**Town of Lexington Organizational Meeting – January 3, 2023**

**In Person and Via Zoom**

The Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lexington was called to order at 6:02 PM by Supervisor, JoEllen Schermerhorn at the Lexington Municipal Building, 3542 Route 42, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor JoEllen Shcermerhorn

Council Members Michael Barcone

Bennett Wine - Zoom

William Pushman

Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger

Highway Superintendent Kevin Simmons

**ABSENT:** Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Council Member Bradley Jenkins

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Falke, Alfred Truesdell, Paul & Liza Dwon, Helen Kerr, & Ray Clinton

Zoom- Michael Ryan from the Mountain Eagle, Larry, Richard, & Lynn

**RESOLUTION # 1-23**

**Approve Dec. 6, 2022Minutes**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1 – Jenkins

Therefore, the Town of Lexington Town Board approves the Minutes from December 29, 2022 as presented.

**RESOLUTION # 2-23**

**Designation of Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

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

Nays – 0

Absent-1- Jenkins

Therefore, the Town of Lexington Town Board designates the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM to be the regular meeting night of the Town Board of the Town of Lexington, and the meetings will be held at the Municipal Building, 3542 Route 42.

**RESOLUTION # 3-23**

**Calling Special Meetings**

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

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

Nays – 0

Absent-1- Jenkins

Therefore, it is resolved, that Special Meetings may be called by the Supervisor, provided that 24 hours advance notice be given to Town Board Members and that the Supervisor will call a Special Town Board Meeting at the request of two or more Town Board Members.

**RESOLUTION # 4-23**

**Designation of Banks**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1 – Jenkins

Resolved, that this Town Board does hereby designate the Bank of Greene County, Tannersville, N.Y., the NBT Bank, NA., of Grand Gorge, & Windham, N.Y., and the Catskill – Hudson Bank, of Kingston, N.Y. as the official depositories for the Town of Lexington for the year 2023.

**RESOLUTION # 5-23**

**Investment of Idle Monies**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1 – Jenkins

Whereas the Town of Lexington wishes to comply with NYS General Municipal Law regarding the security of public deposits that it has on deposit at any bank, and so the Town of Lexington will continue to use an ICS account at the Catskill-Hudson Bank. The Town will be keeping a check on rates at other banks.

**RESOLUTION # 6-23**

**Designation of Official Newspapers**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1- Jenkins

Resolved, that this Town Board does hereby designate the Mountain Eagle and the Catskill Daily Mail as the official newspapers for the Town of Lexington for the year 2023.

**RESOLUTION # 7-23**

**Designation of official Radio Station WRIP 97.9**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1 – Jenkins

by designate WRIP as the official radio station for the Town of Lexington for the year 2023.

**RESOLUTION # 8-23**

**Readopt Policy Book / Mileage Compensation and Dinners for Town Officials**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1 – Jenkins

Resolved, that this Town Board moves to accept the book as is which consists of the employee handbook and code of ethics and does hereby fix mileage compensation at the IRS rate of 65.5 cents per mile for the following: Assessor, Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, Justices, Town Superintendent of Highways, Election Inspectors, Town Clerk / Collector, Town Supervisor, Town Council Members, Planning Board Members, or any appointed or otherwise elected official that goes on Town business.

Be it further resolved, that this Town Board authorizes payment of meals for Town Officials that attend official meetings, not to exceed $15.00 for lunch and $25.00 for dinner and a $40.00 maximum per day.

**RESOLUTION # 9-23**

**Authorize Payment of Dues to Associations**

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

Resolved, that this Town Board authorizes payment of dues to the following Associations: NYS

Association of Towns, NYS Planning Federation, Association of Magistrates of NYS, Magistrates   
Association of Greene County, NYS Tax Receivers and Collectors, Greene County Highway Superintendent Association, NYS Superintendent of Highways, NYS Assessors Association, Greene County Assessors Association, Columbia-Greene Town Clerk's Association, NYS Town Clerk Association, and the Association of Public History for New York State.

**RESOLUTION # 10-23**

**Payment of Bills in Advance of Board Meetings**

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

Resolved, that this Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to pay certain claims of indebtedness in advance of Town Board meetings, i.e., electric bills, postage, fuel oil bill, gasoline bill, diesel fuel bill, telephone bill, payroll, and NBT credit card.

**RESOLUTION # 11-23**

**Authorize Supervisor's Report to NYS Comptroller**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1- Jenkins

Resolved, that this Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to send the Supervisor's Financial report to the State Comptroller and then use the annual Supervisor's Financial Report to the State Comptroller for the Annual Financial Report to the Town Board to be filed in the Town Clerk's office, where it will be available to all interested persons and to publish an abbreviated form of the report for year 2022 in the designated newspapers.

**Appoint Planning Board Member – Taris Charysyn**

Supervisor Schermerhorn will re-appoint Taris Charysyn to the Planning Board for 5 years. He sent a letter for continuation and he has been a Planning Board member for over 40 years.

**RESOLUTION # 12-23**

**Appointments and Committees**

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

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

Nays - 0

Absent-1- Jenkins

Resolved, that this Town Board makes the following appointments and be it further resolved that this Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the following committee appointments:

**2023 Appointments**

Planning Board Taris Charysyn

Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea

Disaster Coordinator Paul Dwon

Code / Zoning Officer Carl Giangrande

STR/Enforcement Clerk Nicole Pursel

Registrar of Vital Statistics Charlotte Jaeger

Historian Mary Palazzolo

Deputy Historian Christine Dwon

Deputy Town Clerk Christine Dwon

Deputy Supervisor Michael Barcone

Bookkeeper Michelle Brainard

Secretary to the Supervisor Charlotte Jaeger

Dog Control Officer Bruce Feml

Records Management Officer Charlotte Jaeger

Health Officer Liza Dwon

Inventory Clerk Andrea Searcy

Web Master Charlotte Jaeger

Planning Board Secretary Elizabeth Martin

Zoning Board Secretary Kim McGalliard

**2023 Committees**

**Highway:** Kevin Simmons, Mike Petosa, Charles Van Etten, Bradley Jenkins

**Building:** William Pushman, William Decker, Carl Giangrande, & John Berger

**Monthly Audit:**  Bradley Jenkins, Bennett Wine

**Court / Clerk Audit:**  JoEllen Schermerhorn, Bradley Jenkins

**Comprehensive Plan** Lynn Byrne, Jennifer Cawein, & Kim McGalliard

**Ethics:** Charlotte Jaeger, Rose Petrella-Wislon,& John Berger

**Memorial Bricks:** Mary Palazzolo

**Patriots Day:** Mary Palazzolo and Christine Dwon

**Planning Board:** Jennifer Cawein, Beverly Resnik-Dezan, Nancy Orr, Casey Scieszka, & Taris Charysyn

**Emergency:** JoEllen Schermerhorn, Paul Dwon, & kevin Simmons

**Schoharie Watershed / GCSW Recreation:** Lynn Byrne & Beverly Dezan

**Board of Assessment Review**: Ron Lipton, Susan Falke, Schuyler Minew

**Policy Review:** JoEllen Schermerhorn, Michael Barcone

**Zoning Board:** Sarah Pellizzari, Ron Lipton, Nancy Wyncoop-Bower

**RESOLUTION #13-23**

**2023 Salaries**

On a motion by Council Member, Michael Barcone, 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 approves the following salaries for 2023.

**2023 SALARIES**

**Name**  **Position** **Pay Schedule** **Salary**

JoEllen Schermerhorn Supervisor Monthly $ 12,000.00

Michael Barcone Deputy Supervisor Annually $ 500.00

Charlotte Jaeger Secretary to the Supervisor Monthly $ 5,000.00

Michelle Brainard Bookkeeper Quarterly $ 9,500.00

Devon Russ Town Justice Quarterly $ 5,000.00

Steven Rossignol Town Justice Quarterly $ 5,000.00

Peggy Rappleyea Court Clerk Monthly $ 18.00hr

Michael Barcone Council Member Annually $ 3,000.00

Bradley Jenkins Council Member Annually $ 3,000.00

William Pushman Council Member Annually $ 3,000.00

Bennett Wine Council Member Annually $ 3,000.00

Kevin Simmons Jr Supt. of Highways Bi-Weekly $ 43,000.00

Charlotte Jaeger Town Clerk Bi-Weekly $ 35,000.00

Charlotte Jaeger Tax Collector Quarterly $ 4,000.00

Christine Dwon Deputy Town Clerk Monthly $ 18.00hr

Charlotte Jaeger Registrar of Vital Statistics Annually $ 200.00

Charlotte Jaeger Record Management Officer Annually $ 200.00

Garth Slocum Sole Assessor Bi-Weekly $ 25,675.00

Peggy Rappleyea Assessor Clerk Monthly $ 18.00hr

Carl Giangrande Code Enforcement Officer Bi-Weekly $ 17,000.00

Nicole Pursell Code Enforcement Clerk Monthly $ 18.00hr

Mary Palazzolo Historian Annually $ 600.00

Christine Dwon Deputy Historian Annually $ 300.00

Elizabeth Martin Planning Board Secretary Monthly $ 2,200.00

Ron Lipton Board of Assessment Review Annually $ 200.00

Susan Falke Board of Assessment Review Annually $ 150.00

Schuyler Minew Board of Assessment Review Annually $ 150.00

Jennifer Cawein Planning Board Chair Annually $ 1,000.00

Casey Scieszka Planning Board Member Annually $ 590.00

Nancy Orr Planning Board Member Annually $ 590.00

Taris Charysyn Planning Board Member Annually $ 590.00

Beverly Dezan Planning Board Member Annually $ 590.00

Tal Rappleyea Town Attorney (Extras $135 / hr) Voucher $ 500.00

Charlotte Jaeger Domestic Engineer Bi-Weekly $ 18.00hr

Kim McGalliard ZBA Secretary Annually $ 500.00

Sarah Pellizzari Zoning Board Chair Annually $ 300.00

Ronald Lipton Zoning Board Member Annually $ 300.00

Nancy Wyncoop-Bower Zoning Board Member Annually $ 300.00

Andrea Searcy Inventory Clerk Upon Completion $ 18.00hr

William Decker Grounds/Maintenance Monthly $ 10,250.00

Charlotte Jaeger Web Master Annually $ 600.00

Steve Anshanslin Sewer District Operator Bi-Weekly $ 22,500.00

William Decker Assistant Operator Monthly $ 5,500.00

Michelle Brainard Sewer District Clerk Annually $ 650.00

Michelle Brainard Sewer District Bookkeeper Annually $ 1,500.00

Bruce Feml Dog Control Officer Semi-Annually $ 1,500.00

**Health Update**

Health Officer Liza Dwon said that Covid, RSV, and Flu numbers are all up. She asked if the Town would like a CPR refresher class and to come up with some dates for that.

**Fire -Rescue Report**

Fire Chief Paul Dwon said that the total number of calls for the year was 118 which is up from last year.

**2022 Inventory Report**

The report has been completed and there will be a copy in the Town Clerk’s Office.

**Real Property Tax Exemptions for 2023**

Real Property Tax Service of Greene County has raised the maximum Income limit because it had not been raised since 2009.

Volunteer Fire Fighters and Ambulance Workers may be eligible for tax exemptions. Supervisor Schermerhorn read the definition of active members according to the by-laws of the fire company.

The public hearing will be in February. Supervisor Schermerhorn thanked the fire fighters and ambulance workers on the great job that they have been doing.

**Public Concerns**

Kathy asked about the law that will be at the public hearing in February she also asked if there could be an update each month on short term rentals. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that there were some people that chose not to renew so there would be some people coming off from the wait list. The fire/ rescue will need an up to date spread sheet. Helen asked about the rehab center and Supervisor Schermerhorn said that the rehab center would like to have a job fair in April or May. John asked about ambulance service for the rehab. Liza asked about the ambulance coverage and Supervisor Schermerhorn said that

the cost would be split 3 ways and not according to calls. Liza asked if the coverage is 24/7. It took 10 minutes for the ambulance to call out of service. She also wanted to know about the billing. Ashland will have to differentiate between people working for the Town of Ashland and for the Ambulance service.

Supervisor Schermerhorn said that the 3 Towns will have equal say. Liza is concerned that we are paying more but the service will not be improved. She also wanted to know if the billing would be done in-house or if would be done by a third party billing company.

**Go Into Executive Session**

On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Bennett Wine and with all in favor the Town Board went into Executive Session at 7:04 pm for negotiations and no action will be taken.

**End Executive Session**

On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member William Pushman and with all in favor the Executive Session ended at 7:34pm.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, and on a motion from Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member, William Pushman the meeting shall be adjourned. Carried Unanimously.

Supervisor, Schermerhorn adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm..

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk