**Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting**

**June 7, 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. There was a moment of silence in memory of Ellis Potter, Josephine Guerra Cory, Angela DelNero, Beatrice Sainato, and Donna Minew VanValkenburgh

**Present:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn

Council Members Michael Barcone William Pushman

Bennett Wine (Zoom)

Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea(Zoom)

**Absent:** Superintendent of Highways Kevin Simmons

Council Member Bradley Jenkins

**Others Present: In Person-** Paul & Liza Dwon, James Doran, Larry Russ, **Zoom-** Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle, Joseph Inhauser, Jen Cawein, Lynn Byrne, Anne Hall, & Shelly

**RESOLUTION # 40-22**

**Accept Comprehensive Plan Up Date Special Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn the following was,

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

Nays - 0

Absent- 1 Jenkins

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the minutes from April 27, 2022 special meeting as presented.

**RESOLUTION # 41-22**

**Accept May 3, 2022 Minutes**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1- Jenkins

Therefore this Town Board accepts the meeting minutes from May3, 2022.

**RESOLUTION # 42-22**

**April 2022Financial Report**

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

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

Nays – 0

Absent-1-Jenkins

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the financial report for the month of April 2022.

**Highway Report**

Supervisor Schermerhorn reported that Highway Superintendent Kevin Simmons was not at the meeting because he was attending classes in Ithaca. Howard Road is closed after Kevin Van Valkenburgh’s house. Spruceton Road culvert is finished and the culvert on Rappleyea Road is almost finished. The work on Truesdell Road culvert will begin shortly.

**NYS Ag & Markets: Dog Control / Shelter Inspection Report**

The inspection was completed on May 17, 2022 and everything was Satisfactory regarding Bruce Feml and his facility. This is the highest rating given.

**Public Hearing**

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that there will be a public hearing before the next meeting regarding the videoconferencing law since the Governor made some changes after the Town passed a local law.

This way we will be in full compliance by amending the law.

**Mortgage Tax**

The Town of Lexington will be receiving $32,729.87 for the first mortgage tax payment from the County.

**Greene County Money**

The County will be giving each Town and Village $100,000.00.

**RESOLUTION #43-22**

**Helicopter Pad Ad**

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

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

Nays – 0

Absent-1 – Jenkins

Therefore this Town Board moves to have an ad placed in the newspaper to have a helicopter pad

installed near the Sewer building as soon as the Town Clerk has the specs.

**RESOLUTION #44-22**

**Salt Shed Roof**

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

the following was,

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

Nays -0

Absent-1 – Jenkins

Therefore this Town Board moves to have the Town Clerk put an ad in the paper to receive bids to have a metal roof on the salt shed.

**Electric to Municipal Garage**

On a motion by Council Member Bennett Wine, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,

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

Nays – 0

Absent-1- Jenkins

Therefore the Town of Lexington Board moves to receive proposals to have the electric hooked up to the garage at the Municipal Building.

**Comprehensive Plan Update**

Jen Cawein said that the survey is in its final stages. The survey will be on the website and there will be postcards printed. Lynn, Kim, and JoEllen have all been working hard and Jen is very proud of the work that they have been doing and the progress that has been made. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that they will be going door to door. Jen said that the volunteers are saving the Town a lot of money.

Jen said that they will send the survey to the Town Board as well as the Town Clerk and Town Attorney to take the survey but this will not count it is just to assess it if there should be any changes.

There will be emails sent out and they will have information at the Farmers Market.

**Short Term Rental Update**

Council Member Barcone said that they have a meeting this Thursday and that they will be sending out a violation letter to a property that has had 2 violations. They will discuss changing the cap and opting towards a 2 year ownership before using the property for rentals. The Town of Shandaken passed their law last night and it is stricter than ours and the fees are higher. Supervisor Schermerhorn asked how

to deal with properties that are not registered. Council Member Barcone said that they will be checking out websites and that people can always contact the Town to see if a property is registered.

**Town Logo**  
Supervisor Schermerhorn was approached by someone to use the Town Logo to sell products with it. Town Attorney said that we can’t stop them if we don’t have a copy right on it but we can discourage its use.

**Annual Audit**

The Town has finally received that annual audit and there is a copy in the Town Clerk’s office if anyone would like to look at it.

**NYS “Climate Act” Resolution**

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that we had tabled this at the last meeting and feels that everyone has had time to look at it. Council Member Pushman said that he thought the Town should stay out of it and Supervisor Schermerhorn didn’t think our comments would have much affect.

**Health Report**

Health Officer Liza Dwon said that the Covid numbers are down from last month but remember that people are doing home tests now and may not be reporting their results also there were 2 deaths in Greene County since the last meeting. She asked about having the AED installed in the Municipal Building. Supervisor Schermerhorn mentioned that there are covid tests at the Municipal Building if anyone needs them.

**Farmers Market**

Lynn said that the opening was amazing. James & family made pancakes and Moira Taylor and John helped a lot. They raised over $1,000.00. The next farmers market is a regular one and the West Kill Ladies aid will be having a bake sale.

**CEO Report**

The Town Board members have code enforcement report to peruse in person and they will be emailed. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that it would be nice to contact some property owners regarding vacant buildings.

**RESOLUTION # 45-22**

**Audit Committee Report**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member Bennett Wine

the following was,

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1 -Jenkins

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

**Highway Fund** No. 87 Through No. 109 = $ 29,444.87

**General Fund** No. 126 Through No. 162 = $ 16,457.12

**Lighting District** No. 5 Through No. 5 = $ 309.31

**Sewer District** No. 27Through No. 32 = $ 1,780.61

**Public Be Heard**

Anne said that someone had mentioned to her that there is an apartment above the highway garage and she was wondering about renting it for her workers or maybe it could be rented out to someone else in Town. Attorney Tal Rappleyea said that he would look into it. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that she would have some concerns with the fumes and also there might be an issue with noise from the garage.

She would like to talk to the code enforcement officer about it as well.

**Calendar of Events**

Farmer’s Market June 11th and 25th 10am-1pm

Primary June 28th 6am-9pm

Town Board Meeting July 5th 6pm

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member William Pushman and with no more business and none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk