**Town of Lexington Public Hearing & Town Board Meeting**

**February 2, 2021 Via Zoom**

**Open Public Hearing**

**Local Law No. 2 of 2021 Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm and read the proposed law.

There were no comments or discussion. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Supervisor

Schermerhorn and with none opposed the public hearing was closed at 6:09 Pm.

**Open Town Board Meeting**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn opened the regular Town Board meeting at 6:09 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was a moment of silence in memory of Diane Clark and Annette Waller.

**Present:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn

 Council Members Michael Barcone Bradley Jenkins

 Bennett Wine

 Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

 Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

**Absent:** Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance

 Council Member William Pushman

**Others Present:** Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle, Devon & Larry Russ, Alex & Pao,

James Doran, Anne Hall, Bridie Farrell, Nancy Lainez, Karen Varona, Sam Bergetz, Gretchen & Jim Milton, Hillary Kolos, Lynn Byrne, and Lynn Loflin

**RESOLUTION #19-21**

**Accept December 29, 2020 End of Year Minutes**

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

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

 Nays - 0

 Absent- 1 Pushman

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the December 29, 2020 minutes as presented.

**RESOLUTION # 20-21**

**Accept January 5, 2021 Public Hearing & Minutes**

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

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

 Nays - 0

 Absent- 1 – Pushman

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the Minutes from January 5, 2021 from the Public Hearing

and Town Board Organizational meeting as presented.

**Highway Report**

The Route 42 bridge will hopefully be open the middle of February.

Pushman’s Bridge needs some work but will not need to be closed.

**RESOLUTION # 21-21**

**Local Law No. 2 of 2021 Town of Lexington Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemptions**

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

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

 Nays -0

 Absent-1 – Pushman

Therefore this Town Board moves to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2021 Town of Lexington Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemptions.

**LOCAL LAW No. 2 OF 2021**

**TOWN OF LEXINGTON**

**SENIOR CITIZEN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Be it enacted by the Town of Lexington as follows:

**Section 1. Title**

This Local Law shall be known as “ A Local Law Establishing Income Levels for Real Property Taxes for Senior Citizens.”

**Section 2. Authorization**

This local law is enacted pursuant to the requirements set forth in the New York State Real Property Tax Law 467 to establish real property tax income levels for citizens who are 65 (sixty -five) years of age or older.

**Section 3. Exemption Levels**

The Town of Lexington hereby adopts as the maximum level of income for persons eligible for the within exemption as $29,000.00 (Twenty – Nine Thousand Dollars). The “sliding scale” provisions of New York Real Property Tax Law 467 (1)(b)(1) are also hereby adopted.

**Section 4. Repealer**

Any prior local law currently in existence which is inconsistent with the terms of this local law is hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Effective**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

**BAR Appointment**

Supervisor Schermerhorn announced that Ron Lipton had been appointed to the Board of Assessment Review and that the annual salary is $150.00.

**RESOLUTION # 22-21**

**Farmer’s Market – Intern Market Manager**

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

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

 Nays - 0

 Absent-1- Pushman

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to pay a $1,200.00 stipend to a Farmer’s Market intern manager.

**Resolution # 23-21**

**Renew Contract for Ashland Ambulance Service**

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

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

 Nays – 0

 Absent- 1 – Pushman

Therefore this Town Board moves to renew the contract with the Town of Ashland Ambulance Service.

**Ambulance Certification**

Supervisor Schermerhorn thanked Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea for his help with this.

**Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2021 – Establishing Regulations Regarding Short Term Rentals**

There will be a Public Hearing on March 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm on this law followed by the regular Town Board meeting.

**Covid-19**

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that there were only 6 new cases since yesterday. For people 65 and older wishing to get vaccinated can contact the local pharmacies. Windham Pharmacy 518-734-3300 and Wellness Rx in Tannersville at 518-589-9500.

**RESOLUTION #24-21**

**Audit Committee Report**

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

the following was,

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

 Nays - 0

 Absent-1 - Pushman

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

**Highway Fund** No.1 Through No. 16 = $ 33,469.36

**General Fund** No. 1Through No.44 = $ 104,026.71

**Lighting District** No. 1 Through No. 1 = $ 291.49

**Sewer District** No. 1 Through No. 7 = $ 851.94

**Public Be Heard**

James wants to start a writing program about the people in the Town and he would like to post it on the website and he would like to spotlight people or businesses on the website every month. He has talked to Michael Barcone, Bennett Wine, and Anne about this. Supervisor Schermerhorn loves the idea. Alex

is starting a chat on Wednesdays regarding revitalizing Lexington. The chat is via zoom and the link can be found on the lexartsci.com. Mike Ryan gave his phone number since he would like to speak to James, Alex, and Anne. Nancy asked if the Town Board would vote on the law at the next board meeting and Supervisor Schermerhorn was not sure.

**Calendar of Events**

 Public Hearing & Town Board Meeting Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom

**Adjourn and Go into Executive Session**

On a motion by Council Member Bennett Wine, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the regular Town Board meeting adjourned at 6:38 and went into Executive Session

**RESOLUTION # 25-21**

**Appoint Planning Board Member**

On a motion by Council Member Bennett Wine, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins the following was

ADOPTED: Ayes – 3 - Jenkins, Schermerhorn, & Wine

 Nays - 0

 Absent-1– Pushman

 Abstain-1- Barcone

Therefore this Town Board appoints Casey Scieszka to be a member of the Town of Lexington Planning Board.

**End Executive Session and Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member Bennett Wine, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins the executive session meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm with all in favor.

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk