

Regular Council

April 20,

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Jarvis presiding.

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Keith Bacin, Rodney Earick, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Michael Benson, and Alexander Rocks.

Other officials are present: Law Director John Studenmund, Administrator Peter Them, and Chief Troy Weaver.

Residents and other guests: Erin Slusher 951 Lexdale Lane, Caitlin Duncan 337 West Main Street, Robert Price of 440 Clearview Road, Asher Price of 440 Clearview Road, Adam McElroy of 139 Popular Street, Cub Pack 152 of 29 Otterbein Drive, and Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road.

Motion by LITTLE to
Excuse Councilman Kelley.
Seconded by EARICK.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes
of April 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by ROCKS.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 1 (Benson).
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by KEARNS to set the time of adjournment
for 8:15 p.m. Seconded by BACIN.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Jarvis requested any Village resident wishing to address Council concerning Council business to please stand, state their name and address for the record, and their purpose for attending Council.

BJ Price of Clearview Road asked for updates regarding the village's skate park equipment. It will be listed on govDeals. Mr. Price stressed they are ready to buy the equipment and have already lined up a freight option for picking up.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Personnel: Still waiting for date to hold meeting to update Personnel Handbook.

Finance: No report.

Safety Service: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

Public Utilities: No report.

Streets & Sidewalks: Bid opening for annual paving is May 10th at 10:am; Village Hall.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Village Administrator Peter them:

Report on finance by Mr. Them, all complete and balanced.

Thank you to Cypress Hill Academy, students and instructors, for helping clean up our parks after all the flooding. Multiple truck loads of debris were removed. Over 200 manhours were used for the cleanup.

ASE will start construction on Essex Road access next week.

Street sweeping schedule: May 1st, July 1st, and the second week in September.

Councilman Little asked if notices have been sent to property owners regarding their overgrown yards. Mr. Them replied he is waiting for a couple days of dry weather before addressing the issue.

Councilman Bacin noted during the last storm there was electrical arcing at the main service line and tree located near Kell Hardware. Mr. Bacin asked if the tree close to pizza shop is ours to trim or does AEP trim? Mr. Them will research.

Council President Kearns noted State Route 97 will be closed April 27 for five days and may have traffic impact on the Village. Mr. Kearns noted the rerouting will keep semitrucks out of the area. Mayor Jarvis reported work is being done at the two culverts located near Vanderbilt Road. It is a five-day project. An alternate route is posted. This is an emergency project and did not have ample time to get notice out to the public. Mayor Jarvis added that ODOT is definitely trying to complete the task with very little closure time.

Councilman Benson asked about cleaning up the debris piles in the Clear Fork River within Village limits. Mr. Them is currently consulting with Richland County Engineers. Mayor Jarvis added that clearing out the Clear Fork does have repercussions downstream. If cleared, there are estimates that there will be no bridge in Bellville; Bellville needs the natural barriers. Mr. Benson noted when the overlook at the Depot is complete, all should be clean/beautiful.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

2026 budget is complete and big thank you goes to Peter Them, Chief Weaver, and Council. All your work is appreciated.

We continue our work getting the gazebo to the square.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

As reported by Chief Weaver:

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Chief Weaver report Drug Take Back is this Saturday in parking lot behind Village Hall from 10am till 2pm.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Keith Bacin: No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 26-09 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR APRIL FOR AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR APRIL FOR PARKS, ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL FUND, STREETS C, M, & R, DEPOT SENIOR CENTER, SEWER AND WATER FUNDS, GENERAL FUND UNALLOCATED, STREET LEVY UNALLOCATED, DEPOT SENIOR CENTER UNALLOCATED, SEWER FUND UNALLOCATED, AND WATER FUND UNALLOCATED.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by BENSON.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 26-13 by Mr. Bacin

Motion by BACIN to amend
Resolution No. 26-13 and add
“and declaring an emergency”

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION PERMITTING FARMER’S MARKETS IN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by BACIN to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.

Seconded by ROCKS.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by BACIN to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution is read on
two separate occasions.

Seconded by ROCKS.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by BACIN to adopt.

Seconded by ROCKS.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were made.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were made.

Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor