

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, Darrell Starr-Jude, 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: Edward P. Akinyemi of Lucas, Ohio; Joe Trolian Representative of Richland County Mental Health Board, Bob Jablonski and Amanda Bollinger of Poggemeyer Design Group; and Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Mayor White read proclamation declaring May the month of Mental Health Awareness. Joe Trolian, Executive Director of Richland County Mental Health Board, accepted the Proclamation and thanked Council for their continuous commitment to helping them.

JOINT MEETING WITH TROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Trustees Joint Meeting Called to Order at 7:36 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 2022 seat.

Motion by CARTER to nominate
and closed nominations for Mike Schuster to serve
on the 2022 Cemetery Board.
Seconded by MCCREADY.
Roll call. Yeas: 10; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

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

Trustees Joint Meeting Closed at 7:39 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by JARVIS to approve the minutes
of April 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by KEARNS.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment
for 8:25 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:

Edward P. Akinyemi was here to share S.B. 1 Bill Analysis, currently before Ohio Legislation, regarding students who are entering the ninth grade on or before July 1, 2021, are required to complete at least one half unit of instruction in financial literacy as part of the required high school curriculum. Mr. Akinyemi has previously attended many Council and Board of Education meetings to encourage support of the bill. Mr. Akinyemi expressed the importance of this Bill to become state mandated so all children graduating can be more financially prepared to adult life.

Mr. Bacin of Cedarwood asked if directional arrows can be painted on the alley between 7/11 convenience store and the old Key Bank. Many drivers assume it's a one lane alley.

Mr. Bacin also noted residents at 131 Delaware are still parking in their yard. Mr. Smallstey has sent them a letter regarding this violation.

Mr. Bacin said residents at 137 Delaware need to address their property maintenance. The Village has an Ordinance regarding the upkeep of property, Mr. Smallstey will investigate.

Mr. Bacin asked Council to address the square and its chain-linked fence property. Mr. Bacin said property maintenance ordinance should apply also for businesses and not just residents. The fenced in property is full of dirt and gravel and is very unsightly. Mr. Bacin said Council should make a push for property owners to take more pride in their property and the Village. Mayor White reminded Council, as representatives of the Village, that the Village is complaint driven; we do not act until there has been a complaint expressed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: Bills have been checked and approved for April 2021.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: We have an Ordinance tonight.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Jablonski, Representative for Poggemeyer Design Group, introduced the Village's new engineer, Amanda Bollinger. Ms. Bollinger is a recent graduate of OSU and will begin immediate working with the Village.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

We are still talking with individuals regarding the open position in the street department. We are hoping to hire a long-term employee.

I would like to ask Council for a motion to allow a one-time post season paid OHSAA Lexington softball event on Hannon Field May 14th. The high school has been using Hannon Field for regular season schedule because of the new school construction. They have qualified for the sectional finals which provides the right to host the event. The school will handle all of the work related to the event and it will not restrict any regular use of the park.

Motion by GETZ to allow one-time event
OHSAA Lexington softball event on
Hannon Field May 14, 2021.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

I have received the final site plans for new Charter Next Gen manufacturing facility on Frecka Drive. Those plans have been turned over to the Village Engineer for review. Once the review is complete, we will assemble Planning Commission for final recommendation. We have also been told that a CRA application will be filed for the new facility, however we have yet to receive the paperwork. Council President Jarvis explained the CRA is acronym for Community Reinvestment Area which involves tax abatement. This also includes new jobs/tax revenue for the Village. Mayor White reminded Council of requirements, you cannot break ground before completion of CRA application. Councilman Little asked how many jobs will be created. Mayor White said he did not with certainty and would be speculation only.

We have received three zoning requests for house on West Main St. and two on Benjamin Ct. I want to note costs for building has risen over \$30,000.00 since 2020.

Councilman Little asked if Mr. Smallstey had made rounds throughout the Village regarding residents who are not mowing. Mr. Smallstey replied he has not; he has taken a few complaints via phone messages, but that is all. Mr. Little pointed out that the owners of the fenced in area just beyond the square need to mow the outside of the fence as well as the other side.

Councilwoman Getz asked Mr. Smallstey to look at Bicentennial Park where Mid-Ohio Pipeline was parking their vehicles. The left side of the parking lot has a lot of wear and tear.

Mr. Smallstey's entire report can be seen upon request from Records Manager, Brenda Wilson.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

VFW are working on Memorial Day events. They are planning a parade and a ceremony at the cemetery, just like years in the past. This will happen Monday May 31st, parade starts at 10:00 a.m. leaving the high school, coming down Delaware, pausing at the square and finishing up at the cemetery. I ask for motion to waive parade permit fees.

Motion by LITTLE
To waive parade permit fees for
VFW Memorial Day Parade.
Seconded by STARR-JUDE.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley:

Mayor White thanked the Chief and entire police department for working diligent on the Village's recent homicide. Chief Pauley stated the parked van in lot is being used for storage for property obtained.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT

As reported by Councilman Adam Gongwer:

Voting tomorrow. Nothing in the polls regarding Lexington. New petitions for Council seat need to be taken out and will be due in August 2021.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 21-13 by Mr. Wise

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF CERTAIN VILLAGE STREETS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by WISE 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 WISE 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 LITTLE to adopt.
Seconded by KEARNS.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Resolution No. 21-43 by Mrs. Getz

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PUT YARD SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE HONORING THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 2021 GRADUATING CLASS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by GETZ to adopt.

Seconded by GONGWER.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Little requested shorter time period for display of signs. The original request was for six (6) weeks. Decision for time was limited to May 17th though June 11th. Mayor White reminded Council Members this is a Resolution based on emergency declaration only and shall have no lasting expectations.

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

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 21-15 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAY FOR GENERAL FUND, WATER, WATER FUND, AND SECURITY FUNDS.

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

Seconded by GONGWER.

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 GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by GONGWER.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Kearns asked about the abandoned vehicle on Maple Street. Mr. Smallstey stated a letter has been sent. Mr. Kearns said to commence with the next step to get rid of the car.

Councilman Wise commented the new Lexington Banners look great. Mr. Wise asked when will the flowers for the street poles be displayed? Mr. Smallstey said as soon as the brackets are made; many businesses are behind schedule on steel specialty orders.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Kearns asked if possible to have scheduled trash pickup times and dates; looking to organize trash haulers. Mr. Kearns understands the scheduling around school buses, but is it possible that the trash haulers could come pickup throughout the village on one chose day? Mr. Smallstey reported the Village does not have an Ordinance commanding dates and times for trash haulers. Aside from tapping in on the noise ordinance that is about the only control we have for the trash collections. Council President Jarvis did point out it is a free market for them to do as they wish.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were heard.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn
before the appointed hour.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor