

Regular Council

November 17,

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

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Council President Wynn Kearns, Michael Benson, Rodney Earick, Kim Little, Jeff O'Brien, and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Law Director John Studenmund, Administrator Peter Them, and Chief Troy Weaver.

Attending also: Jesse Halfhill of 2681 Marion Avenue Road, Carolyn Jones of 40 Deven, Robert Kelley III of 96 Mayfair Road, Jeff Miller of 125 South Mill Street, Terry Snyder of 419 Steam Corners Road, Tom and Nancy Dean of 1655 Nancy Avenue, Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road, and Christina Thompson of 71 Dartmouth Drive.

Motion by O'BRIEN to excuse
Councilman Bacin. 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 November 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by EARICK.

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

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion carried.

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.

Terry Snyder of 419 Steam Corners Road asked for an update regarding regulations on trailers and recreational vehicles within the Village limit. Mayor Jarvis explained that Planning Commission is still updating Village regulations and eventually will come before Council for a vote. Mr. Snyder assumed his recreational vehicle would be grandfathered in. Mayor Jarvis stated that may not be a good assumption.

Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road asked when his front yard will be repaired. Mr. Comstock noted he has been very patient regarding the disrepairs for the last six months. Mr. Comstock stated the age of the infrastructure had started its deterioration nine years ago and nothing has been done. Mr. Comstock said he has heard the project has been delayed. Mayor Jarvis said the project has been quoted at a cost of \$39,000.00 to \$44,000.00. Due to this high amount his will have to come from appropriations in the 2026 budget. Mr. Comstock asked how this delay in repairs can be justified to the other four or five residents effected by this aging infrastructure. Mayor Jarvis noted that the weather is against them this season. Discussion continued with failure of notification and

whether flags and a cone can be removed from his yard. Mr. Comstock asked if his driveway collapses will the Village repair the damage to his vehicle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Personnel: No report.

Finance: We have an Ordinance tonight.

Safety Service: No report

Public Utilities: No report.

Streets & Sidewalks: No report

Buildings & Grounds: We met with Park Board Monday November 10th to discuss options for park projects.

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Finance Director Jim Banks:

All ten bank accounts have been reconciled for the month of October.

Motion by LITTLE to approve
Finance report.

Seconded by O'BRIEN.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Jarvis:

Light Up Lexington scheduled for December 1, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. across from Village Hall. Food truck and coffee trailer will be available. Light Up Lexington poster winners will be announced. Varsity Winter sports program will be introduced at the event along with Lexington's Championship Cross-Country teams. LHS Una Voice and Symphonic Band will perform. Kleerview Farms reindeer will be making an appearance alongside Santa Claus.

In joint meeting with Buildings & Grounds and Park Board it was recommended donation of the skate park equipment to Skate Ohio Group. Discussion followed. Attorney Studenmund noted the Village has an easier time buying than disposing of equipment given the requirements. Mr. Studenmund said there must be two public notices of intent to sell the property and most likely GovDeals will be used.

Motion by EARICK

To proceed with sale of Skate Park property.

Seconded by O'BRIEN.

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

Finance meeting will be held December 1, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. to review first draft of 2026 Operating Budget and first read to Council. Also for discussion regarding 2026 insurance quotes, insurance buyouts, and longevity.

Lake County Sewer has been onsite today working on sewer main blockage between Castor Road and sewer plant lift station. They were able to make significant progress and will return to continue the work on Tuesday.

Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

Tomorrow night will be Connector Road feasibility project study from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. at Lexington Depot.

We will have summary meeting here December 18th.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Cruiser will be listed again for auction. The last sale, the buyer defaulted.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Bacin: No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 25-32 by Mr. Kearns

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONED DISTRICT FOR 85 SOUTH MILL STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL (R) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (I-1).

Motion by KEARNS to adopt.

Seconded by WISE.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-33 by Mr. Benson

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT).

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

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by BENSON to adopt.

Seconded by KEARNS.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Jarvis reported the monies will be used for a sidewalk project on Fox Road from the water tower to Delaware. This sidewalk is for north side of Fox Road only. KEM will be looking for assistance and has applied for Safe Route to School grant to assist the Village share. Application is due December 1, 2025 and requires this Resolution. Mr. Little asked why current property owners like Getz and Walker Bros do no have to contribute to this project. Discussion was held regarding private property and their responsibilities to install the sidewalk.

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

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-34 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 17TH FOR LEXINGTON WATER, SEWER, AMERICAN RESCUE ACT, LAW ENFORCMENT, AND GENERAL FUNDS.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution comes from a

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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: Monthly adjustments.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Little requested obsolete signs left on buildings be removed. Attorney Studenmund is not certain whether Council has that authority.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments made.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments made.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor