**Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting**

**December 6, 2022 In Person & Via Zoom**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn opened the Town Board meeting at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Present:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn

 Council Members Michael Barcone Bradley Jenkins

 William Pushman

 Bennett Wine - Zoom

 Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

 Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea - Zoom

**Absent:** Superintendent of Highways Kevin Simmons

**Others Present:** Paul Dwon, Sarah Pellizzari, James Rooney, E. Moritz, and Sam **Zoom:** John Earle, Richard, Nicole, Shelly, and Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle

**RESOLUTION #81-22**

**Accept November 1, 2022Town Board Minutes for 2 Public Hearings and Town Board Meeting**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Barcone, Jenkins, Pusham, & Schermerhorn

 Nays -0

 Absent-1 – Wine (late)

**RESOLUTION # 82-22**

**October 2022 Financial Report**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4- Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn

 Nays – 0

 Absent-1- Wine (late)

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the financial report through the month of October 2022.

**RESOLUTION # 83-22**

**Second Notice for Seniors to be Mailed through Greene County**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, 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 let Greene County Real Property tax service do a second mailing to senior citizens at an approximate cost of 45.6 cents per piece for the Town of Lexington provided the Governor signs the law.

**New Zoning Application**

The zoning board of appeals Chair, Sarah Pellizzari presented the Town Board with new zoning applications, stipulations, and pricing. The Zoning Board members will be working on the zoning law to see what might need to be changed or added. The board meets the last Wednesday of the month.

**RESOLUTION # 84-22**

**Accept New Zoning Application**

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 new zoning board of appeals application and pricing that was presented.

**RESOLUTION #85-22**

**Greene County EMS 2023 Contract**

On a motion by Council Member Bennett Wine, 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 have the Town Supervisor sign the contract with Greene County EMS for 2023 at a cost of $ 4,449.00.

**RESOLUTION # 86-22**

**Columbia - Greene Humane Society/SPCA Contract**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine

 Nays - 0

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the agreement from the Columbia – Greene Humane Society/SPCA for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

**STR Issues**

40 of the original short term rentals have renewed so far. The deadline for renewal is December 15th.

**Projects put out to Bid**

The projects for the helicopter pad and walking path have been put out to bid in the newspaper and the bids received will be opened at the year end meeting on December 29th. The Town will be using the ARPA money ($100,000.00) from Greene County to pay for the projects.

**RESOLUTION #87-22**

**Heat for the Fireman’s Room Deemed an Emergency & KJA Mechanical to put in Heating Unit**

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 accepts a bid from KJA Mechanical to install a wall mount ductless mini unit (heat pump) in the fireman’s room for a cost of $8,765.00. Since the Town Board deemed it an emergency to have the heat fixed the Town Board can accept the bid without advertising first.

**Meals on Wheels**

We have 12 volunteers so far and some work in teams and even though that sounds like a lot they can always use more as some people go away. Supervisor Schermerhorn thanks the volunteers.

**Brook Trout Study Results by Trout Unlimited and DEC**

There were 2 studies and they both came back that the trout are native, there was no genetic adulteration from outside fish. It opens the area up for possible habitat funding. The Hunter Brook has its own strain and the West Kill has its own strain.

**Equalization Rates for Tax Assessment**

Last year our assessment rate was 96.25% and this year it has dropped down to 75.8%. The Town will have to keep an eye on the rates to see if we will need to do a reassessment. The Town of Lexington is

in the middle compared to other Towns in Greene County.

**Migration to Google**

James Rooney said that he will be ready to make the migration at end of day on Friday and it could take up to 48 hours for the migration to take place. You can go to lexingtonny.com/email to log in and if you have any problems send a note to admin@lexingtonny.com.

**Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers**

The Town received a notice of a new law that may go into effect. It is AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to providing all local governments with the option to provide a property tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers; and to repeal various provisions of the real property tax law relating thereto.

**Clean Energies Committee**

Supervisor Schermerhorn would like to invite her to come to a Town Board meeting this spring. They use a point system and the town can earn points to receive up to $5,000.00 in grant funding.

**RESOLUTION # 88-22**

**Audit Committee Report**

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 approve the paying of the following expenditures.

**Highway Fund** No.186 Through No. 210 = $ 59,232.88

**General Fund** No. 301 Through No 329 = $ 16,305.45

**Lighting District** No. 11 Through No. 11 = $ 341.74

**Sewer District** No. 65 Through No. 69 = $ 958.65

**Calendar of Events**

End of the Year Town Board Meeting 12/29/22 6 pm

Next Town Board Meeting 01/03/23 6 pm

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Bennett Wine and with none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk