

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

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Keith Bacin, Adam Gongwer, Aaron Hoptry, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Weaver, Finance Director James Banks, and Assistant Finance Director Rachel Fagan.

Residents and other guests: Jeff Carter 15 West Main Street, Charles Comstock 199 Essex Road, and Jacob R. Carter 200 Castor Road.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by BACIN to approve the minutes
of August 5, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yea: 5; Nays: 0; Abstain: 1 (Wise).
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

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

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.

No comments were heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: Bills approved for August 2024.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Finance Director, Mr. Jim Banks:

All ten bank accounts have been reconciled for the month of August. There were no issues.

Motion by LITTLE to approve
Finance report.

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Jarvis:

Property and liability insurance is up for renewal. We received a few quotes for Property & Liability Insurance Program, along with a renewal quote from the current carrier. Wichert Insurance submitted a proposal with Selective Insurance for our coverage at cost of \$66,081.00. This was significantly lower than the current carrier's renewal, and lower than our current premium.

Motion by WISE to approve use of Weichert
Insurance with Selective Insurance
for Village Insurance.

Seconded by BACIN.

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

Motion carried.

Councilman Little noted chuckholes, from previous road repairs, are in need of maintenance. Mr. Little asked when the new development on Highridge Rd. will be paved. At their current state the roads will not be plowed in winter months because they are not up to code and there are six houses in build or occupied. Mayor Jarvis thought they would be paved in October of this year.

Councilman Little noted there is a shed at 187 Foxcroft that is sitting almost on the lot line. There is also another shed; located at Lexington-Ontario and Sherwood Drive, that sits beyond the front of the house.

Mr. Little asked about the frequency of mosquito spraying, noting several recent breakouts of West Nile. Mayor Jarvis added the trap at Home and Marion Roads tested positive for West Nile. Councilman Little suggested spraying month of October for prevention of Nile virus spreading.

Councilman Bacin asked if the Village has considered using an asphalt rejuvenator. Troy Township has been using it on their roads and have witnessed a longer life span; up to six to ten years. Mr. Wise asked if when it was applied, as new or on aged streets ? Mr. Bacin was not clear. Mr. Jarvis said he would investigate with Streets.

Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

Last Wednesday the Planning Commission approved KEM's recommendation approving Charter Next Generation's expansion. A question about variance regarding the height of the tower; the Village does not have restrictions regarding height for towers in the business district. The Village has restrictions for residential districts.

We hired KEM to do the inspection regarding lead in Village water lines, per EPA requirements. KEM wrote a grant to help fund the findings, but was told monies will be used first toward Villages who have 3,000 or less residents.

A report regarding Ohio growth development, for the next 30 years, released a report that the entire state of Ohio is experiencing a nine percent decline in population. Four local Richland County areas are experiencing decline, and Lexington is showing a population of 4,404 for this study.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Troy Weaver:

No issues during the Blueberry Festival.

Our last candidate backed out of being hired by the Village. We continue to take applications. I published the request and immediately received eight applicants. Two applicants look very promising.

Officer Beasley left the Lexington Police Department on August 23rd.

Councilman Bacin asked if we are making de facto police training for other departments, as it appears our officers are leaving for other departments. Chief Weaver said he does not believe this is the case and other circumstances usually are the cause of departure.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 24-36 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER FOR THE GENERAL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT FUNDS.

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

Seconded by HOPTRY.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by HOPTRY.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by HOPTRY.

DISCUSSION: Monies for new cruiser.

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

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-37 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ALLOW ATTORNEY GENERAL, ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, COLLECT MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX DEBT.

Held to First Reading

This is offered through the Ohio Attorney General and will be at no additional cost for the Village.

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OLD BUSINESS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Kearns updated Cemetery events. Sexton, Jeff Worley, is retiring. There was a short-term vacancy last week for mowing and Councilman Kearns thanked all Village and Township employees for all the work they have done keeping the Lexington Troy-Twp Union Cemetery neat and organized.

Motion by WISE to adjourn to
Executive Session to discuss purchase or sale of real property.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Jarvis requested Attorney Studenmund, Assistant Finance Director Mrs. Fagan and Chief Troy Weaver to attend the Executive Session.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

Motion by LITTLE to reconvene
to Regular Council Session.

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

Council reconvened to Regular Session at 8:18 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were made.

Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by KEARNS.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor