rits

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From: Lori Fisher <manager@villageoflexington.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 9:07 AM
To: Samantha Schnettler <samantha@huroncounty.com>
Cc: David Rickerman <davidr@questresearch.org>
Subject: Re: DTE Contact & Pole Movement

Good morning - This may be something to approach the DDA with and ask for a contribution as we do have "Private Infrastructure Improvements" in our budget.

On Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 7:41 AM Samantha Schnettler <samantha@huroncounty.com> wrote:
Hi David,

Thanks for the text yesterday about what's going on with DTE regarding moving that pole.

I do have an economic development/community affairs contact at DTE that has been very helpful over the years. I am not confident he can get the entire amount removed but he could possibly find funds at the DTE Foundation or elsewhere to reduce it a bit. I've placed his contact information below, but I'm also happy to do an email introduction.

Michael Sage
DTE
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What would you be willing to pay to move it? \$2,000? \$5,000? If DTE isn't willing to budge on the cost to move it, perhaps you could work with the Lexington DDA on a grant from them to cover part of the cost?

I'll send a separate email this afternoon with some information/follow up RE the 2nd floor structure and funding options.

Samantha

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to thank the DDA for their donation towards our new annex. We have had an influx of visitors since the Grand Opening and our new community room is working out great. Thank you for all your support in helping us see this project through.

Sincerely,



Beth Schumacher, Director
Moore Public Library

