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

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Keith Bacin, Michael Benson, Rodney Earick, Kim Little, Jeff O'Brien and Todd Wise.
Other officials present: Law Director John Studenmund, Finance Director Jim Banks, and Chief Troy Weaver.
Residents and other guests: Christina Thompson of 71 Dartmouth Drive and Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road.

Motion by O'BRIEN
Excusing Councilman Kearns.
Seconded by EARICK.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by O'BRIEN to approve the minutes
of June 2, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by WISE to set the time of adjournment
for 8:15 p.m. Seconded by BACIN
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: TAX BUDGET; FISCAL YEAR 2026

Mayor Jarvis noted that this is an annual public hearing.
No comments were made.

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.

Mr. Comstock of Essex Circle noted the Village website has several items that are outdated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Rules & Personnel: Committee will meet couple of months regarding Employee handbook.
Finance: No report.
Safety Service: No report.
Public Utilities: No report.
Streets & Sidewalks: No report.
Buildings & Grounds: Councilman Earick approved the rendering of the Village's parks.

FINANCE REPORT
As presented by Finance Director James Banks:

All accounts have been reconciled through May. All accounts are balanced including and up through May 31, 2025.

Motion by LITTLE to approve Finance report.
Second by BACIN.
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
As presented by Administrator Them:

Outside wall of Village Hall has been repaired.

All air-conditioners have been installed.

Markings on the streets are for upcoming paving project.

Need motion for EPA grant monies for permanent generator at 42 South plant. Costs will be less than $46,000.00.

Motion by WISE to approve grant monies
For US Route 42 South water tower generator.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.

Councilman O'Brien noticed a couple of letters are missing on front of Town Hall. Mr. Them is in process of ordering new, stronger letters.

Councilman Little observed developing puddled holes on Main Street. Mr. Them said Oyster will be doing the repairs. Approximate costs will be $6,000.00. Mr. Little asked if the wrongful placed shed on Highridge Road has been addressed.

Councilman Bacin asked if the Village has regulations regarding door-to-door salespersons. Mr. Them stated the salesperson is required to fill out form for the Village that includes a background check.

Councilman Wise asked how the document imaging task was progressing. Mr. Them replied there is one more piece to be completed.

Mr. Them noted the toy train located at Community Park was rebuilt, painted and returned to the park by Lexington Church of the Christ.

Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

US Route 42 culvert planning has begun. We received lot from Mr. Hoffman. Construction starts August 1, 2026.

Main Street Safety Corridor project is running late. July 20, 2025 they will be awarding construction. Construction to begin September 2025.

New elementary school will be built where Western Elementary stands.

HB 335 is currently pulled, but at one point, if passed by the state legislature would have resulted in $465,000 less money going to the Village.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Weaver:

New radars have been delivered. Old radars were 25 years old.

No issues at any races; few fireworks phone calls were taken.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reporter by Parliamentarian Keith Bacin:

We continue with summer schedule through August. Petitions for Council seats must be submitted by August 6, 2025.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.25-19 by Mr. Little

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution is read on
two separate occasions.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to adopt.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.

DISCUSSION: Yearly task.

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

Resolution No. 25-20 by Mr. Little

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADDITION AND REMOVAL OF VILLAGE

OFFICIALS TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS AND A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT MECHANICS BANK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Ordinance is read on
two separate occasions.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to adopt.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.

DISCUSSION: Housekeeping task.

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

Resolution No. 25-21 by Mr. Wise

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A WATER TANK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC.

Motion by WISE to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by WISE to waive rules of Council
requiring that a
resolution is read on
two separate occasions.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by WISE to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Maintenance for water tank on US Route 42. Painting, cleaning, etc. Already built into the budget.

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

Ordinance No. 25-22 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2025 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that an Ordinance comes from a
standing committee.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that an Ordinance is read on
two separate occasions.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to adopt.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.

DISCUSSION: Monies used toward Lexington Senior Center windows.

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

Resolution No. 25-23 by Mr. Little
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE BASED ON A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Ordinance is read on
two separate occasions.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to adopt.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.

DISCUSSION: Pertaining to fifteen-year maintenance agreement for water meters. This was not built into the budget. Funds will be take from sewer 2026 funds.

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

Resolution No. 25-24 by Mr. Benson
A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO

DEPARTMENT OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR A NEW SIDEWALK AND MULTI-USE PATH ALONG PLYMOUTH STREET WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by BENSON to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by BENSON to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Ordinance is read on
two separate occasions.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by BENSON to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Housekeeping task for ODOT. Legislation necessary first before project can start.

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

Motion by BACIN to extend time of adjournment
to 8:30 p.m. Seconded by WISE.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 25-25 by Mr. Little
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PERMANENT BUDGET AMENTMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR JULY FOR LEXINGTON GENERAL AND SEWER FUNDS.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that an Ordinance comes from a
standing committee.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that an Ordinance is read on
two separate occasions.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.
Motion by LITTLE to adopt.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.

DISCUSSION: Monies for outside wall repairs and meter replacement.

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

OLD BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Bacin noted the resignation of the village's part time administrative assistant. Mr. Bacin discussed that the employee had resigned because of not receiving proper direction in their job duties and responsibilities. Mr. Bacin was also concerned about getting the position filled quickly so that Village performance did not suffer. Mr. Bacin also inquired as to whether the position could also help with zoning issues. Mayor Jarvis responded that it is something that could be looked at. Mr. Them responded that the employee had only resigned a couple of weeks ago and that the position was just recently vacated. Chief Weaver noted in the past that the Police Department would partner with the Administrator as zoning inspector. That would be another avenue to explore. Mr. Bacin said the Village needs to be more pro-active addressing the zoning infractions. Mr. Them is actively pursuing filling the Part time Administrative Assistant position.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton	Bob Jarvis
Clerk of Council	Mayor