

Regular Council

November 3,

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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, Keith Bacin, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by O'BRIEN to approve the minutes of October 20, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by KEARNS to set the time of adjournment for 8:25 p.m. Seconded by BACIN

Roll call. Yeas: 7; 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. No comments were heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Personnel: Still waiting to set date to update the personnel handbook.

Finance: Bills have been approved for October.

Safety Service: No report

Public Utilities: Minutes approved for November 3rd meeting, upcoming meeting anticipated for storm water ordinances

Streets & Sidewalks: No report

Buildings & Grounds: Will have meeting with Park Board Monday November 10th at 6:00 p.m.

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Administrator Peter Them:

All accounts are in good standing.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Peter Them:

Second police cruiser sold for \$3,000.00. Chief will arrange time and date for cruiser pickup.

Thank you to Richland County Public Health and Health Commissioner Dr. Julia Chaya for providing the Village with four dog waste stations through their Richland County PUP Program. The locations are Bicentennial Park, Plymouth Street Park, Patriot Park Walking Path and the Bike Trail parking lot behind the water plant.

We have received two quotes for the Storm Drain tile issue on Essex Road. ASC Excavating and Walker Brothers. The quotes were, respectively, \$39,800.00 and \$44,500.00. We will budget for 2026 due to time constraints. This has affected several driveways. We cannot start on this project till winter passes. Councilman Wise asked how many residents are involved with this, Mr. Them replied four houses. Mr. Them noted the heavy spring rains caused the separation. Councilman Benson asked if the Village kept those neighbors informed of the events. Mr. Them replied negatively and that it was the complainant who told his neighbor of the problem. Mr. Them is not certain who told the other two neighbors affected by the broken tiles.

We received two quotes for Emergency Generator at US Route 42. BP Electric came in at \$66,960.00. BP's quote was about \$20,000.00 less than the other quote.

Motion by LITTLE

To allot \$66,690.00 for Emergency Generator at US Route 42.

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

We discovered a sewer back-up between Castor Road and the Lift Station on Mill Street. We have received two quotes for cleaning of the 15" sewer main. Lake County Sewer and Dukes Root Control submitted quotes. Lake County was less expensive at \$7,500.00 for day, one mobilization, and \$7,200.00 for additional days. Lead time of two to three weeks, depending on where equipment is when we return the signed contract.

McGhee Water Services is still handling licensing at Wastewater Treatment Plant. We have three applicants: looking to set interviews this week to continue moving forward.

Councilman Little asked if the bins were removed at resident's on Lexington Avenue. Mr. them replied negatively but he is monitoring.

Councilman Bacin asked if the Village's ceased writing Village Newsletter. Mr. Them noted that he has been very busy most of the year and has not recently published a newsletter but there are plans to do so. Mr. Bacin volunteered to support. Mr. Bacin is concerned for the seniors who live in the Village and rely on the newsletter for local information instead of social media.

Councilman Bacin asked if the Village welcome limits signs were coming? Mr. Them stated he has had only one chance to speak with Mr. Doug Brown about the signs. Mr. Bacin stated the signs are looking very deteriorated. Mr. Bacin suggested looking to other groups that may be able to help; examples were noted.

Councilman Bacin expressed his admiration for the service departments working the Village. Mr. Bacin noted the Street Department's dedication at clearing the leaves from the streets. Mr. Bacin noticed how well the Parks Department has maintained the parks throughout the year, looking beautiful for all those who come through the village. Kudos to all the service departments.

Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

Thank you to Councilman Bacin for his donation towards Light Up Lexington poster contest.

Last Friday the Edge Group reported that the design was about 95% completed for the Depot. I am anticipating an estimate of costs within the next few days.

On November 18th, Peter Them and myself will meet with Connector Road group. We will meet again December 18th for final review.

Councilman Wise asked what about plans for the water fountain on the square. Mayor Jarvis stated they are currently reviewing a possible gas burning fireplace. Councilman Earick asked if it would be a fireplace where the Village maintains control. Mr. Earick has information that this use could create liability for the Village as an attractive nuisance. Mr. Earick shared that Shelby removed their fire due to safety risk. More discussion followed; nothing committed.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Trick or Treat was a success.

On October 25th we had drug take back day; we received 15.8 pounds. Second highest intake in Richland County. We will continue this practice twice a year.

We sold our last used cruiser.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Bacin:

Election Day tomorrow.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO, 25-31 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR NOVEMBER FOR LEXINGTON GENERAL FUND, PARK LEVY, STREET FUNDS, SEWER FUNDS, AND UNALLOCATED SEWER FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Seconded by EARICK.

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 BACIN.

Roll call. All yeas: 67-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by BACIN.

DISCUSSION: Housekeeping salary adjustments. Street monies for cold patch. This is not for sludge removal; that will be in 2026.

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

Motion carried.

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).

HELD TO FIRST READING

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

Motion by O’BRIEN to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss continued employment of an employee.

Seconded by WISE.

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

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Motion carried.

Mayor Jarvis requested Attorney Studenmund to attend the Executive Session.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

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 8:03 p.m.

Motion by KEARNS to approve one time
\$10,000.00 compensation for Village Administrator
effective next pay period November 14, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No comments made.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments made.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments made.

Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor