

Regular Council

January 5,

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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: Law Director John Studenmund, Finance Director James Banks, Administrator Peter Them, Parks Supervisor Todd Ward, and Chief Troy Weaver.

Residents and other guests: Jesse Halfhill of 2081 Marion Avenue Road, Charles Comstock of 198 Essex Road, and Christina Thompson of 71 Dartmouth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REORGANIZATION 2026 VILLAGE OFFICIALS

BACIN nominated Councilman Wynn Kearns
for Council President/Pro Tempore
Seconded by BACIN.

Nomination by LITTLE to close nominations
for Council President/Pro Tempore and vote
unanimously for Wynn Kearns for Council President/Pro Tempore.
Seconded by BACIN.

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

KEARNS nominated Councilman Keith Bacin
for Council Parliamentarian
and close nominations for Parliamentarian.
Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Mr. Wynn Kearns is Council President/Pro Tempore for Village Council 2026 by unanimous vote.

Mr. Keith Bacin is Parliamentarian for Village Council 2026 by unanimous vote.

Council President/Pro Tempore Wynn Kearns announced the 2026 Standing Committees members and chairmen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes
of December 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 2 (Kelley and Rocks).
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. No comments were heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Bills for December have been checked and approved.

Buildings & Grounds: No report

Public Utilities: No report

Rules & Personnel: Looking to hold meeting to update Personnel Handbook.

Safety Service: No report

Streets & Sidewalks: No report

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Finance Director James Banks:

Bills through December 2025 have been reviewed.

Motion by LITTLE to approve
Finance report as presented by
Director James Banks.
Seconded by BACIN.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Peter Them:

Welcome Councilman Kelley and Councilman Rocks.

Councilman Little noted the front steps leading to Village Hall have become deteriorated over the years. Mr. Them reported the contractor is coming this month to review and give an estimate. Mr. Little noted letters missing from Eugene R. Parkison building; Mr. Them said they are in and will be installed shortly thereafter. Mr. Little noted the asphalt patching in front of the drive-through needs another patch.

Councilman Bacin noted two dead trees, possibly in the right-of-way at corner of Delaware and Maple Street. Mr. Them has reviewed and will give us a quote soon. Mr. Bacin commended the street crew for excellent snow removal the past couple of weeks.

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Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

We will be putting bid out shortly for Lexington Depot improvements.

Councilman Bacin asked for update regarding connector Road. Mayor Jarvis stated he has just received the Engineers' opinion. It was noted that the KEM are recommending the connector road and will review for possible grants. Mayor Jarvis reminded all this plan is still ten years in the making.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Chief Weaver welcome two new Councilmembers. Old cruiser was sold on gov deals for \$3,300.00 from buyer in Tennessee. They will be picking up the vehicle on Tuesday.

There was an armed robbery at Subway in Lexington. We have arrested the thief. Many Ohio counties assisted with the capture. No one was hurt in the robbery. Mayor Jarvis commended the law officers for their fantastic and amazing work on the robbery and apprehension of the perpetrator.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Keith Bacin

No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 26-01 by Mr. Kearns

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON TO SELL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026.

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.

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

Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Little asked for removal of the large coil at end of Highridge.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were made.

Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by KEARNS.

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