

Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting - March 5, 2019

The Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Berger at the Municipal Building, 3542, Route 42, Lexington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PRESENT:	Supervisor:	John Berger
	Council Members:	Michael Barcone
		Bradley Jenkins
		William Pushman
		JoEllen Schermerhorn
	Town Clerk:	Charlotte Jaeger
	Town Attorney:	Tal Rappleyea
	Highway Superintendent:	Frank Hermance

OTHERS PRESENT: Ray Albino, Betty Hapeman, Rose Williams, Alfred Truesdell, and Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle

RESOLUTION # 25-19

Accept February 5, 2019 Minutes

On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,

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

Therefore, this Town Board moves to accept the Minutes from February 5, 2019 with the change of Resolution # 20-19 being seconded by Michael Barcone and not JoEllen Schermerhorn.

RESOLUTION # 26-19

Accept Feb, 5, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes

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

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

Therefore, this Town Board moves to accept the Public Hearing Minutes as presented.

Accept Financial Report January through February 2019

Council Members were given copies of the financial report and will vote on them at the next Town Board Meeting.

Update on Fly Car and Ambulance

Fly Car: The Town of Lexington and the Town of Prattsville have been after Greene County EMS to put a 5th Fly Car here in the Lexington Highway Garage. Supervisor Berger read a letter from Mark R. Evans (President GCEMS) that said;

“Dear Supervisor’s Tompkins & Berger,

In speaking with several members of the Legislature and the County Administrator I believe we have sufficient support for the addition of a Paramedic truck and funded 100% by the County at this time. It also appears that posting the truck in your towns would be appropriate and help work towards solving the EMS coverage gap.

It has been proposed and I believe both of your towns are agreeable to stationing it at the Lexington Town Highway Garage which I gather has both garage capabilities and quarters available. If this is acceptable to both towns then I think we have a plan in place and I will be ready to go back to the legislature for approval asap.

Please respond back that you support this plan and that I proceed.

When I have a date to go back to the legislature I will let you know and I would ask that you make every effort to attend as well as all of the mountaintop Supervisors. In addition, it sounds like the separate ambulance proposal that we gave you has “life” and is very much being considered by your Towns. This also is great news and please let me know if I can help in advancing this project along. Implementation time on the additional truck is about 60 days or so, for an ambulance we are looking at about 3-6 months. I look forward to hearing from you.
Thank-you
Mark”

The Legislature meeting is tomorrow night. The Fly Car could be in Lexington in 60 days. Daryl Legg was the spokesman for the mountain top Mayors and Supervisors. Supervisor Berger said that this is a wonderful thing for the Town of Lexington. The fly cars are on duty 24 hours, seven days a week. Council Member JoEllen asked the Supervisor to explain what quarters meant. Supervisor Berger said that he went to the Town of Hunter to see what they have. Their quarters have a refrigerator, microwave, utensils, dishes, bedding, washer/ dryer, desk, chairs, couch, & television. Many of the items were donated. The Town of Lexington quarters have 2 Kitchens with refrigerators and stoves. There is some furniture but not exactly sure what there is.

Ambulance: GCEMS gave a budget of what an ambulance service would cost for 24 hour, 7 day coverage. The cost would be \$203,000 a year for Lexington and \$203,000 for Prattsville. The Town of Prattsville Supervisor and Board would like to get together with the Town of Lexington Board and have Mark Evans go through the numbers more thoroughly and answer questions. The ambulance would be used for mutual aid. Supervisor Berger asked what days would be good to invite Prattsville and Mark Evans to meet in Lexington. The proposed dates were 20th, 21st, or the 28th of March.

Introduce Solar Law

Supervisor Berger said that a proposed solar law was given to each of the Board Members to go over and that there would be one in the Town Clerk’s office to look at. There have been some inquiries on some large parcels of property in regards to solar energy. It was in the opinion of the Planning Board that the Town of Lexington needed to make some modifications concerning solar power. We have drafted a similar law with some modifications to that of the Town of Greenville. There will be a Public Hearing at the April meeting with Planning Board members in attendance.

Ray Albino pointed out that the zoning maps on the Town of Lexington web site are incorrect. Supervisor Berger said that he would look into it and have them amended.

RESOLUTION # 27-19

Approve Clerk & Tax Audit

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0

Therefore, the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to approve the audit of the Town Clerks’ Petty Cash & Clerk Account completed on February 13th and the audit of the Tax Collectors’ books completed on February 22nd by Council Members JoEllen Schermerhorn and Bradley Jenkins. The two suggestions given were to staple voided checks to the bank statement and to change name on bank statements from previous Town Clerk to current Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION # 28-19

Approve Court Audit

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0

Therefore, the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to approve the Independent Accountants’ report submitted by Pattison, Koskey, Howe, & Bucci on February 25, 2019. Everything was in order except 2 deposits were not made within the 72 hour time frame.

DEP Approval of Good Neighborhood Money for Sign & Phone System

Supervisor Berger read a letter from DEP in response to one that he had sent that said the Town of Lexington has fulfilled its good neighbor payment recording obligations and is no longer required to give notice of intended use of the funds and does not have any further accounting obligations. There is a proposal for the phone system in the \$3,000.00 range but not for the sign as of yet.

RESOLUTION # 29-19

Appoint William Decker Assistant Sewer Operator

On a motion by Council Member John Berger, seconded by Council Member William Pushman the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0

Therefore, this Town Board moves to appoint William Decker the Assistant Sewer Operator.

Weatherization Program

The Town of Lexington Town Board was asked to remind everyone about the weatherization assistance program. This program performs energy audits for eligible owners and renters in order to find areas that have the highest potential for heat loss. The program is based on income. They follow the same guidelines as HEAP. The Community Action of Greene County, Inc, is located at 7856 Route 9W, Catskill, NY 12414, and their phone number is 518-943-9205. You can also visit their website at cagcny.org.

RESOLUTION # 30-19

Budget Transfers

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 - Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0

Therefore, the following budget transfers will be made as follows:

From General Fund

\$556.92 Clerk A1410.4
\$7,469.00 Retirement A9010.8

To General Fund

\$556.92 Clerk Equipment A1410.2
\$7,469.00 Rescue Squad A3625.4

RESOLUTION #31-19

Audit Committee Report

On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0

Therefore this Town Board moves to pay the following expenditures.

General Fund	No. 39 Through No. 68 = \$15,923.00
Highway Fund	No. 31 Through No. 60 = \$ 29,933.05
Sewer District	No. 8 Through No. 12 = \$ 822.55
Special Lighting	No. 2 Through No. 2 = \$ 256.02

Public Comment:

Highway Superintendent Frank Hermance wanted to bring it to the attention of the Board that there are some leaks in the roofs of the Highway Buildings. There is a leak in the metal roof of the Highway Garage on Rte. 42 and there is a leak over his desk and in the stairwell of the Highway Garage on Rte. 23A. He said there is also a leak over the salt pile.

RESOLUTION # 32-19

284 Highway Law

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

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

Therefore, the money levied and collected in the Town for repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. General Repairs

The sum of \$76,000.00 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 36 miles of Town highways, including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet or the renewals thereof.

2. Permanent Improvements

The following sum shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town Highways: \$ 102,000.00 Chips? (Expected Chips Money)

a. On the road commencing at Lexington Town line (Broadstreet Hollow) and leading to a distance of 3400 feet. Type is Black Top. Width of travel surface is 18 feet, thickness is 2 ½ inch compacted, sub base is gravel.

b. On the road commencing at Broadstreet Hollow, and leading to a distance of (Timberlake Rd.), there shall be expended not over the sum of left over Chips money. Type is Black Top. Width of traveled surface is 18 feet, thickness 1 ½ inch.

c. On the road commencing at County Rte. 2 and leading to a distance of 3500 feet (Kip Hill), there shall be expended not over the sum of \$75,000.00. Width of travel is 20 feet, thickness is 2 ½ inch compacted, sub base is gravel.

Not to exceed footages and pending receipt of anticipated (chips) monies.

RESOLUTION # 33-19

1995 Dump Truck

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0

Therefore, this Town Board moves to put the 1995, 10 wheel dump truck up for sale since it would be too costly to fix and there would be no guarantee that it would pass inspection. Highway Superintendent Frank Hermance said that he would put it out for bid on Auctions International.

Adjourn

On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone and with none opposed Supervisor Berger adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk