

Regular Council

March 16,

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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: Keith Bacin, Michael Benson, Rodney Earick, Wynn Kearns, Robert Kelley, Kim Little, and Alexander Rocks.
Other officials are present: Law Director John Studenmund, Administrator Peter Them, Chief Troy Weaver, Finance Director Jim Banks and Parks Supervisor Todd Ward.
Residents and other guests: Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road and Ben Morganstern.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes
of March 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by ROCKS.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 1 (Earick).
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by KEARNS to set the time of adjournment
for 8:05 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.

Charles Comstock asked Council, with permission from homeowners, to help trim trees that shed nuisance seedlings, branches, etc. The shedding of the trees seeds and leaves possibly end up in Village storm sewer system. Mr. Comstock shared a Ziploc baggie full of the locust thorns/shedding for Council to view. Much shedding of the locust tree ends up in his yard. Mr. Comstock thought that if the Village could remove nuisance trees growing in the Village and thereby preventing tree litter and damaging the storm sewer and littering the roadways of the Village. Mr. Comstock understands that the trees are the homeowner's responsibility but maybe the Village should/could offer to trim the trees. Mr. Comstock also researched the option of the Village creating ordinances for the clusters of the trees scattered throughout the Village and eliminate the possible fire hazards, fallen debris, and animal attractions. Mayor Jarvis voiced his concern regarding residents requesting tree trimming. The Mayor stated his major concern is; where does the Village draw the line? There is also a concern about trespassing onto residents' property to trim nuisance trees. It would be very difficult to distinguish trees truly in need of help in their trimming undertakings. Mayor Jarvis addressed Mr. Comstock's concern regarding tree removals, the parcel is being sold at auction after the trees were logged and that the new landowners would be responsible for the property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Personnel: Still waiting for date to hold meeting to update Personnel Handbook.

Finance: Committee will meet after tonight's Council meeting.

Safety Service: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: Met before tonight's Council meeting to review 2026 capital items and made recommendation to Finance.

Public Utilities: No report.

Streets & Sidewalks: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Finance Director Jim Banks:

February reports are before you. All balanced.

Motion by LITTLE
approving February finance report as submitted.

Seconded by KELLEY

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Peter Them:

We have some small damage from Friday's windstorm. Took a few trees down in our parks. All departments pitched in assisting with clearing the damage.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

Lexington is recognized for its 40th year as Tree City USA. Four of us will be traveling to Springfield on the sixth of May to accept our award.

July 2nd we will hold an open air concert similar to last years, recognizing USA 250th Birthday.

Depot project held preconstruction meeting last Friday. All is good and ready to start. Starting date is April 1st and completed by the end of November.

I received an official email from ODNR awarding grant money to be spent by June.

Councilman Bacin asked about the Safety Corridor project. Mayor Jarvis advised that the crews have lined the drains and will start cutting curbs near the bridge May 29th.

Police Chief Report

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Drug take back day is April 25th from 10 am till 2 pm in back parking lot.

Councilman Bacin commended the police department for their work during the power outages.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Keith Bacin:

Voting updates: Deadline for voter registration is April 6th. April 7th is beginning date for early voting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were made.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were made.

Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor