A Budget Workshop of the Town Board of the Town of Lexington, County of Greene and the State of New York was held at the Municipal Building, 3542 Route 42, Lexington NY on October 21, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn at 6:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn

Council Members Michael Barcone

William Pushman

Bradley Jenkins

Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

**ABSENT:** Council Member Bennett Wince Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Superintendent of Highway Frank Hermance

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kevin Simmons

**Budget Workshop**

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn presented the Tentative Budget to the Town Board Members. Supervisor Schermerhorn started by saying that the numbers needed to be shifted down as she had a problem with the table. It was decided to change the Clerk Deputies to an hourly rate rather than a stipend. Council Member Jenkins suggested that some money be earmarked for reval and he suggested that instead of buying gas from the gas stations for lawnmowers that the gas come from the highway tank which can be kept track of through the meter. Council Member Barcone suggested that some money be put into the youth program fund as the number of children in Town is on the rise. The revenue for this year has been higher than normal so can’t be counted on for next year.

Highway Superintendent Frank Hermance wanted to add $5,000 to each line but that was

not possible with the cap. Council Member Jenkins thought that the fuel in the Highway Department should be kept track of in different categories like snow removal, brush & weeds, etc. He also thought that some highway signs should come out of safety & some right out of the highway budget. There was discussion about the highway workers driving all the way from Spruceton to the highway garage for lunch. The Supervisor went over the budget page by page with the Board Members and there was some discussion on various line items.

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| **Summary of Town Budget “2022”**  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Code** | **Fund** | **Appropriations** | **Less Estimated**  **Revenues** | **Less Unexpended Balance** | **Amount to Be**  Raised by  **Taxes** | | **A** | GENERAL | **563,075** | **43,000** |  | **520,075** | | **DA** | HIGHWAY | **832,875** | **73,000** |  | **759,875** | | Totals | | **1,35,950** | **116,000** |  | **1,279,950** | | **SPECIAL**  **LIGHTING** | | **3200** |  |  |  | | **Fire District** | |  |  |  |  | | **Sewer District** | |  |  |  |  | | TOTALS | |  |  |  | **.** | |
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**RESOLUTION # 65-21**

**Adopt Preliminary Budget**

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

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Barcone, Jenkins, Pushman, and Schermerhorn

Nays – 0

Absent-1 –Wine

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board adopts the Preliminary Budget.

The Preliminary Budget Hearing for the 2022 Budget will be on November 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM followed by the Town of Lexington Town Board meeting.

**RESOLUTION # 66-21**

**Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance of the State-aid Program eligible costs, of a capital project, and appropriating funds, therefore**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1 – Wine

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the implementation and funding in the first instance of the State-aid Program eligible costs, of a capital project (North Beech Ridge Road) and appropriating funds, therefore.

WHEREAS, a sum of not to exceed $135,000.00 in Program Funding is available to progress the project.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lexington desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the State share of the costs of the construction, construction inspection and construction supervision.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Lexington Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Lexington Town Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Lexington Town Board her4by authorizes the Town of Lexington to pay in the first instance 100% of the cost of construction, construction inspection and construction supervision work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of $135,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Highway Fund and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full state share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Lexington Town Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Lexington Town Supervisor thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Lexington be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for State Aid on behalf of the Town of Lexington with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement of approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the Municipality’s/Sponsor’s first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible and it is further

RESOLVED, that a Certified Copy of the resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project between the Town of Lexington and the State of New York; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION # 67-21**

**Pay Bills from Cobleskill Stone**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1 – Wine

Therefore this Town Board moves to pay Cobleskill Stone $284,996.83. The Town will be reimbursed by NYS DOT, CHIPS, PAVE, EWR, & ARPA. The amount that the Town should receive is $314,618.55 some of which can be rolled over and some can’t.

**RESOLUTION # 68-21**

**Accept Backhoe/Loader Bid**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1 – Wine

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the bid of $19,000.00 for the 1999 backhoe/loader.

**Howard Road**

Supervisor Schermerhorn spoke to Scott Templeton from Greene County and he said that the situation is not catastrophic however there is a big concern on how to stop the erosion. Joel Dubois from Greene County Soil & Water said that it would probably be a 1.3 million dollar job. It would cost approximately $20,000.00 - $25,000.00 just for an engineering firm. It was suggested to fill the road with stone and keep it level. It was suggested to have the homeowners put in driveways from State Route 42. They would need to get permits from Steve Shepard with the DOT in Cairo for these driveways. The Board members suggested that the Supervisor talk to the Town Attorney.

**Undeveloped Road off from Fuller Road**

Greg Rappleyea is interested in purchasing this property from the Town. Supervisor Schermerhorn spoke to Rob Allison about surveying the property. The property would need to be appraised by a certified appraiser. Council Member Jenkins said we need to

research this property. Supervisor Schermerhorn thought a title search might be a good idea.

**Bond**

The notice will be in the newspaper and needs to be posted for 20 days for the new backhoe.

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins and with none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk*