**Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting**

**August 3, 2021 In Person & 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 Thomas Ladd and Anna Sporton.

**Present:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn

 Council Members Michael Barcone William Pushman

 Bennett Wine

 Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

 Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance

**Absent:** Council Member Bradley Jenkins

**Others Present:** Jo Cross (Health Officer), Bruce Thomas, Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle, Larry Russ, Jack Jordan, Shelly, & James Doran

**RESOLUTION # 45-21**

**Accept July 6, 2021 Town Board Minutes**

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

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

 Nays - 0

 Absent- 1 Jenkins

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the July 6, 2021 Town Board minutes as

 presented.

**RESOLUTION #46-21**

**June 2021 Financial Report**

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

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

 Nays – 0

 Absent-1-Jenkins

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the financial report for the month of June 2021.

**Highway Report**

Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance said that they are replacing culverts and that they are getting ready to black top on Beech Ridge from Route 42 to the intersection by Dan Davern. The state will pay $100,000.00 and the cost is $131,000.00. The Truesdell Rd. culvert replacement should start in September.

**Resolution # 47-21**

**Purchase Cat Backhoe/loader**

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

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

 Nays – 0

 Absent-1 – Jenkins

Therefore this Town Board agrees to purchase the Cat 420 Backhoe and not the John Deere Backhoe that they had specs and bids on. There was discussion whether or not to lease or go with a bond. Attorney Tal Rappleyea said that the interest rate for a bond with the Bank of Greene County is 1.45%.

**Cannabis Adult Use and Retail Dispensaries**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn said that they need to do more research and will bring it up at a later date.

**Generator at Highway Garage**

The generator will be installed tomorrow.

**American Rescue Plan Act**

The Town of Lexington received a check for $39,479.72 this money can only be used for certain things like broadband, sewer, & water treatment.

**Short Term Rental Applications**

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that the Town will be strict with the deadlines so hopefully people will be getting their applications in.

**14th Annual Anthem Sports Bike Race**

Will be on August 14th and there is information on the Town website.

**Covid-19 Update**

Health Officer Jo Cross had handouts that she passed out and she said that we had 69 new cases within 3 weeks in Greene County. It is recommended that people wear masks in crowded areas even people that are vaccinated. All the infections were below the Mountain.

**Budget**

The Town Board will be working on the budget soon and the State has set the cap at 1.5%.

**RESOLUTION # 48-21**

**Audit Committee Report**

On a motion by Council Member Benett Wine, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone

the following was,

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

 Nays - 0

 Absent-1 - Jenkins

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

**Highway Fund** No.126 Through No. 135 = $ 16,180.24

**General Fund** No.176 Through No. 202 = $ 9,272.12

**Lighting District** No. 7 Through No. 7 = $ 285.54

**Sewer District** No. 44 Through No. 48 = $ 2,027.50

**Public Be Heard**

Bruce Thomas brought a copy of a petition that is ongoing and it is for a 2nd Amendment Resolution. He is a veteran and he believes Lexington should stand up for the rights of their local citizens. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that they would table it for now so that the Town Attorney could take a look at it because she thought some of the wording might need to be changed for the Resolution. She also reminded everyone that officials all take the oath of office to uphold the Constitution.

James said that he interviewed Will Sperling on the opening of the store next to the Post Office and he will publish the Almanac soon on the website.

Larry wanted to know if the ARPA money could be used for cell service and Supervisor Schermerhorn said that it could not.

Supevisor Schermerhorn said that there is a community play group that meets on Wednesday from 10 – 12 at the Methodist Church hall in the hamlet of Lexington. It is important for children to socialize especially after not being able to last year because of Covid.

**Calendar of Events**

Levi Hill Dedication 8/7/21 2pm

Farmer’s Market 8/7/21 & 8/21/21 10am-1pm

WK-Lex Community Hall Assoc. Car Show 8/14/21 9am-3pm

Town Board Meeting 9/7/21 6pm

**Adjourn and Go into Executive Session**

**No Action Will Be Taken**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member William Pushman the regular Town Board meeting adjourned at 6:44 and went into Executive Session.

**End Executive Session**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the executive session ended at 7:15 pm with all in favor.

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member Bennet Wine, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone and with none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk