

Regular Council

December 18,

2023

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

**ROLL CALL**

The following Village Council members were present: Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Bob Jarvis, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Jeff O’Brien and Todd Wise.  
Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Troy Weaver, Village Administrator Andrew Smallstey , and Assistant Finance Director Peter Them.  
Residents and other guests: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive, Aaron Hoptry of 72 Tamarac Drive, and Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by O’BRIEN to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.  
Seconded by GONGWER.  
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 1(Alleshouse).  
Motion carried.

**FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment for 8:17 p.m. Seconded by KEARNS.  
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.  
Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

Mayor White 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.  
No comments were heard.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: Finance met 12.18.23 before this council meeting and the committee made motion to approve budget as planned.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report

**FINANCE REPORT**

Motion by LITTLE to accept December Financial Report.  
Seconded by WISE.  
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

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Motion carried.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

Two water breaks were reported. Holiday Hill and Highridge Roads were affected by the break. We will wait till Spring to do permanent repairs.

There are only 23 meters in need of upgrade to the new meters. The contractor work has been discontinued and village employees will install the remaining meters.

Big thank you to Chief Weaver and Finance Peter Them for assisting for our 2024 budget.

We received State approval for Tree City USA 2023.

Mr. Them will take over Administrative reports starting January 2, 2024.

Councilman O'Brien asked if Cemetery will need to apply for sign permit for entry at the Cemetery. Mr. Smallstey confirmed they will need to talk to the Village and County.

Councilman Alleshouse commended the new pickleball court.

### **Mayor's report**

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Consolidated Electric donated \$1,000.00 to the Senior Depot.

Previous Police Chief Frank Foti passed away this past week.

I have applied for state funding for the Main Street Funding improvement project.

Mayor White closed with stating this is his last Council meeting and it has been a privilege serving as Councilman for 18 years and as Mayor for the last four years. Mayor White noted this is Councilman Alleshouse and Councilman Jarvis last meeting also. Councilman Jarvis will become Mayor Jarvis as of January 1, 2024.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Two newly hired officers will be cleared starting next week.

SRO is also ready to go full-time giving us two full-time SRO.

Thank you to Administrator Smallstey and Mayor White for all their support.

The digital signs will be down briefly while we update the software program.

### **PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT**

As reported by Parliamentarian Adam Gongwer:

Swearing in Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at Senior Depot at 6:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 23-36 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 2024.**

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by GONGWER.

DISCUSSION: Thank you to Finance Committee and their excellent work.

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

Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 23-37 by Mr. Little**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR DECEMBER FOR THE POLICE, COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT, PARKS, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, LANDS AND BUILDINGS, STREETS C, M, & R, STREET LEVY, ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY, SEWER, AND WATER FUNDS.**

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

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

DISCUSSION: Moves necessary for end of year.

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Kearns thanked those who assisted putting the Cemetery on the Village website.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council President Jarvis invited everyone to stay after Council for cake for Councilman Alleshouse and Mayor White.

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

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda J. Wilson  
Clerk of Council

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Brian White  
Mayor