

Regular Council

December 15,

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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: Council President Wynn Kearns, Keith Bacin, Michael Benson, Rodney Earick, Kim Little, Jeff O'Brien, and Todd Wise.

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

Attending also: Jesse Halfhill of 2681 Marion Avenue Road, Robert Kelley III of 96 Mayfair Road, Carolyn Jones of 40 Devon Road, Dave Gibson of 187 Kimberwick Court, and Brian White of 526 Cedarwood Drive.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by O'BRIEN to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by KEARNS to set the time of adjournment for 8:20 p.m. Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; 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.

Ben Morganstern of Delaware Street complimented the Street Department on a job well done with snow plowing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Personnel: Still waiting to set date to update the personnel handbook.

Finance: Met tonight. Paperwork in order for Ordinance 25-35.

Safety Service: No report.

Public Utilities: No report.

Streets & Sidewalks: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Them:

Tree City USA paperwork submitted for our 40th year qualifying as Tree City.

Thank you to Councilman O'Brien and Councilman Wise for your service to the Village. It has been an honor working with you both.

Councilman Little noted several signs have been buried by the snowplows, as well as several fire hydrants. Mr. Little asked that the reindeer have eyes painted on both sides of their faces. Mr. Little also noted construction materials on Highridge Road making snow plowing difficult. Mr. Them replied that this is likely Brightspeed and he will notify them.

Councilman O'Brien asked about pipe stacked on village property along Plymouth Street. Mr. Them replied, in agreement with City of Mansfield, they are temporarily storing the pipe to keep clear of the roadway and to increase safety and improve traffic flow. The pipe will be used for updating Mansfield City water line from the well field to the pump station.

Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

Ordinance 25-36 appropriations will satisfy our budget through the rest of 2025.

Thank you Peter Them for the excellent job done.

Motion by KEARNS to allow Administrative Director to authorize up to \$5,000.00 without Council approval and adjust across fund line items for 2025 fiscal year until December 31, 2025. Report to Council of any adjustments at January 5, 2026 Council meeting.

Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

I would request a motion approving an additional four hours to Christmas Eve Day for employees to enjoy the entire day.

Motion by KEARNS to authorize extra four (4) hours Christmas Eve vacation schedule for all Village employees.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 - 0.

Motion carried.

Councilman Little presented two pieces of artwork for the Village. Images drawn by artist Linda McFarlin of Lexington's Village Hall and Lexington Depot.

Councilman Wise asked if base of old fountain on square will be put to use? Mayor Jarvis, after careful study, reported that plans are to revamp the fountain into a working fireplace.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As presented by Chief Troy Weaver:

We will list the old cruiser, that did not previously sell, again on Govdeals.com for seven days.

Officers will be patrolling extra time, due to recent complaints, regarding speeding on Steam Corners. We will also patrol Berkshire Road area due to recent complaints regarding 24-hour parking.

Thank you to both Councilman Wise and Councilman O'Brien for your time and help.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Bacin:

Reminder December 18th at 7:00 p.m. is the swearing in for new Council Members and two township Trustees to be held at the Depot.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 25-35 by Mr. Little
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR
CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE
VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2026.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by O'BRIEN.

Roll call: 7; Yeas; 0; Nays; 0 Abstains.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-36 by Mr. Little
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND
APPROPRIATIONS FOR DECEMBER 15, 2025, FOR GENERAL, THE SECURITY
FUND, ADMINISTRATION, COUNCIL, FINANCE, INCOME TAX, PARKS, STREET
C,M,&R, ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY, SEWER, AND WATER FUNDS.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that an Ordinance comes from a
standing committee.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by WISE.

DISCUSSION: Amended with year 2025 included. Yearly task used to get us to the
finish line.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No comments made.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Little asked to get price for lighting the bridge Christmas 2026.
Mayor Jarvis thanked Councilman O'Brien and Councilman Wise for their
service to the Village as Councilmen.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Bacin asked about sign up sheet used for municipal car, noting the
last date **per log** was for October 10th. Mr. Them stated it is used other times, the sign up
sheet is used for insuring the vehicle is available for prior commitments.

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Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor