**Town of Lexington Town Board Year End Meeting**

**December 29, 2020 Via Zoom**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn opened the meeting at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Present:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn

Council Members Michael Barcone Bradley Jenkins

William Pushman

Bennett Wine

Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance

Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

**Others Present:** Jo Cross, Devon & Larry Russ, James, Diane Apostolacus, Bervoets family, Matt & Nancy Jordan, Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle, Jamie Richards, Jenya, Patrick Meagher, Paul Dwon, Christine Nedilsky, Alex & Pao, Paul Henderson, & Nancy Lainez

**RESOLUTION #103-20**

**Accept December 1, 2020 Minutes**

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

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

Nays - 0

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the December 1, 2020 minutes as presented.

**RESOLUTION # 104-20**

**Accept November 2020 Financial Report**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, 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 accept the Financial Report for November 2020.

**Highway Report**

Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance said that people along 13A had been evacuated. We had 36 inches of snow and then 7 ½ inches of rain. Broadstreet Hollow got hit pretty bad and so did the end of Spruceton. It will be a few weeks before things get put back together. The bridge on State Route 42 needs to be repaired so there is a detour. State Route 214 has one lane traffic. County Route 17 is closed in Jewett.

**RESOLUTION # 105-20**

**Alarm System**

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 have enter into a contract with Doyle for the security system. It is a 5 year contract. The initial installation fee will be $499.00.

**RESOLUTION # 106-20**

**Town of Lexington Adopts Provisions of Executive Order 202.83 Suspending the Requirements of Renewal Applications as a Condition to Granting Exemptions Under Sections 459-C and 467 of the Real Property Tax Law**

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

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

Nays - 0

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York by Executive Order No. 202 dated March 7, 2020 declared a state disaster emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, both travel-related and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to continue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, New York Governor Cuomo did issue Executive Order 202.83, which temporarily suspends or modifies, subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, ~~a, 5~~b, 5-c, and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Executive Order 202.83 issued by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo on December 18, 2020, the Town Board of the Town of Lexington hereby adopts, as a local option, the suspension of subdivisions 7, 7-a and of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Assessor is hereby directed to grant exemptions pursuant to such sections on the 2021/2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020/2021 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for the Assessor to mail renewal applications to such persons; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the above the Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died.

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Assessor and the Office of the Town Attorney.

**RESOLUTION # 107-20**

**Discard Assessor’s Outdated Property Books**

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

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

Nays - 0

Therefore this Town Board moves to discard the outdated books.

**2020 Dog Control Report from Bruce Feml**

Supervisor Schermerhorn informed everyone that she was in receipt of the report from Bruce Feml and a copy would be in the Town Clerk’s office if anyone wanted to read it.

**Catskill Center’s Streamside Acquisition Program / Parcel #9435**

The Town Supervisor has a copy in her office if anyone wants to take a look or make comments.

The parcel is on Park Road and is a 9 acre parcel of which the owner will keep 1 acre. DEP will

allow bow hunting on this property.

**RESOLUTION # 108-20**

**Code Enforcement Stipend**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member Bennett Wine the following was,

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

Nays - 0

Therefore this Town Board approves the paying of a one time stipend of $2,000.00 to the Code Enforcement Officer for all of the extra hours and work he has been doing.

**RESOLUTION # 109-20**

**Budget Transfers from General Fund**

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

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

Nays - 0

Therefore this Town of Lexington Town Board moves to make the following Budget transfers in the General Fund.

**GENERAL**

From: A1990.4 Contingent $1,750.00

To: A1320.4 Independent Auditing $1,750.00

From: A19910.4 Contingent $1,250.00

From: A9010.8 Retirement $ 260.00

To: A1330.2 Tax Collection Equipment $1,510.00

From: A9010.8 Retirement $ 103.46

To: A1680.4 Central Data Cont. $ 103.46

From: A1355.4 Assessor Contractual $ 233.48

To: $ 233.48

From: A9010.8 Retirement $ 604.76

To: A1680.4 Central Data Cont. $ 604.76

Form: A9010.8 Retirement $ 255.00

To: A1920.4 Municipal Dues $ 255.00

From: A9010.8 Retirement $1,182.00

To: A3310.4 Traffic Control $1,182.00

Form: A9010.8 Retirement $2,454.01

To: A3625.4 Rescue Squad $2,454.01

From: A7510.4 Historical Contractual $ 13.00

To: A7510.1 Historian Personal Service $ 13.00

From: A9010.8 Retirement $1,277.46

To: A9030.8 Social Security $1,277.46

From: A9010.8 Retirement $4,415.40

To: A9060.8 Health Insurance $4,415.60

**RESOLUTION # 110-20**

**Budget Transfers from the Highway Fund**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, 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 make the following transfers in the Highway Fund.

**HIGHWAY**

From: DA5110.4 General Repairs $ 12,282.50

To: DA5110.45 Rentals $ 12,282.50

From: DA5110.4 General Repairs $ 11,770.79

To: DA5112.2 Improvements Capital Outlay $ 11,770.79

From: DA9720.6 Statutory Bonds $ 6,011.13

From: DA9710.6 Serial Bonds $ 6,544.85

From: DA5110.4 General Repairs $ 5,114.45

From: DA9010.8 Employee Benefits $ 24,016.48

From: DA9060.8 Health Ins. $ 19,581.96

From: DA5140.4 Brush & Weeds $ 20,000.00

From: DA9950.9 Equipment Reserve $ 30,000.00

From: DA5142.4 Snow Removal $ 375.13

To: DA5130.2 Equipment $111,644.00

From: DA9010.8 Employee Benefits $ 2,432.52

To: DA9030.8 Social Security $ 2,432.52

**Covid-19**

Jo Cross, Health Officer said that the total number was 1,234 and it keeps going up. Council Member Bennett Wine asked what the hospital capacity was but Jo did not know. The break down for the number of cases by Towns seem to be monthly. James Doran said that there is an official Greene County face book page. There have been a total of 4 cases in Lexington.

**RESOLUTION #111-20**

**Audit Committee Report**

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

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. 251 Through No. 269 = $ 21,173.78

**General Fund** No. 339Through No. 373 = $ 24,610.75

**Lighting District** No. 12 Through No. 12 = $ 290.47

**Sewer District** No. 71 Through No. 76 = $ 4,865.22

**Trust**  No. 1Through No. 3 = $ 264.12

**Public Be Heard**

Council Member Michael Barcone said that he would like detour signs put up for Beech Ridge. Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance said that Beech Ridge is not a detour according to

the State.

Christine said that her family has owned land about 60 years in the town and she would like to purchase the land adjoining theirs that is owned by the Fire Department. Chief Paul Dwon said that the Fire Company is not interested in selling the land.

Nancy owns a home in North Lexington and she just found out about the proposed short term rental regulations and she wanted to know if there would be another opportunity for feedback. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that comments could be submitted. Council Member Michael Barcone said that the Town Board Members still needed to talk among themselves publicly.

Alex and his wife purchased the Ensemble theater and he has a website lexartsandscience.com.

**Calendar of Events**

Town Board Meeting Tuesday, January 5th at 6:00pm via Zoom

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone and with no further business and all in favor Supervisor Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk