

Regular Council

March 1,

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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, Katie Getz, Adam Gongwer, Darrell Starr-Jude, Kim Little, and Todd Wise.

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

Residents and others present: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive.

Motion by JARVIS 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 March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.  
Seconded by STARR-JUDE.

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

**FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment  
for 8:10 p.m. Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; 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: Committee met at 6:15 p.m. before tonight's Council Session.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Minutes from March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting are approved.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Committee will meet April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**FINANCE REPORT**

As reported by Finance Director Jim Banks:

Books are balanced. No additional adjustments were necessary. March report has been corrected to reflect proper balance.

Motion by LITTLE to accept  
March Finance report.

Seconded by STARR-JUDE.

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

Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

I am very pleased with street resurfacing bids for our 2021 season. We will be awarding the bid with Legislation April 5<sup>th</sup>. We are roughly \$60K under engineer estimates. This is mainly due to current price of asphalt and perhaps early bidding.

Tristan Kraft, currently with the Street Department, has elected to transfer to water/sewer to fill their vacancy. We will now shift focus to filling street department slot.

We had a significant water main break at Holiday Hill and Pembroke over the weekend. Normal water distribution runs at 400K gallons daily, Saturday registered 800K. The leak was repaired Sunday. Street Department will be repairing the roadway and significant washout on Pembroke Boulevard.

Richland County Solid Waste Management is conducting Earth Day event from April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>. They are searching for volunteers to help clean up the recycle bin site and pass out flyers with information on recycling. The flyer is posted in our lobby and on Village website.

Spring clean-up begins April 19<sup>th</sup> and runs through April 30<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime any sticks, limbs, and brush can be taken to our brush collection pile at 205 South Mill Street.

Councilman Little said there is an advertising sign for lawn care at entry of Woodside allotment. Mr. Little also noted the empty lot between Dollar General and The Bucket Seat is loaded with trash.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Mayor White shared Cash Report for courts with Council.

The American Rescue Plan Act COVID relief will be sending approximately \$920,000.00 for Village of Lexington. We are currently waiting for interpretation of how it is to be disbursed.

Depot Senior Center will be opening for lunches and activities April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Elks will be hosting egg hunt at Bicentennial Park April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley:

Chief Pauley commended Officer James Anderson for his quick thinking. He was flagged down by a woman on Orchard Park Road because her child was choking. Officer Anderson reacted quickly performing the Infant Heimlich Maneuver and contacting the rescue squad who transported the baby to the hospital.

**PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT**

No report.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 21-07 by Mrs. Getz**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEXINGTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR USE OF THE SOCCER FIELDS AT THE LEXINGTON PATRIOT PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by GETZ to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Getz asked Mr. Smallstey if Village or Soccer Association does the reseeding or Village employees. Mr. Smallstey stated LSA contracts it out to have their fields reseeded. Mrs. Getz inquired about installation of more lights at Patriot Park. Mr. Smallstey is speaking with representative from AEP regarding lights to be installed at the new section of Patriot Park. Conduit already exists, just need lights and meters installed. Mrs. Getz asked if possible for second entry/exit installed at Patriot Park. Mayor White suggested this be brought up at the next Buildings & Grounds committee meeting.

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

Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 21-08 by Mrs. Getz**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEXINGTON BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR USE OF THE BALL FIELDS AT THE LEXINGTON COMMUNITY PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

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Motion by GETZ to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Getz asked if this is the standard height for grass in baseball fields [three to four inches]. Mr. Smallstey confirmed it was. Mrs. Getz asked if LBSA can do the dragging. Mr. Smallstey replied LBSA does the dragging on regular basis; Village does only once a week. Councilman Little asked if LBSA uses their own equipment for dragging the fields. Mr. Smallstey confirmed they have their own equipment.

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Wise reviewed latest Steering Committee meeting. The new logo for the committee is Leverage Lexington. The committee met March 9<sup>th</sup>, analyzed the survey results. Thank you to Councilman Gongwer who registered www.LeverageLexington.org online. Council President Jarvis noted the subcommittee meeting was held at Nickel & Bean. Nice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No comments were heard.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

No comments were heard.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn

before the appointed hour.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda J. Wilson  
Clerk of Council

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Brian White  
Mayor