**Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting**

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

Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn opened the Town Board meeting at 6:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was a moment of silence for Alice Marilyn Dippold, Lois Martin, & DeborahSpivack.

**Present:** Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn Council Members Bradley Jenkins

 William Pushman

 Bennett Wine - Zoom

 Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger - Zoom

 Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea - Zoom

Superintendent of Highways Kevin Simmons

**Absent:** Council Member Michael Barcone

**Others Present:** Michael Collarone, Moira Taylor, John Enochty, Rose Petrella -Wilson, & Melissa **Zoom:** Rich Amdur, Lynn, Shellyand Mike Ryan from the Mountain Eagle

**RESOLUTION # 87-23**

**October 2023 Financial Report**

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

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

 Nays – 0

 Absent-1- Barcone

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the financial report through the month of October 2023.

**Highway Report**

Superintendent of Highways Kevin Simmons said that he would like to try a liquid in place of salt. Its sprayed on and is less corrosive and he said that it looks like molasses.

**RESOLUTION # 88-23**

**Columbia - Greene Humane Society/SPCA Contract**

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

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

 Nays - 0

 Absent-1 Barcone

Therefore this Town Board moves to accept the agreement from the Columbia – Greene Humane Society/SPCA for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

**Smart Growth Grant**

Supervisor said that she would like to apply for the Smart Growth Grant to get some signage, picnic tables, and possibly a swing set. The deadline is January 31st.

**Mortgage Tax**

The amount to be received from Greene County for mortgage tax is $21,798.20.

**End of Year Meeting**

The date for the year end meeting is December 27th at 6pm.

**Short Term Rental Fee for 2025**

The Town Board passed a Resolution in November to raise the fee from $250 to $500.

**Stream side Plantings**

There are plantings available to eligible landowners for free through Greene County Soil and Water. The information is on the bulletin board and on the Town website.

**Western Catskills Block Grant**

The Town will continue to try to get the block grant from Western Catskills in the spring.

**Organizational Meeting**

The organizational meeting will be on January2nd at 6pm. Supervisor Schermerhorn would like to approve engineers groups. Council Member Bradley Jenkins said that is does not have to go out to bid because they are under professional services.

**Health Officer Report**

Health Officer Liza Dwon was unable to attend the meeting. It was mentioned that there Covid test kits available for free through the mail. The link is on the Town website.

**CEO Report**

The Code Enforcement Officer Carl Giangrande had reports for October & November for the Board Members to review.

**BriteLife Recovery aka Windham Falls**

They are hoping to open in February. They are holding a job fair in Albany.

**Maximum Income Limits for Seniors, Persons with Disabilities, and Limited Income**

The Town usually follows the limits that Greene County sets. There will be a public hearing in February.

**RESOLUTION # 89-23**

**Audit Committee Report**

On a motion by Council Member Bennet Wine, seconded by Council Member Bradly Jenkins

the following was,

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

 Nays - 0

 Absent-1 Barcone

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

**Highway Fund** No.182 Through No. 200 = $ 44,229.64

**General Fund** No. 290 Through No 315 = $ 12,342.53

**Lighting District** No. 12 Through No. 12 = $ 322.79

**Sewer District** No. 57 Through No. 63 = $ 2,580.12

**Public Be Heard**

John wanted to know the status of the parsonage in West Kill. Supervisor Schermerhorn said that she is working on it and needs to make an appointment with David Rikard. She said that the Baptist Church in the Lexington Hamlet has been taken over and the group has started to make some repairs. They are hoping to open it back up.

Lynn thanked Moira, John, Bev, and all of the other Farmers Market volunteers.

**Calendar of Events**

Tree Lighting & Caroling at WK Community Hall 12/09/23 5:30

End of the Year Town Board Meeting 12/27/23 6 pm

Next Town Board Meeting 01/02/24 6 pm

**Executive Session Personnel – No Action Will be Taken**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member William Pushman the Town Board meeting was closed at 6:50 pm and the Executive Session started.

**Close Executive Session and Open Town Board Meeting**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins seconded by Council Member Bennett Wine and with none opposed the Executive Session ended and the Town Board meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member William Pushman and with none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk