

Regular Council

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

**ROLL CALL**

The following Village Council members were present: Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Bob Jarvis, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Jeff O’Brien and Todd Wise.  
Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Troy Weaver, Village Administrator Andrew Smallstey and Peter Them  
Residents and other guests: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive and Mike Mitchel of 410 Fox Road.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by O’BRIEN to approve the minutes of October 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.  
Seconded by KEARNS.  
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 1(Wise)  
Motion carried.

**FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment for 8:39 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.  
Mr. Bacin of Cedarwood thanked Chief Weaver for overseeing the fall festival held at Patriot Park. Mr. Bacin also thanked the Street Department for the excellent job done with leaf pickup.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.
- FINANCE: No report.
- SAFETY SERVICE: No report.
- PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.
- STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report

**FINANCE REPORT**

No report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:  
The new Pickle Ball/Basketball Courts at Bicentennial Park are now completed.  
Light Up Lexington is Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:pm. The program will take place on the patio across from Village Hall. We are working with Rachel Pugh of Hello Events for event planning. There will be an addition of food trucks and additional lighting for the evening. Light Up Lex posters awards will be issued at the Senior Depot. Councilman Alleshouse asked about possible rerouting traffic during the presentation. Mr. Smallstey replied it would be impossible given the semi-trailer traffic.

Bryer Miller from the Street Department has successfully completed CDL training hosted by the City of Ontario.

We agreed to a two-year contract with Sidecar Health last year for employee medical insurance. We are currently eligible for renewal and the rate would be around 1.5%. This is an indication that Sidecar plan is working as designed.

We are now under 200 meters left to be replaced for the meter project. We have distributed door hangers for those that need scheduling. We have begun light training and informational webinars for the customer portal. This will allow residents to check their usage and account information directly online. Councilman Kearns asked who has to have meter installed, businesses or residents. Mr. Smallstey replied that most are apartment complexes and businesses.

I have started working on 2024 budget. Income tax revenue is still up.

Councilman Gongwer noted there were logs precariously stacked at a resident's front yard on Mayfair Road.

Councilman Wise commended Mr. Smallstey in regard to the Village's new website. All appears to be up to date. Mr. Wise asked if something will be on the website regarding Pickleball.

### **Mayor's report**

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

I made a presentation about Lexington to the Rotary Club of Mansfield.

Thanks to all who attended joint meeting with Planning Commission where the EDGE group put on presentation about Main Street and moving forward.

Mid-Ohio Racetrack has improved their entire track. This is a good investment of our community.

A good crowd showed up for Fall Festival at Patriot Park.

Lewis Ryan passed away this past week. He was 101 years old.

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

As reported by Chief Weaver:

There were no issues during the Haunted Hallways at the high school or at the festival in Patriot Park. Trick or treat was smooth going also.

Our new SRO 40-hour training has been completed.

Drug take back will be this coming Saturday. Last year we collected over 37 pounds of drugs. We were second in most amount.

### **PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT**

As reported by Parliamentarian Adam Gongwer:

Voting tomorrow.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance No. 23-29 by Mr. Wise

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ENGINE RETARDERS ON COMMERCIAL AND HEAVY VEHICLES IN A MANNER WHICH CREATES A PUBLIC NUISANCE.**

Motion by WISE to adopt.

Seconded by GONGWER.

DISCUSSION: Signs will be ordered.

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

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 23-31 by Mr. Little

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR NOVEMBER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, PARKS, GENERAL, AND POLICE FUNDS.**

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

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standing committee.

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

DISCUSSION: Monies moved for police unused health care.

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Kearns requested the following from Council:

*A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEXINGTON-TROY TOWNSHIP  
UNION BOARD CEMETERY DECISION TO SEEK A REPLACEMENT  
LEVY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE  
CEMETERY FOR THE ELECTION ON MARCH 19, 2024.*

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, COUNTY OF  
RICHLAND, STATE OF OHIO:

THAT the Lexington-Troy Township Union Board Cemetery decision to seek a replacement levy  
for the maintenance and operation of the cemetery for the election on March 19, 2024 is hereby  
approved.

At the regular Council meeting of November 7, 2023, Mr. Kearns moved for adoption of the  
forgoing Motion, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and upon roll call vote the vote was seven (7) yea,  
zero (0) nay.

Councilman Kearns reported that Cemetery Board met and approved this one half mil  
replacement. Current funding at \$40,000.00 will raise to \$85,000.00 if passed. The money is  
necessary to help pay for projects, infrastructure, signage, tree maintenance and several other  
expenses. Thank you to Attorney John Studenmund, Mayor White, and Council for working with  
me to get this document completed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by O'BRIEN to adjourn to  
Executive Session to discuss purchase or sale of property  
and continued employment of public official.

Seconded by GONGWER.

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

Motion carried.

**Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.**

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Motion by O'BRIEN to reconvene  
to Regular Council Session.  
Seconded by LITTLE.  
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Council reconvened to Regular Session at 8:31 p.m.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

No comments.

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 8:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda J. Wilson  
Clerk of Council

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Brian White  
Mayor