**Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting**

**September 1, 2020 Via Zoom**

 Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn opened the meeting at 6:13PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was a moment of silence in memory of Ron Westman & Dwayne West

**Present:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn

 Council Members Bradley Jenkins

 Michael Barcone

 Bennett Wine

 Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance

 Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

 Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

**Absent:** William Pushman

**Others Present:** Jo Cross, Moira Taylor, & Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle

**RESOLUTION # 73-20**

**Accept August 4, 2020 Minutes**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, 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 minutes from the August 4, 2020 meeting as presented.

**RESOLUTION # 74-20**

**Financial Reports for July**

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 accept the financial reports through July 2020.

**Highway Report**

Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance said that the dirt roads are mostly done and that he made a deal with Prattsville for mowing. The culvert on Rappleyea Rd. will not be done this year. This will be paid for by a grant from soil & water and should be done next year.

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that there will be a bridge replacement in Broad Street Hollow in 2022 and it should take about 3 months for the work. It is a County bridge.

**RESOLUTION #75-20**

**BAS/Edmunds iTax Web Portal**

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 proposal submitted for the iTax Web Portal for a cost of $2,700.00 of which there is a one time fee of $1600.00 for software license and a one time fee of $500.00 for implementation services. The iTax portal will be on the Town of Lexington website.

**Date for 2021 Preliminary Budget Workshop**

On October 6th at the regular Town Board meeting the Board will go over preliminary budget figures from the Supervisor. October 14th will be the Budget Workshop and on November 5th there will be a Public Hearing for the 2021 budget followed by the regular Town Board meeting.

**RESOLUTION #76-20**

**Change November Monthly Meeting Date**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Barcone, Jenkins, Schemerhorn, & Wine

 Nays - 0

 Absent-1 – Pushman

Therefore this Town Board moves to change the monthly meeting date from November 3rd which is Election Day to Thursday November 5th.

**UPDATES:**

**Sexual Harassment Classes**

Supervisor Schermerhorn would like to start these classes and the first one will be on Tuesday September 8th at 10:00 AM. The Highway department’s class will be on a different day and Bennett Wine may take his on-line as he will be in quarantine. If anyone has already taken it this year the Town just needs a copy of your certificate.

**Trout Unlimited**

The harvest samples of 20 fish took place on August 25th. The testing is taking place now and the results should ready in a month or two.

**Comprehensive Plan**

Jen Cawein, Lynn Byrne, & Supervisor Schermerhorn have been working on a survey and will be posting on the Town website soon. Jen is also updating the maps as well.

**Covid-19**

Jo Cross gave an update on Covid19. She said that the County just had its first death since May 22nd.

Antibody positive numbers are going up so it is still important to social distance and wear masks. Our biggest threat are travelers.

There will be a drive-thru flu clinic in Windham at the waste water treatment plant on September 24th at 9:30 am – 12:00 pm for adults over 18 years of age. Preregistration is required. You can call the Greene County Health Department to register at 518-719-3600 option 4.

**Census 2020**

Anyone that was in the Town of Lexington on April 1st should be counted in Lexington. Ron Lipton said that Lexington's response numbers are very low.

**Short Term Rentals**

 Council Member Michael Barcone along with the STR committee will be sending a proposal to Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea to look at. They would like to create a data base and registration program and have it in place for the new year.

 **RESOLUTION #65-20**

**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. The reason the Highway expenditure is high is because of the new truck.

**Highway Fund** No. 143 Through No. 174 = $ 92,125.45

**General Fund** No. 232 Through No. 2256 = $ 9,003.38

**Lighting District** No. 8 Through No. 8 = $ 259.96

**Sewer District** No. 42 Through No. 45 = $ 598.55

**Public Be Heard**

Council Member Bennett Wine wanted to know about Mary Kaplan’s properties. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that taxes had been paid but she did not have any other details. Council Member Bennett Wine asked about the rehab center and Supervisor Schermerhorn said that the building plans have been submitted and things should be moving forward soon.

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that she had some complaints about people not mowing their lawns in the hamlets. There have also been some complaints about people speeding on the Spruceton Road. Supervisor Schermerhorn talked to the Greene County Sheriff (Pete Kusminsky) and he sent someone up on a Saturday afternoon and there really wasn’t a problem then. Michael Barcone from the West Kill

Brewery said that he has a large sign by his business and he will be putting one by the flag pole as well that says drive slowly and safely. He asked that if people would like to contact him please do so by email. Council Member Bradley Jenkins said that large trucks are loud and people tend to have poor judgment when it comes to how fast the trucks are traveling. Highway Superintendent Frank Hermance

said that all the signage was up and seems to be working.

On September 12th there will be a ceremony in Prattsville at 10:30 to celebrate medic 8 (flycar) stationed at the Prattsville Fire house and one in Hunter at 12:00 to celebrate the new medic car and a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated facility to house it.

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member Bennett Wine and with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Schermerhorn.

**Town of Lexington Calendar of Events**

Tour of the Catskills 9/20/20

Farmer’s Market 9/12/2020 & 9/26/2020 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Town Board Meeting 10/06/2020 6:00 PM

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk