

Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting August 6, 2019

The Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P. M. 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	Bradley Jenkins
		William Pushman
		JoEllen Schermerhorn
	Town clerk	Charlotte Jaeger
	Highway Superintendent	Frank Hermance
	Town Attorney	Tal Rappleyea
Absent:	Council Member	Michael Barcone

Others Present: Alfred Truesdell, John Noltz, Bennett Wine, Michelle Yost, Glen Howard, Elizabeth Hapeman, Rose Williams, Sharon Potter, & Mark Nagawiecki

RESOLUTION #68-19

Accept July 2, 2019 Minutes

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 of the Town of Lexington approves the minutes from the July 2, 2019 meeting as presented.

RESOLUTION # 69-19

Accept Financial Report through June 30, 2019

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

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

Therefore this Town Board accepts the financial report through June 30, 2019.

Open Truck Bids

Supervisor Berger opened the 3 truck bids that were submitted. L. T. Begnal Motor Co. Inc.'s bid for a 2019 Dodge was \$63,659.50, Bonnell Industries Inc.'s bid for a 2019 Ram 5500 was \$78,848.00, and Ben Funk Inc.'s bid for a 2020 International CV515 SFA was \$75,579.00.

RESOLUTION # 70-19

Purchase New Truck

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 purchase the 2019 Dodge from L. T. Begnal Motor Co. Inc. for \$63,659.50. There was some discussion on how to pay for it. It was decided that the truck would be purchased outright and would not require a loan. Some of the monies used to purchase the truck would come from old trucks and equipment that were recently auctioned off.

RESOLUTION # 71-19

Purchase Extended Warranty for International Truck Purchased Last Year

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Supervisor Berger 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 put \$20,000.00 in the ICS account to earn interest rather than pay \$20,000.00 for an extended warranty on the 2019 International truck. The \$20,000.00 will strictly be used for repairs on the International truck. The remaining balance, if there is one after 5 years, will go into the equipment reserve account.

Hiking Trail Update

Bennett Wine and Michelle Yost were on hand to give an update on the hiking trails in Lexington. There is a network of trails that span approximately 15 to 20 miles. The Lexington Hiking Club would like to call it Dixie’s Way. They are trying to get a land use permit. They have met with DEP, Greene County Soil and Water, and members of the hiking club. The permit could take 9 to 12 months to get. The Town would have to make a commitment and have liability insurance (which will not cost extra) and the hiking club would have to make a commitment to maintain the trails. Bennett is hoping to be able to use a snowmobile to pack down the trails in the winter so the trails can be used for cross country skiing. The trails would be used year round. There are 60-70 members in the hiking club and 12 have volunteered to do maintenance. Bennett has talked to DEP about expanding the parking space. Michelle said that this project would be good for the Town of Lexington along with the Scenic Byway Extension and the Hamlet Revitalization. Supervisor Berger said that he would talk to the Town Attorney and get back to Bennett and Michelle but did not see why they could not move forward.

RESOLUTION # 72-19

Approve Lamont Engineers as Engineer for the Town

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 approve Lamont Engineers to work with the Planning Board on the Windham Falls project. An escrow account has been set up for legal fees and attorney fees so there will be no cost to the taxpayers.

RESOLUTION # 73-19

Audit Committee Report

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 approve the paying of the following expenditures.

General Fund No. 195 Through No. 233 = \$ 14,409.19

Highway Fund No. 147 Through No. 165 = \$ 97,922.89

Sewer Fund No. 42 Through No. 51 = \$ 4,392.88

Lighting Fund No. 7 Through No. 7 = \$ 263.65

Code Enforcement Report

The Board Members received the reports to review.

Public Comments:

Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn asked about Goreman and Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance said that the work was finished and he thought they did a good job.

Glen Howard asked about the snowmobile law. He thought that it was passed last year. Supervisor Berger said that it was not passed but would check the minutes.

Betty Hapeman asked if there was anything new concerning the walking path. Town Clerk, Charlotte Jaeger said that the grants will be awarded September 1st so there was nothing new to report.

Michelle Yost said that there should be something on the Town of Lexington website concerning the Scenic Byway Extension. Rose Williams asked why the Byway wouldn't go past the Lexington Church. Michelle Yost said that people will be coming in that way anyway and there could be marketing and /or audio tours. Michelle Yost asked about the Hamlet Revitalization project and Supervisor Berger said that there are some citizens that are looking into some of the ideas.

Council Member Bradley Jenkins asked if we will revisit the Snowmobile / ATV Law next month. Supervisor Berger said that he will find out if the Town could do a rationale basis study in order to move forward.

Mark Nagawiecki Jr said that he had been here a year ago regarding having Brook Road fixed. He has recently received a letter from Highway Superintendent Frank Hermance stating that the road had been abandoned in 1960 so the Town does not own the road and so will not repair it. Mark said that the road was called Joe Earl road until 1992 and that it was renamed Brook road. The road was washed out during Irene and was never repaired. The road shows up on State and Federal maps. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea asked who owns the land under the road? Mark does not know so it was suggested that he get it surveyed and a title report. Since the Town abandoned the road the property reverts back to the land owner. Mark is willing to get the road repaired and he would plow and maintain it but he needs to know who owns the road. Mark Nagawiecki Sr. said that the Town of Lexington was maintaining the road up until Irene.

Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn said that the Woman's Expo at St. Theresa' in Windham is August 17th.

The Town of Lexington Picnic will be September 7th and Antonio Delgado will be here at 10 A. M. prior to the picnic.

Glen Howard said that the Wildlife Expo will be on September 28th at the Community Hall in West Kill. He also wanted everyone to know that \$4,000.00 was given to the Wounded Veterans program last year. They take the Veterans turkey hunting and bear hunting.

Adjourn

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member William Pushman and with no further business and with all in favor the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Berger at 7:10 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk