

Regular Council

February 6,

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

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Bob Jarvis, Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Kim Little, Jeff O'Brien, and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, and Administrator Andrew Smallstey.

Residents and other guests: Mike Mitchell of 410 Fox Road; Ben and David Morgenstern of 19 ½ Delaware, and Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood.

Motion by O'BRIEN to excuse
Councilman Kearns.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes
of January 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. Yea: 4; Nays: 0; Abstain: 2 (Jarvis & Wise).

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment
for 8:30 p.m. Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: January bills have been approved.

SAFETY SERVICE: Committee met before Council for budgeting.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

Notice of approval for OWDA loan funding the water meter replacement program was received. Disbursements to Veolia will be handled directly by OWDA and Village will begin bi-annual loan payments in 2025.

Water main break on Yorkshire last week. All repaired in few hours.

Several Village streetlights poles are out on the south side of East Main between the square and bridge. A more significant repair will be necessary.

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We have scheduled field review visit from Burgess & Niple for East Main Street Safety Improvement Project for February 21st at 1:00 p.m.

A couple of insurance claims have been discussed for reimbursement. The fire hydrant on West Main Street and the digital speed sign on Plymouth were covered. We have received funds for the hydrant and the speed sign is being processed.

The property on Short Street has been turned over to Richland County Codes and Permits.

Council President Jarvis, also member of Village Planning Commission read the following for a motion:

The Village of Lexington Planning Commission has recommended a setback variance for parcel #0482712517072 at 17 Otterbein Court for the addition of a 12' by 20' attached garage. The variance will allow for a three-foot property setback instead of the standard eight-foot requirement in an R-1 zoned district.

Motion by JARVIS to approve the
Setback variance for 17 Otterbein Court.
Seconded by WISE.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Motion by WISE to accept the Active Transportation Plan as recommended by Planning Commission to be used as a guideline for the Village of Lexington.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

Any illegal dumping at the recycling location on Mill Street will be referred to Mayor's Court. Previously the county was handling the offenses. Attorney Studenmund stressed that Village residents need to put the recycling in the containers and not on the ground. There are cameras surrounding the site.

Councilman Gongwer asked the brush pile restrictions trail sign to be upgraded. Any items that are NOT permitted have faded and cannot be read.

I will be attending the RCDC/Chamber's monthly meeting as a representative of Lexington.

Currently there is a county-wide housing study; I will be a consultant for the Village.

New business, Jackie's Cheesecake, ribbon cutting will be held February 17th at 10:am.

I will be attending the Transportation Oversight Committee to assist with current assessment and surveys for the Village. The Village is currently underserved.

Please RSVP with Brenda for Regional Planning Dinner on the 22nd of February.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley:

Old cruiser sold for \$6,000.00.

A portion of capital expenses need immediate approval to avoid rising costs:

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Motion by O'BRIEN to approve the
immediate purchase of cruiser up-fit at \$14,000.00
and Flock LPR at \$14,250.00 for total of \$28,250.00.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Parliamentarian Councilman Gongwer:

No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS None

OLD BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were heard.

Motion by JARVIS to adjourn to
Executive Session to consider
appointment of public official.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

Mayor White stated no action will be taken.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

Motion by JARVIS to reconvene
to Regular Council Session.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

Council reconvened to Regular Session at 8:06 p.m.

Motion carried.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor