

Regular Council

March 7,

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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, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Jeff O’Brien, and Todd Wise.

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

Residents and others present: Michael Mitchell of 410 Fox Road; Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive; and Greg Boyce of Hunters Ridge.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes of February 21, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by GETZ.

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

Motion carried.

**FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment for 8:15 p.m. Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; 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 will meet March 21<sup>st</sup> to review final budget plan. Last month’s bills have been checked and approved.

SAFETY SERVICE: Committee met tonight before Council. Committee is sending for Finance approval proposed budget for police. Committee also discussed future endeavors and retaining Police Officers.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Committee meets after tonight’s Council.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: Committee met February 21<sup>st</sup>; minutes are approved.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Committee met last Wednesday. Minutes are approved. Park Board meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

**FINANCE REPORT**

No report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

Bid opening for 2022 resurfacing project was held February 24<sup>th</sup>. Sarver Paving was low bid at \$164,421.50. With this low bid we will add Kell Alley and adjustments necessary for Orchard Park Road.

Park restrooms are usually opened second week in April. We are monitoring the weather to open early if feasible.

Reilly Sweeping will be sweeping the streets for 2022. There is no increase in price. Three sweeps will be performed throughout the Village.

I spoke with Adam Gove, Richland County's Engineer, regarding bridge on Lexington-Ontario Road at Bicentennial Park who assured me that the bridge continues to pass regular inspections. This also applies to the bridge on Lexington-Springmill Road. Mayor White noted the inspections done by the County are very thorough and extensive.

I met with Tim Seikel, insurance adjuster for our insurance carrier, to walk the square and inspect fiber boring damage. Determination who will pay for the damage is ongoing. I have initiated the claim for damage to traffic light from the oversized load.

Councilman Little noticed the two retention ponds in Woodside are cloudy and the other one very brown after all the recent rain.

*The Village of Lexington Planning Commission has received a commercial zoning request from the Richland County Board of Park Commissioners. After review, Planning Commission has recommended the zoning approval of a 1,200 square foot equipment maintenance building and a 600 square foot open-air picnic pavilion on parcel #0482713603004; located near 205 South Mill Street along the Richland B & O Trail.*

*Motion by JARVIS to approve  
Planning Commission's zoning request for  
Parcel #0482713603004.  
Seconded by LITTLE.  
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.  
Motion carried.*

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

House Bill 519 has resurfaced through Ways & Means Committee. This pertains to restrictions on tax filing. The Mayor is not in favor of this bill.

Read a Proclamation for Mr. Lewis Ryan's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at Kell Hardware. Mr. Ryan has lived in the Village for 96 years.

Read a Proclamation for Eagle Scout Isaac Peebles. His project to achieve this status was clearing paths to the river in Patriot Park and planting flowers around the trees planted last year.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley:

We were too late to order Ford Hybrid cruiser.

### **PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT**

As reported by Councilman Adam Gongwer: No report.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04 BY MR. LITTLE  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARCH FOR SECURITY, GENERAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT 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: 7-0.

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: 7-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by O'BRIEN.

DISCUSSION: Monies moved for officers, equipment and return seizure money to prosecutor's office.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-05 BY MRS. GETZ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEXINGTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF THE SOCCER FIELDS AT LEXINGTON PATRIOT PARK.

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

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by GETZ to adopt.

Seconded by KEARNS.

DISCUSSION: Reviewed and approved by Park Board.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-06 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.

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

Seconded by OBRIEN.

Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.

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Motion carried.

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

Seconded by OBRIEN.

Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by GETZ to adopt.

Seconded by OBRIEN.

DISCUSSION: Reviewed and approved by Park Board .

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No comments were heard.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion regarding soccer bleachers has returned to the Soccer Board.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Councilman Gongwer asked about status regarding shipping containers in the Village.  
Attorney Studenmund has conferred with Columbus Attorney, who advised three weeks  
was sufficient time for the unit to be sold and gone.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn  
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by KEARNS.

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

Motion carried.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda J. Wilson  
Clerk of Council

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Brian White  
Mayor