**Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting**

**June 1, 2021 Via Zoom**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn opened the Town Board meeting at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was a moment of silence in memory of Isabelle Francais and Adele Cook.

**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, Larry Russ, Rick, Chris Dwon, Moira Taylor, Colleen, Shelly, & James

**RESOLUTION # 32-21**

**Town Board Members Participation & Acceptance via Zoom**

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

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

 Nays – 0

 Abstain1- Wine

 Absent-1 -Pushman

**RESOLUTION # 33-21**

**Accept May 4, 2021 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 minutes from April 4, 2021 as presented.

**RESOLUTION # 34-21**

**Accept May 14, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, 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 accepts the special meeting minutes from May 14, 2021.

**RESOLUTION # 35-21**

**April 2021 Financial 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 accept the financial report for the month of April 2021.

**Highway Report**

Supervisor Schermerhorn reported that Cobleskill Stone was awarded the paving bid but she did not have a report from the Highway Superintendent.

**Policy Signature**

Town employees, elected & appointed officials need to get their papers turned into the Town Clerk re; employee handbook, ethics, computer, internet, & email.

**Mortgage Tax**

The Town of Lexington will be getting a little less that $80,000.00 which is considerably more than the Town normally receives. Some of that money will go for a new laptop for the Supervisor and a new printer for the bookkeeper.

**NYS Equalization Rate & Status for 2021**

Our equalization rate is at 96.25% which means that we do not have to do a reevaluation for next year.

**Yearly Audit**

The yearly audit has been done but we are still waiting for our hard copy.

**UPDATES**

The Town is looking for an electrical contractor for the Municipal Garage.

There were only 2 concerns for Grievance Day.

STR applications are available 5/1/21-10/31/21 for the year 2022.

The Town Board is meeting in person and also through zoom. Attorney Tal Rappleyea said that the Legislature has a bill pending to change the open meeting law.

Covid- 19: Supervisor Schermerhorn said that we have only had 12-13 people that have had covid in Lexington.

Greene County is doing a broadband survey and it will be on the Town of Lexington website.

**RESOLUTION # 36-21**

**Audit Committee Report**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, 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 approve the paying of the following expenditures.

**Highway Fund** No.82 Through No. 103 = $ 36,750.94

**General Fund** No. 126Through No.148 = $ 12,416.86

**Lighting District** No. Through No. = $ 0.00

**Sewer District** No. 29Through No. 33 = $ 1,326.97

**Windham Falls** No. Through No. = $ 0.00

**Trust** No. 1 Through No. 1  **=$** 11.87

**Public Be Heard**

Larry said that when he was teaching he hard wired his computer to the router to stop the interruptions during zoom. Council member Michael Barcone said that MTC will send out people to check for any technical difficulties.

Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger mentioned that there are people interested in being on the STR committee.

Council Member Michael Barcone said to make a list.

The picnic table is here for the playground located on route 13A.

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that the parade in West Kill for Memorial Day was very nice.

James said that he would be interested in organizing some activities for the children in Town but is not sure how to go about it and wondered if the Town could help with it. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that they will work on it.

James said that the next Almanac article will be about the Farmer’s Market and will be posted on the Town website.

**Calendar of Events**

West Kill-Lexington Community Assoc. BBQ 6/5/21

Farmer’s Market 6/12/21 & 6/26/21 10-1

Town Board Meeting 7/6/21 6pm

**Adjourn and Go into Executive Session**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins the regular Town Board meeting adjourned at 6:35 and went into Executive Session to discuss the highway contract.

**End Executive Session and Return to Regular Meeting**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins and with all in favor the executive session ended at 6:50pm and the regular meeting resumed.

**RESOLUTION # 37-21**

**Highway Working Foreman**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, 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 create a working foreman position. The Highway Superintendent

would be the one to choose who the foreman would be.

**RESOLUTION # 38-21**

**Highway Working Foreman – Current Highway Employee**

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 make one of the requirements to be the Highway Foreman that they have to already be a highway worker.

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone and with no more business and none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk