**Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting**

**April 7, 2020 Via Zoom**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn opened the meeting at 6:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was a moment of silence for Violet (Betty) Constable.

**Present:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn

Council Members Bradley Jenkins

Michael Barcone

William Pushman

Bennett Wine

Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance

Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

**Others Present:** Peggy Rappleyea, Michele Brainard, Peter Manning, & Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle

**RESOLUTION # 37-20**

**March 3, 2020 Minutes**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 - Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Shcermerhorn, & Wine

Nays -0

Therefore this Town Board accepts the minutes from March 3, 2020 as presented.

**RESOLUTION # 38-20**

**Financial Reports for February**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 - Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Shcermerhorn, & Wine

Nays -0

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the financial reports through February 2020.

**Highway Report**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorngave an overview as Frank was at the meeting in person and people attending the meeting through zoom would not be able to hear him. The highway crew are working with 2 on and 2 off alternating who is on and who is off. They are cutting brush using a machine that has been rented. They may start cleaning roads, weather permitting.

**Open Highway Bids**

Culvert Bids:

Belgium Trucking & Excavating LLC $ 31,575.00

Delaware Bulldozing Corp. $ 37,769.00

Evergreen Mountain Construction $ 32,300.00

**RESOLUTION # 39-20**

**Award Culvert Bid**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine

Nays -0

Therefore this Town Board awards the bid to Belgium Trucking for $31,757.00.

**Truck Bid for Pick up Truck**

Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance said that the Town had only received one bid and that Thorpes’ asked for it to be withdrawn at this time. Supervisor Schermerhorn asked about looking into used trucks and Council Member Bradley Jenkins asked about State Contracts.

**Paving Bids**

Grinnell Road & Rusk Mtn.

Goreman bid $ 46,262.00

Peckham bid $ 43,319.00

Spruceton Rd.

Goreman $18,558.00 to grind it & $39,379.00 to double seal

Peckham $ 28,719.60 to grind it

There was some discussion on trying to break down the cost for the different roads. Spruceton, Grinnell, and Rusk Mtn. Roads. Council Member Bradley Jenkins asked about the County bid.

Council Member William Pushman suggested to have a special meeting under the Pavilion and Supervisor Schermerhorn said that is what they would do. Council Member Bradley Jenkins asked for Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea to look at the bid ad and the bids to see if they could be accepted individually or as a whole.

**RESOLUTION # 40-20**

**Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine

Nays -0

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway proposed corridor management plan for scenic byway extension for the Towns of Jewett and Lexington. The proposal was prepared by the Towns of Jewett & Lexington in cooperation with Mountain Clove Scenic Byway, Inc.;

Town of Hunter, Village of Hunter, &Village of Tannersville. This project was funded in part by the Catskill Park Smart Growth Implementation Program, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Thank you to Town of Lexington Byway Group: Nancy Orr, Mary Palazzolo, & Chris Dwon. Other Acknowledgments include Town of Jewett: Greg Kroyer, J.R. Quackenbush, & Michael McCrary, Greene County Soil & Water: Michelle Yost, Michelle McKonough, & Peter Barron and Genius Loci Planning: Peter Manning.

**UPDATES**

Covid-19 – There are no cases in Lexington. Town Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn along with Jo Cross (Health Officer) and Peggy Rappleyea have put together a list of Seniors and have been calling and checking in with them. There are local food pantries that people can contact. Contact 5: call and check on your neighbors.

Census 2020 – Supervisor Schermerhorn said that many people in Lexington did not receive a notice. She said that you can go on line to complete the census. Make sure you put your physical address as Lexington. It is very important for people in Lexington be counted.

Yearly Audits – The Town of Lexington got an extension of May 1st to get the audits completed for the Courts and the Town. This was due to a merger of our auditors.

Med 8 Fly Car – There is a fly car stationed in Prattsville as of April 6, 2020.

Sewer District Bills – Sewer District bills have been sent out.

Short Term Rentals – Supervisor Schermerhorn has the file from the previous research done on short term rentals along with the Town of Jewetts’ law regarding short term rentals. Councilman Michael Barcone (former and current committee member )tsaid that Shandaken’s guidelines have been put on hold for now but seem to be modeling after the Town of Jewett. With the Covid-19 issue we will have to table this for now.

**Code Enforcement Report**

The Council Members can peruse at their leisure.

**RESOLUTION # 41-20**

**Audit Committee Report**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member William Pushman the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine

Nays -0

Therefore this Town Board moves to approve the paying of the following expenditures.

**Highway Fund** No. 45 Through No. 63 = $ 59,937.45

**General Fund** No. 88 Through No. 120 = $ 11,267.13

**Lighting District** No. 3 Through No. 4 = $ 565.57

**Sewer District** No. 15 Through No. 26 = $ 3,051.75

**Windham Falls** No. 7 Through No. 9 = $ 1,487.70

**Public Be Heard**

Council Member Michael Barcone said that there are scams going on regarding people saying they are from the census there should not be anyone going to your house. Also there are scams saying they are from the Sheriffs’ department asking for money.

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Bennett Wine and with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Schermerhorn.

**Town of Lexington Calendar of Events**

NYS Burning Ban 3/16/2020 – 5/14/2020

Patriots’ Day 4/18/2020 5PM **Canceled**

Town Clerk Conference 4/26-4/29/2020 postponed to 8/16-8/19/2020

Town Board Meeting 5/5 2020 6PM

Annual Grievance Day 5/28/2020 4-8PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk