

Regular Council

February 2,

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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, Robert Kelley, Kim Little, and Alexander Rocks.

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

Residents and other guests: Jesse Halfhill of 2081 Marion Avenue Road and Jeff Miller of 125 South Mill Street.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by ROCKS.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains 1: Kearns.

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by KEARNS to set the time of adjournment for 8:10 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. No comments were heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Finance: Bills for January have been reviewed and approved.

Safety Service: Capital budget meeting was held prior to Council and motion was made to present to Finance Committee as requested.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

Public Utilities: No report

Streets & Sidewalks: Compliments to Street Department for keeping the Village plowed and safe. Mayor Jarvis added Parks and Water Department also working to keep our streets clean.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Peter Them:

The Village's most recent audit of Lexington's finances for 2023 and 2024 has passed the desk review and will be certified/released in the coming weeks by the Auditor of the State for public consumption and review. Councilman Rocks confirmed the Village is audited every two years.

I have held few discussions with ODOT District 3 regarding signage along State Route 97 and Castor Roads. We have the ability to add signage at our costs and maintenance of those signs would be our responsibility. In ODOT's right-of-way, there are some requirements/restrictions that the Village will need to follow. I have received a quote for the "truck route" and "directional arrow" signs – approximately \$100.00 per set with pole and hardware. Working with the Chief to determine any additional signage. Looking into a few signs on Castor Road, facing State Route 97, along the lines of "Through trucks prohibited" or something similar.

A notice, from Arcadis, was mailed to property owners/tenants with unknown water service lines and should have been received today. Arcadis is the company helping the Village to complete their Lead Line Service Inventory. This notice details the steps taking place to complete inventory. Part of the identification process also started today with a contractor, Kelley Brothers, doing 'potholing'; completing two points of inspection along the service line at unknown service address. The process should take approximately five weeks to complete. These services are at no cost to the Village.

I want to give shout out to all Service Departments after most recent snow event. The Street Department did a fantastic job keeping the streets clear. The Parks Department did a phenomenal job keeping the Village lots and sidewalks clear. The Water & Sewer repaired a couple of water breaks in record time. All employees helped various departments during the last few weeks to keep everything moving forward. As of this afternoon, all known mailboxes damaged during the blizzard have been repaired or replaced.

Reminder: committee meetings for capital expenditures are currently listed for the following dates: Safety Service – February 2nd at 6:pm; Streets & Sidewalks – February 16th at 6:pm; Public Utilities – March 2nd at 6:pm; Buildings & Grounds – March 16th at 6:pm and Finance – March 16th immediately following the Council meeting. This will leave April 6th for another Finance meeting if necessary.

Councilman Little noted streetlight at corner of Salem and Steam Corners roads is not working. Mr. Little asked that we remove the snow off the speed limits signs and also solar panel signs.

Councilman Earick asked to review possible mulching company to mulch the pile that is currently down by the sewer plant. Mr. Them added the current mulching company are the one responsible to haul the chipped wood away. Mr. Them will review other possible options.

Councilman Bacin complimented Mr. Them and Village employees for attending so quickly to downed mailboxes throughout the snowstorm. Mr. Bacin questioned the status of old State Farm building. Mr. Bacin asked for improvement of Village signs welcoming people to the town. Mr. Them stated he is currently working with Doug at Spyder signs to upgrade them. Councilman Little noted all welcoming signs to the Village could include landscaping to improve the appearance.

Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

I attended mayoral vision panel at Mid-Ohio Center with Richland County Chamber of Commerce. It was well attended with very good conversations.

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Police Chief Report

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Chief Weaver thanked all residents who followed our request to remove all vehicles from the snow-covered streets. All went very well. No tickets were issued and no towing.

We held our budget meeting for the department before Council. All went very well.

We applied for a grant for police vests.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Keith Bacin: No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 26-02 by Mr. Kearns

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A 2026 CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTION WITH THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF TROY TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by KEARNS to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Yearly task. Councilman Bacin asked if we have revisited the costs of the Resolution. Mayor Jarvis noted that \$4,000.00 per year is reasonable and proposed by Troy Twp.

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were made.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were made.

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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 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor