

November 5, 2019
Town of Lexington Town Board Public Hearing
Preliminary 2020 Budget

Town Supervisor, Berger opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building located at 3542 Route 42, Lexington.

<u>Present:</u>	Supervisor	John Berger
	Council Members	Bradley Jenkins
		William Pushman
		JoEllen Schermerhorn
	Town Clerk	Charlotte Jaeger
	Superintendent of Highways	Frank Hermance
<u>Absent:</u>	Council Member	Michael Barcone
	Town Attorney	Tal Rappleyea

JoEllen Schermerhorn had a question from page 2 on the preliminary budget regarding a data processor and that was taken out of the budget. She also had a question on page 3 regarding what the grounds maintenance figure was and then on page 13 regarding the accepted amount which was 73,000.00. The total budget is \$ 1,230,079.00, which is under the tax cap and there will be no increase in the Town taxes.

Adjourn: On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn and with none opposed the public hearing was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

November 5, 2019 Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting

The Town of Lexington Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Supervisor, Berger followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was a moment of silence in memory of Donald Falke, James Boyle, Peter Elarde, and Donna Poulin.

RESOLUTION # 91-19

Adopt the Budget for 2020

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, and Schermerhorn
Nays - 0
Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore this Town Board of the Town of Lexington adopts the 2020 Budget.

RESOLUTION # 92-19

Accept the October 15, 2019 Budget Workshop Minutes

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0
Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore this Town Board accepts the minutes from the October 15, 2019 Budget Workshop.

RESOLUTION # 93-19

Accept Financial Report through September 30, 2019

On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member, Bradley Jenkins the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays -0
Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the financial report through September 30, 2019.

Over View of Comprehensive Plan – Peter Manning

Peter Manning is currently working on the Scenic Byway Extension plan for the Town of Lexington. There were some handouts that were given out and Lynn Byrne said that she had gotten the information from Nan Stolzenburg who was a consultant on the Town of Lexington Long Term Community Recovery Strategy of 2014. Peter Manning said that a comprehensive plan is a road map that looks at things like transportation, recreation, economic development, etc and it looks at where you are now and where you want to be in 5 to 10 years and how you are going to get there. Once you get updated information from the public then you look at it and move to realize the Towns' vision and after that you figure out how to implement it. The action plan is the list of items how you're going to get there and how much it might cost. The Comprehensive plan is a policy document and not a regulatory document. There are many benefits of doing a comprehensive plan or updating it. It helps with obtaining funding through grants, it lets people know what your community is about, and it attracts people to your community. Involve the public to get a general consensus. Peter Manning read from the NYS Town Law 272-a. Town Comprehensive Plan regarding the participation of citizens. The Town Board is the governing body in control of the comprehensive plan but can appoint a special committee. It takes an average of 18 months to complete. Mapping can affect the cost of the plan. The involvement of the public is key. Supervisor Berger said that we have a plan from 2003 but it needs to be looked at and updated and he asked if it would still take 12 to 18 months to complete.

Sean Mahoney – Website

Supervisor Berger started by saying that Donna Poulin was the Town's webmaster and with her passing, Sean may have a solution for the Town. Sean grew up in Lexington and currently lives in Hunter. He has an office in Kingston and employs 6 people. He has been doing this for 20 years. The short term solution is that he has access to the website and can make small changes and updates. His rate is \$85.00 per hour. The ipage website that is now in place is not ideal as it has some issues. It is not secure, it is not ada compliant and it is not mobile compatible. Local governments can be sued for not being ada compliant. The website could be set up to get alerts such as road closures, special meetings, legal notices, etc. Sean currently takes care of the website for the Town of Hunter. He would be able to submit a proposal for the Town of Lexington. Municipal websites are targets for hackers. Supervisor Berger asked about the Town email addresses and he also wanted to know what the cost would be. Sean said that a website that is ada compliant would be in the \$ 5,500.00 price range and ongoing costs would be updates 4 times a year at \$85.00 an hour and then the host would cost about \$180.00 per year. Lynn Byrne asked how editing is done and Sean said that he does a spell check and if it looks good then he will go ahead and post. He would want to know what is working what is not. He would train the Town Clerk to do updates like posting approved minutes.

RESOLUTION # 94-19

Early pay for Elected and Appointed Officials

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0
Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore the Town Board of the Town of Lexington moves to pay the elected and appointed officials the first pay period in December.

RESOLUTION # 95-19

Stipend for Plowing the Sewer District to Operator \$4,000.00

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, and Schermerhorn
Nays - 0
Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore this Town Board moves to pay the Sewer District Operator a stipend of \$4,000.00 to do the plowing of the sewer district roads and cleaning pump stations. This is included in the Sewer District budget.

RESOLUTION # 96-19

Waive Town of Lexington Marriage License fee for Active Military Members

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0
Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to approve the Adoption of Marriage License Fee Waiver

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo signed legislation (S.3756/A.55) waiving the state fee for marriage licenses for active duty service members of the U. S. armed forces or their spouses; and

WHEREAS, the bill gives local governments freedom to waive the fees they charge for marriage certificates for active duty service members or spouses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lexington wishes to waive the fees they charge for marriage certificates for active duty service members or spouses;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Lexington hereby waives the fees for marriage certificates for active duty service members of the U. S. armed forces or their spouses.

RESOLUTION # 97-19

Delinquent Sewer Bills

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0
Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore this Town Board moves to send the delinquent sewer bills to Greene County in the amount of \$1,430.00.

RESOLUTION # 98-19

Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA Contract for 2020

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0
Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the 2020 contract with the Columbia – Greene Humane Society/SPCA with no changes from the 2019 contract.

RESOLUTION # 99-19

Accept October 1, 2019 Minutes

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger , Jenkins, Pushman, and Schermerhorn
Nays - 0
Absent-1 - Barcone

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board accepts the October, 1, 2019 minutes.

RESOLUTION # 100-19

Audit Committee Report

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0
Absent-1 – Barcone

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

General Fund No. 281 Through No. 318 = \$ 114,412.04

Highway Fund No. 221 Through No. 249 = \$ 117,032.72

Sewer District No. 68 Through No. 76 = \$ 1,850.73

Lighting District No. 10 Through No. 11 = \$ 562.67

Windham Falls No. 3 Through No. 6 = \$ 8,298.95

Public Comments

Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn mentioned the Planning Board Public Hearings on November 9, 2019 at 2 PM and on November 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM and that written notices will be accepted until November 22, 2019 regarding the Windham Falls Recovery Project.

The HTC middle – high school students walk to the Veteran’s Memorial at 8:30 on Friday November 8, 2019.

Robin Williams will be having a free Medicare and You Informational session at the Community Hall in West Kill on Saturday November 16, 2019 at 4 PM.

Lynn Byrne was speaking on behalf of the nonpartisan Lexington Community group and at the last Town Board meeting asked for the Town to update the Comprehensive Plan. She called CWC and spoke to John Mathiesen and there is a \$20,000.00 grant available but the deadline is December 31, 2019. She also contacted Nan Stolzenburg and she would be available to work on the grant and would charge around \$500.00. Nan has worked with the Town before. She said that it could take less than a year to finish the update. Jen Cawein, Susan Falke, Anne Hall, & Lynn Byrne would be willing to work on the committee. Supervisor Berger said that they would have to put out an RFP to have someone update the Comprehensive Plan. Cell phone service is still a topic of concern.

The next Community meeting will be on November 26, 2019 at the Community Hall in West Kill.

RESOLUTION # 101-19

Grant for Comprehensive Plan Update

On a motion by Council Member, Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Supervisor, Berger the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0
Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore this Town Board moves to pursue the grant from CWC to update the Town of Lexington Comprehensive Plan and see if Nan Stolzenburg would be able to prepare the grant application.

Executive Session – No Action Will be Taken

On a motion by Council Member, William Pushman seconded, by Council Member, JoEllen Schermerhorn the Town Board went into Executive Session at 6:54 PM.

End Executive Session

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn and with all in favor the Executive Session ended at 7:05 PM.

Adjourn

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member William Pushman and with none opposed Supervisor Berger adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk

