

Regular Council

May 2,

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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, and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, Administrator Andy Smallstey, Troy Township Trustee Jeff Carter, and Troy Township Trustee Mike Schuster, and Troy Township Trustee Tom McCready.

Residents and others present: Michael Mitchell of 410 Fox Road and Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive.

Motion by LITTLE to excuse
Councilman O'Brien.
Seconded by GETZ.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

JOINT MEETING WITH TROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Motion by LITTLE to open
Trustee Joint Meeting.
Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. Yeas: 9; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

Trustees Joint Meeting Called to Order at 7:31 p.m.

During even years, two Township Trustees serve on the Cemetery Board with one Councilmember; odd years two Councilmembers serve and one trustee. Today's election will be for 2023 seat.

Motion by KEARNS to nominate
and close nominations for Jeff O'Brien to serve
on the 2023 Cemetery Board.
Seconded by CARTER.

Roll call. Yeas: 9; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

Trustee Schuster requested joint venture with the Village to consider cross-training a Village employee for Lexington Cemetery. Jeff Worley is current Cemetery Supervisor. The Worley Family has overseen the cemetery as caretakers for the last 70 years. The joint venture would be proposed soon prior to Mr. Worley retirement. Discussion was held regarding layout of plots available and taken. Lexington Cemetery is a Union Cemetery which shares the burden of administration and operation with the Village and Township.

Mayor White asked if there are other joint municipal/township cemetery in the area. None were known by the group.

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Discussion was held regarding the availability of burial plots. This will need addressed in the near future.

Trustee McCready asked the status on the annexation of school property. Attorney Studenmund replied the annexation should be completed in the next week.

Motion by LITTLE to close joint meeting with Troy Township.

Seconded by CARTER.

Roll call. Yeas: 9; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Trustees Joint Meeting Closed at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by GETZ to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by KEARNS.

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

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

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

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.

Jeff Carter of 180 Castor Road requested mosquito spraying into the bayou behind his house. Mr. Carter also noted the storm water drain near Eastern Elementary School on Castor Road needs maintenance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: Ordinance tonight. Bills from last two months are approved.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Park Board meets tomorrow night at 6:pm to do their walk about.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

First round of street sweeping is scheduled for tomorrow and Wednesday. Residents are asked to refrain from parking on the streets during the sweep.

All monies are received for traffic light damage at the square from the directional boring and the oversized load.

We are running into numerous issues regarding purchases of capital equipment. Most of the quotes have gone up since initially obtained.

We are holding Arbor Day Celebration 2022 on May 20th at 10:00 a.m. at Patriot Park. We will be dedicating a new tree near the new pavilion and play area. Seniors from the Lexington Depot will be attending this event.

Income tax revenue is up 8.2% through the end of March 2022 compared to last year. Total of \$40,998.13. Mr. Wise commented this is not a valid direct comparison as in 2021 the deadline for file was in July.

Councilman Gongwer asked if the tree growing in the retention pond has been addressed. Mr. Smallstey confirmed that it has. Mr. Gongwer asked about curb ramp on Mayfair. Mr. Smallstey said he has addressed this also.

Council President asked with the purchase of capital equipment is the Village still in the black. Mr. Smallstey confirmed.

Councilwoman Getz asked if contact can be made with those parking on the streets and ask them to move vehicles during the street washing sessions. Mr. Smallstey replied that would be a difficult task. Mrs. Getz asked to install lock box over the heat controls in the park's restrooms.

Councilman Wise requested current repairs and amounts of repairs needed for curbs, sidewalks, and street crossings. Mr. Smallstey responded he is including these costs with the resurfacing project.

Councilman Little stated the new B&O maintenance building at the bike trail is blocking view when using the maintenance drive leaving the recycling area/street department. Sight is limited and Mr. Little is concerned a bicyclist may get hurt. Mayor White replied it is a B & O's program.

Councilman Little requested the following:

The Village of Lexington Rules & Personnel Committee, along with the Finance Committee, have reviewed, approved, and recommended further approval by Village Council of an employee Sick Leave Amendment Package and an employee Retention Package.

As such, first I would hereby request a motion from Council approving the Sick Leave Amendment Package consisting of:

- **Sick Leave Retirement Buyout Amendment**
- **Sick Leave Bonus Amendment**
- **Sick Leave Exchange Implementation**
- **Sick Leave Attendance Bonus Implementation**
- **Disciplinary Action Policy Amendment for Sick Leave in Employee Handbook with future legislation**
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**Motion by LITTLE
to recommend sick leave package approval.
Seconded by GONGWER.**

DISCUSSION: Council President asked if this was only motion; Mr. Smallstey replied that legislation will be presented after updated personnel handbook is completed.

**Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.**

I would then request an additional motion from Council approving the Employee Retention Package consisting of:

- **Retention Bonus including two year retention agreement for all full-time employees**
- **Reimbursable Fitness and Wellness Program expenses**
- **Holiday Pay Amendment for all employees**
- **Vacation Time Amendment for all full-time employees**
- **Personal Time Amendment for all full-time employees**

**Motion by LITTLE
to recommend sick leave package approval.
Seconded by GONGWER.**

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Attended Tree City USA celebration in Mt. Vernon for our 35th year recognition. Elks has requested recognition ceremony of Flag Day on the square June 14th. This is an educational presentation and all are invited.

**Motion by LITTLE
to allow Elks Club Flag Ceremony
on Village Square June 14, 2022.
Seconded by GONGWER.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.**

I attended Regional Planning with Bob Matney and Todd Wise and gave our presentation of our Comprehensive Plan for the Village. I also wrote a letter recognizing Jotika Shetty's and all her efforts she gave to the Village for this plan.

Ohio Health OBGYN office on West Main will hold their ribbon cutting on May 13th at 11:30 a.m. All are invited.

I made recommendation for Eugene Parkison to become our newest member to Richland County Regional Planning Association.

Richland County kicked off their housing survey last week. Hope to have the plan done by Halloween.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley:

Thank you Council for the passage of Councilman Little's two motions.

Officer Chris Glennon is the new representative for Lexington on Richland County's S.W.A.T.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Adam Gongwer:

Vote in tomorrow's primary.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 22-11 BY MR. LITTLE
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT AMENDMENTS AND
APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAY FOR ADMINISTRATION, SECURITY, PARKS,
FINANCE, INCOME TAX, GENERAL, STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE
& REPAIR, SEWER, WATER, AND STORM WATER FUNDS.

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

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by WISE.

DISCUSSION: Monies moved for the sick leave and retention bonuses, light repairs, and storm water payment to Richland Soil and Water.

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Commission will hold Hearing regarding Englefield Gas Station proposal on May 25th at Lexington Depot at 6:00 p.m. Executive Session will be held at 5:00 p.m. for Commission; hearing to start at 6:00 p.m.

Second Hearing date for Planning Commission and Englefield Gas Station proposal will be held on Wednesday June 29th at 6:00 p.m.

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Mayor White stressed this is not a meeting but a hearing. Stipulations may exist for setting time limit on those wishing to address this situation. A court reporter will be utilized.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Little asked if anything new regarding building at the empty lot across the street (former Decker's Depot). Mr. Smallstey replied one contract has been created but has not been presented to CIC.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Wise reminded all; meet at 6:00 p.m. May 16th to discuss possibilities of annexation.

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 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor