

Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting – February 4, 2020

The Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor, JoEllen Schermerhorn, at the Municipal Building located at 3542 State Route 42, Lexington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was a moment of silence in memory of John Grinnell.

Present:	Supervisor	JoEllen Schermerhorn
	Council Members	Bradley Jenkins
		William Pushman
		Bennett Wine
	Town Clerk	Charlotte Jaeger
	Superintendent of Highways	Frank Hermance
Absent:	Council Member	Michael Barcone
	Town Attorney	Tal Rappleyea

Others Present: Susan Falke, Alfie Truesdell, Sharon Potter, & John Nolty

RESOLUTION # 19-20

Accept the January 2, 2020 Organizational Meeting Minutes

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

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

Therefore this Town Board approves the January 2, 2020 minutes with changes made to the Planning Board salaries. The amount should be \$500.00 not \$575.00.

RESOLUTION #20-20

Approve Additional Appointments

On a motion by Council Member, William Pushman, seconded by Council Member, Bennett Wine the following was,

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

Therefore the following Appointments are as follows:

Christine Dwon- Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

Devon Russ – Ethics Committee

Paul Dwon & Frank Hermance – Emergency Committee

Carl Giangrande, William Pushman, & William Decker - Building Committee

RESOLUTION # 21-20

Town Delegate for the Annual Meeting – Association of Towns

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

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

Therefore this Town Board appoints Council Member, Bennett Wine to be the Delegate for the Town of Lexington at the Annual Association of Towns Meeting in New York city.

RESOLUTION # 22-20

Greene County Planning Board Appointment

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine
Nays - 0

Absent-1 – Barcone

Therefore this Town Board moves to appoints Jennifer Cawein to the Greene County Planning Board.

RESOLUTION # 23-20

Approve Audit of Town of Lexington Town Clerk/ Tax Collector 2019

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

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

Therefore this Town Board moves to approve the audit of the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector for 2019 conducted by Supervisor, JoEllen Schermerhorn and Council Member, Bradley Jenkins.

RESOLUTION # 24-20

Establish a Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board be and hereby establishes the following as a standard workday for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Superintendent of Highways, Code Enforcement, and Highway employees for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System:

Standard six (6) hour day = one (1) day

Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Supervisor, Town Board Members, Bookkeeper, Justice, Attorney of Town, Assessor, Planning Board Members, Zoning Board of Appeals Members, Assessment Review Board Members, Health Officer, Historian, Dog Control Officer, Clerk to the Assessor, Clerk to the Town Court, Deputies to the Town Clerk, and Cleaning Personnel.

Standard five (5) day work week, eight (8) hour day = one (1) day

Superintendent of Highways, Highway employees, and Code Enforcement Officer

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

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

Therefore the Town Board of the Town of Lexington moves to accept the Standard Work Day for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Supervisor, Town Board Members, Bookkeeper, Justice, Attorney of the Town, Assessor, Planning Board Members, Zoning Board of Appeals Members, Assessment Review Board Members, Health Officer, Historian, Dog Control Officer, Clerk to the Assessor, Clerk to the Town Court, Deputies to the Town Clerk, Cleaning Personnel, Superintendent of Highways, Highway Employees, and the Code Enforcement Officer.

BE THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Resolution supersedes any other Resolution on this matter.

Highway Report

Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance said that they had been out 13 times for snow. They have been doing a lot of garage work; service, brakes, universal, etc. and also cut up downed trees. He does not know what the CHIPS money will be for this year so he has not given a report of roads to be worked on yet. Supervisor, JoEllen Schermerhorn asked about the new truck and Frank Hermance said that he has it and it seems to work pretty good. He had the running boards put on that should have come with the truck, but he needs to put rear fenders on. Council Member Wine said that he noticed a section on Route 42 that looked like it was eroding, but that is a State Road.

Review Highway Regulations

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn read aloud the purchasing policy for the Highway Department and Frank Hermance recommended that the policy spending amount be doubled for the Highway, which is currently \$1000.00. JoEllen Schermerhorn said that Frank knows what his budget is and with the higher cost of things \$2000.00 should be OK.

RESOLUTION # 25-20

Raise the amount of the purchase amount for the Highway Department

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, and Wine
Nays - 0
Absent-1 – Barconce

Therefore this Town Board moves to change the purchase policy amount of \$1000.00 to \$2000.00 for the Highway Department.

Town Policies

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn read aloud the reporting of accidents to persons, vehicles, property, & other people and no changes were made.

Frank Hermance said that Highway regulations should be changed.

JoEllen Schermerhorn read the policy regarding fuel, mileage, maintenance logs, & odometer readings. A log should be kept and submitted to the Town Board quarterly. Frank says all of the information is on his computer. Council Member Bradley Jenkins said that the Comptrollers office looks for that information. JoEllen asked Frank what the windows on his computer is and he said he would check. Frank Hermance said that in the regulations we should go from oil & stone to motor pave. Council Member Bradley Jenkins said that all of the Highway regulations should be reviewed. Bradley and Frank said that they would go through to see what changes need to be made.

Frank mentioned that he is having a problem with “party houses” as they are parking on the roads. He had a problem getting through on Valley View Road where the cemetery is because there were 10 cars there. The Town does have a winter parking law but it is hard to enforce it. Council Member, Bennett Wine said that Air BNBS are a problem. Council Member Bradley Jenkins thinks that there might be a way for Frank to write the tickets but, Frank thinks the vehicles should be towed. Council Member William Pushman says that the owners should let people know how much parking there is when they rent out their houses. Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn said that Council Member Michael Barcone had looked into Air BNBS a couple of years ago and he will look at it again. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that she also had a copy of what the Town of Jewett has done regarding Air BNBS.

Code Enforcement Report

Town Board Members had copies to peruse.

Supervisors Meeting Summary

Supervisor, Schermerhorn attended the Supervisors’ meeting along with Mike Barcone and they celebrated Jeff Flacks last meeting with CWC. They are working on getting a fly-car in Hunter to be stationed at the old Pete’s Mobile. There will be a fly- car stationed in Prattsville at the new fire house. Jewett has put a law into effect regarding short term rentals. They talk about noise, garbage & refuse, parking/ offsite parking, trespassing, & animals being allowed to run at large. They will keep a folder of complaints and if they get too many for a certain property they will not renew the registration for the Air BNB. Council Member, Bradley Jenkins said that in the Town of Lexington there is a leash law but it is not enforced. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that the Town will be working on short-term rentals.

RESOLUTION # 26-20

Catskill Watershed Nomination for Board of Directors

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

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

Therefore this Town Board nominates Thomas Hoyt for Board of Directors to the Catskill Watershed.

UPDATES:

Website – Supervisor Schermerhorn said that the Town has some proposals for the website and asked Council Member Bennett Wine to talk about it. Council Member Bennett Wine said that we had proposals ranging in price from \$2900-\$6000, but they really don’t tell us very much. He has looked at the proposals but is not sure what we would be getting. He has asked other people to help him get

proposals and Kim McGalliard would be giving a proposal. There are all kinds of considerations to look at. A decision should be made at the March meeting.

Bonnies’ Trails- Michelle Yost has turned in all of the necessary paperwork and we are looking at a grand opening in July around Bonnie’s birthday. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that Bennett did a great job of marking trails.

Comprehensive Plan- The Town is waiting to hear from CWC regarding the \$20,000.00 grant. Hopefully we should find out in April.

Farmers’ Market – They have applied for a grant for \$5000.00 and the Town is the lead agent. They are hoping to have a manager for the Farmers’ Market. The Farmers’ Market runs from May through October. They are hoping to run it every other Saturday and are looking to extend the hours a little.

Brook Char (trout)- Michelle Yost is looking into alternate funding and Supervisor, Schermerhorn has talked to Judd Weisberg regarding this proposal and he is very excited about it.

Financial Reports

The financial reports from January will be approved at the March meeting.

RESOLUTION #27-20

Audit Committee Report

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

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

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

<u>Highway Fund</u>	No. 1 Through No. 28	= \$ 35,536.12
<u>General Fund</u>	No. 1 Through No. 53	= \$ 39,903.73
<u>Lighting District</u>	No. 1 Through No. 2	= \$ 579.63
<u>Sewer District</u>	No. 1 Through No. 7	= \$ 1,211.98
<u>Windham Falls</u>	No. 1 Through No. 5	= \$ 6,731.02

Public Be Heard: Frank Hermance asked about Windham Falls. There is a public hearing at 6:00 with the Planning Board meeting to follow on Monday instead of Tuesday. The Public Hearing is for a special use permit for a saw mill and Windham Falls is on the agenda.

On Valentine’s Day the Church is selling Brooks Chicken BBQ.

On March 3, 2020 at the Town Board meeting, Peter Manning will be speaking about the Scenic Byway.

John Nolty asked about the stickers for the snowmobiles and ATVS. He was referring to the law that was past last fall. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that we have the registration forms but we are still working on getting the stickers.

Adjourn:

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins and with all in favor the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Schermerhorn at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk