**Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting**

**September 5, 2023 In Person & Via Zoom**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn opened the Town Board meeting at 6:01 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was a moment of silence for Norman Van Valkenburgh and Ken Aurigema.

**Present:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn

 Council Members Michael Barcone William Pushman

 Bradley Jenkins

 Bennett Wine (zoom)

 Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

 Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea(Zoom)

Superintendent of Highways Kevin Simmons

**Others Present: In Person-**  Moira Taylor, John Enochty, & Richard Amdur **Zoom:** Shelly, Lynn Byrne & Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle

**Open Bids for Surplus Town Property**

The Town received 2 bids one from Charlotte & Greg Rappleyea in the amount of $10,000.00 and one from Alireza Sadeghzadeh in the amount of $5,000.00.

**RESOLUTION # 67-23**

**Accept August 1, 2023 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5– Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine

 Nays - 0

Therefore this Town Board accepts the meeting minutes from August 1, 2023 public hearing & meeting as presented.

**RESOLUTION # 68-23**

**July 2023 Financial Report**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5- Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine

 Nays – 0

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the financial report for the month of July 2023.

**Highway Report**

Superintendent of Highways Kevin Simmons reported that they have been patching Crump Hill and Beechridge and a few other spots.

**Open Bids for Surplus Town Property**

The Town received 2 bids one from Charlotte & Greg Rappleyea in the amount of $10,000.00 and one from Alireza Sadeghzadeh in the amount of $5,000.00.

**RESOLUTION # 69-23**

**Award Bid for Surplus of Town Property**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5- Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine

 Nays – 0

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the bid received from Charlotte and Greg Rappleyea in the amount of $10,000.00.

**Budget Workshop**

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that the date for the Budget Workshop will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

**RESOLUTION #70-23**

**Change November Town Board Meeting Date**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine

 Nays - 0

Therefore this Town Board moves to change the November meeting to Wednesday, November 8, 2023 since the General Election falls on the regular monthly meeting date.

**NYS Senate “Short Term Rental”**

Senator Michelle Hinchey’s bill (S885B/A4130A) was passed in the Senate in June but has not passed in the Assembly yet. This Bill would aid Municipalities to track, capture revenue, and decide how and whether to regulate short-term rentals. This bill would create New York’s first statewide short-term rental registry, managed by the Department of State, establishing a comprehensive, state-level view or this expansive hospitality sector.

**Lexington STR update**

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that as of right now there are 62 non-resident permits and that there are 10 on the waiting list. The number of resident permits is 15 which gives a total of 76 which is close to the 10%. There are 20 inspections that still need to be done. The renewals will be going out in September and the renewals need to be back by **December 15th.**

**AmeriCorps Seniors**

Greene County is looking for volunteers to drive seniors to Dr. appointments and also to deliver meals to senior citizens. They do pay mileage to volunteers.

**Special Event Fee – Planning Board**

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that the planning board wanted to have a fee for special events. They thought even a $25 or $50 would be fine. Council Member Jenkins wanted to know if this would apply to non-profits. Council Member Barcone wanted to know if there should already be things in place for commercial places. Town Board members wanted to know where to draw the line? What if you want to have a family reunion or a graduation party? The Town Board wanted to know what constitutes a special event. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea said that the Town of Jewett has a mass gathering permit and it is for at least 200 people. They thought they should table this for now.

**Comprehensive Plan**

There is a zoom meeting scheduled for Monday with the committee and Nan Stolzenburg. Lynn said that they are looking to put all of the information that they have gathered put into an appendix. They hope to have this done by the end of the year.

**CEO Report**

There was a code enforcement report for the month of August for the Town Board members to peruse.

There were 2 Certificates of Occupancy issued, 5 Co of O searches, and 5 permits issued. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that Carl had told her that the sprinkler system will be tested in a couple of weeks at the rehab center.

**RESOLUTION # 71-23**

**Audit Committee Report**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman seconded by Council Member Bennett Wine

the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, Schermerhorn, & Wine

 Nays - 0

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

**Highway Fund** No. 126 Through No. 142 = $ 35,384.12

**General Fund** No. 219Through No. 238 = $ 5,250.0

**Lighting District** No. 9 Through No. 9 = $ 302.46

**Sewer District** No. 40 Through No. 46 = $ 3,811.18

**Public Be Heard**

John asked if there was anything new on the parsonage in West Kill. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that since ken had passed away she was not sure how to proceed but thought the Lawyer that Ken spoke to might be of some help.

**Calendar of Events**

Farmer’s Market Sept 16, 30 10am-1pm

Town Picnic Sept 23rd 12 pm at the Pavilion

Town Board Meeting Oct. 3rd 6pm

Official Dedication of Bonnie’s Trail Oct. 14th 3pm at the kiosk at the trail

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member Bennett Wine, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins and with no more business and none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk