

The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 27, 2011 in the conference room of the Village Hall, 7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450.

Regular Council Meeting Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Elva Mills

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Elva Mills

Roll call taken by Clerk, Beth Grohman.

Present: Schultz, Oldford, Ruffini, Muoio, Foerster, Mills

Absent:

Others present: Beth Grohman, Jon Kosht, Cheryl Vincent, Kristi Hazard, and 13 citizens

Public comment:

Jackie Huepenbecker – Commented on her application for the Planning Commission

Jamie McCombs – Would like clarification of the Committee of the Whole. Commented on board appointment consideration.

Tom Anglebrandt- Presented a packet to each member to review

Ken Kronner – Commented on his shed placement

Rod Adams – Questioned the total cost of the bandshell and why wasn't labor included in the total cost.

Peggy Stencil – Commented on board appointments

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion by Foerster, seconded by Schultz to approve the agenda as presented

All Ayes

Motion carried

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

A. ABSENCE- No absences

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES– Motion by Ruffini, seconded by Schultz to approve the minutes from of from the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting, November 28, 2011.

All Ayes

Motion carried

C. MEETINGS AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE –

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Foerster to approve the Meeting and Holiday Schedule to 2012.

All Ayes

Motion carried

D. LBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS–

Motion by Foerster, seconded by Schultz to approve the 2012 LBA Calendar of Events

Discussion-

Muoio – Concerns about the fireworks being held on June 30th.

All Ayes

Motion carried

E. TIERNEY PARK BANDSHELL –

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Foerster to approve the naming and the dedication of the Tierney Park Bandshell, George Stewart, Musician and Community Activist.

Discussion

Mills- Cindy Stewart was unable to attend this evening, dedication to take place in the Spring at the Park.

Roll Call

Ayes: Muoio, Foerster, Schultz, Oldford, Ruffini, Mills

Nays: None

Motion carried

F. COMMUNITY CENTER RULES AND APPLICATION FORM -

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Foerster to approve the Community Center Rules and Application Form.

Discussion-

Ruffini – Asked Kosht if there has been any inquiries about the use of the hall and are we making any necessary repairs before renting out?

Kosht –Hall pretty much ready to go, and cleaning to be done over the holidays.

Ruffini- Have we passed all requirements and licensing that is necessary.

Kosht – Only requirement is a capacity sign and have contacted the fire department for that.

We have had some inquiries but nothing recently

Schultz- Who will be the contact person

Kosht - myself

All Ayes

Motion carried

G. SENSUS INVOICE –

Motion by Oldford, seconded by Schultz to approve the payment of \$1452 to Sensus, \$726 to be paid from the Water Fund, 591-593-810-000 and \$726 to be paid from the Sewer Fund, 590-590-810-000.

Roll Call

Ayes: Oldford, Schultz, Ruffini, Muoio, Foerster, Mills

Nays: None

Motion carried

H. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Motion by Mills, seconded by Muoio to recommend Jackie Huepenbecker to the Planning Commission.

Discussion-

Muoio- Feels Jackie Huepenbecker will be a good addition to the Planning Commission

Foerster – Make sure that Jackie Huepenbecker has an unbiased opinion when it comes to the issues going on at this time. Taking into consideration all the propaganda out on the issues.

Roll Call

Ayes: Mills, Muoio, Schultz, Oldford, Ruffini, Foerster

Nays: None

Motion carried

I. DDA BOARD APPOINTMENT –

Motion by Mills, seconded by Muoio to recommend the appointment of Steve French to the Downtown Development Authority

Discussion-

Oldford- Happen to know that the configuration of the DDA at this time is illegal, it requires that a majority of the members, either have a business or work at a business within the DDA.

Mills – One of the handicaps in being a Village with a DDA that has such a small area. I think we have a variety of members on DDA. It is hard to meet the requirements with a district so small.

Ayes: Mill, Muoio, Schultz, Ruffini

Nays: Oldford

Motion carried

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Schultz, to amend the motion to appoint Steve French with the clarification of the legality of the DDA Laws.

Discussion-

Muoio – Agree with the President, it is difficult to get citizens to participate in the various committees that are required to run a community. I do recognize Oldford has a valid concern.

Mills – Get clarification that we are functioning legally from the MML and the attorney.

Ruffini – How many openings do we have on the DDA and was it advertised.

Muoio-I have been asking people with whom I have contact and encourage them to become involved, I did talk to Steve French, but some people do not have the time or interest

Foerster – Cited the act for the DDA, no less than the majority of members shall be persons having an interest of property in the Downtown District.

Ayes: Muoio, Schultz, Oldford, Ruffini, Foerster, Mills

Nays: Oldford

Motion carried

LMMHP

J. DESK PURCHASE –

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Foerster, to approve the purchase of a desk for the MHP office at the cost of \$1899.

Discussion-

Muoio –With reconfiguration of the Village Hall and the Community Center is the activity at the MHP going to continue to be there, that would require a new desk.

Kosht – Yes, Cheryl is working up at the office from time to time during Cindy's absence.

Ruffini – What fund with the money be taken from

Kosht – Mobile Home Park Fund

Roll Call

Ayes: Schultz, Foerster, Oldford, Ruffini, Muoio, Mills

Nays: None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Oldford, seconded by Foerster to approve the check register and financial reports as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Oldford, Foerster, Schultz, Ruffini, Muoio, Mills

Nays: None

Motion carried

MANAGER’S REPORT

Water meter replacement program – So far this year meter replacement 33 out of 47 have been replaced

Water main line replacement – Tom Marvin is working on a plan to start replacing water lines
DEQ water analysis- DEQ has agreed with our analysis regarding the microfiltration system and are not required to replace it- save an enormous amount of future debt

Ice rink completed

Tree removal is finished except for the stump grinding and clean up.

Tree removal by DPW underway

Leaf pick up completed – ran longer, but cost less this year

Floor plans located, Marvin working on plans for the remodeling the council chambers to office space and relocating the council chambers to the Community Center

Looking for grants for the water line replacement

CORRESPONDENCE –

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Rod Adams -

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Mills – Fire Department Advisory Committee held its first meeting. Thanks to the Clerk fine job doing the Planning Commission minutes for the public hearing as well as the regular meeting. They were long and difficult. Thanked Anita for a fine job obtaining a \$500 grant from DTE for the ice rink

Ruffini – Thanked DTE for the \$500 grant for the ice rink. Thanks to Terry Nolan for the Horse Parade. Great turn out and really appreciate what she did.

Muoio- Commented on the great turn out of the Horse Parade. Also have had a lot of experience with putting together plans and done so by people with a lot of experience and as it is noted plans do have to be signed by an engineer.

Foerster – Commented on the correspondence from Larry Tyson, commended Oldford, Mills. It is an insult to the intelligence to the community. Lexington’s prosperity is and always will be the goal of the Council. Thanked Anita Ruffini for getting the grant.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Foerster, seconded by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at

7:45 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried