The Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lexington was called to order on November 7, 2018 at 6:10 P.M. by John Berger at the Kenneth A. Becker Municipal Building, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Bootie (Bertha) Pushman, Hennie Tillman, and Eileen DeLeonardis.

PRESENT:  Supervisor ....................................... John Berger
Council Members............................. Michael Barcone
          William Pushman
          Jo Ellen Schermerhorn
          Bradley Jenkins
Town Clerk ...........................................Charlotte Jaeger
Superintendent of Highways ............Frank Hermance

OTHERS PRESENT: Alfred Truesdell, Caitlyn Ball, Kevin Piccoli, Colleen Kortendick, Bennet Wine, Elodie Eid, and Michael Ryan from the Mountain Eagle.

RESOLUTION #107-18
Make Changes to Preliminary Budget
On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn the following was,
ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to make the following changes to the 2019 Preliminary Budget; Instead of $1,234,688.00 the budget will be reduced $4,000.00 to $1,230,688.00. The $4,000.00 came from DA5110.4 so the new amount would be $76,000.00 and not $80,000.00 for that highway line.

RESOLUTION #108-18
Adopt 2019 Budget
On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,
ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to adopt the 2019 Budget in the amount of $1,230,688.00.

RESOLUTION # 109-18
Approve Minutes from Oct. 2, Meeting
On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, the following resolution was,
ADOPTED: Ayes - 5 - Berger, Barcone, Pushman, Jenkins, and Schermerhorn.
Nays - 0

Therefore, Town of Lexington Town Board moves to accept the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on October 2, 2018.

RESOLUTION # 110-18
Approve Minutes from Oct. 17, Public Hearing
On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins the following was,
ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 - Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0
Absents -1 – Barcone

RESOLUTION # 111-18
Accept Financial Report through September
On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by William Pushman the following was,
ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0
Therefore the Town Board moves to accept the financial report through September 30, 2018.

**Discuss Economic Development Committee or Corp.**

Supervisor Berger started by talking about the final presentation given by Pace Alliance which was funded by CWC through grant monies and the focus was on the Hamlet of Lexington because of damage from Hurricane Irene. Certain things were identified by the LFA (Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis) and this is a furthering of an effort to preserve what community we can outside of the flood plain. Supervisor Berger said that the Town of Prattsville was very much destroyed by the flood as a result of Hurricane Irene and has taken advantage of many of the opportunities given by the State, CWC, and the Federal Government.

Supervisor Berger invited Kevin Piccoli the Chairman of the Prattsville Corporeataion to speak on Prattsville's progress and the steps taken to make those changes come about.

Kevin Piccoli was happy to share information on steps taken and things learned in the process with Lexington. He said the first thing they did was form a small group to determine what they need and how to go about getting it. They then formed a steering committee of 7 people and then three subcommittees; economic development, community, and housing. They sent out a town wide survey asking people what they liked, what they don't want, and what they wished they had. They came up with a project list from the results of the survey. The Prattsville Development Corporation was formed to figure out how to make the 24 projects happen. They reached out to everyone they could including all of the local politicians, DOT, DEP, DEC, Greene County, etc. The key was to get funding. They have been able to get 19 out of the 24 projects completed. It took a lot of phone calls, visits, hard work, and time. You need to show emotion and energy. Supervisor Berger asked if Prattsville hired a grant writer and Kevin Piccoli said that he wrote the grants. How do you get started?

Prattsville formed the Prattsville Relief Fund which is a not for profit to get funding for homeowners, then they set up a local development corporation which has pros and cons. It is a not for profit and their job is to help the Town Board with administration, identify the grants out there and write the grants. If they get the money they continue working with the project, write contracts and work with contractors. Everything done went through the Town Board. They had to have By-laws and a number of policies, for example a procurement policy. Kevin is happy to give Lexington everything he has. A not for profit can file for grants that the Town can not. The not for profit is a two page filing every year. Kevin said once you get a couple of grants under your belt it gets easier. Supervisor Berger thanked Kevin for coming to the meeting and Kevin said if there was anything else he could do feel free to contact him.

**Route 42 Bridge**

Supervisor Berger said that it has been single lane all summer and will be single lane all winter. The lane will be widened for the winter so snowplows can go over it but tractor trailers will still not be able to go over it. There was a question about the stop lights if the power goes out. Supervisor Berger said he would check into it.

**RESOLUTION # 112-18**
Submit Delinquent Sewer Bills to the County

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

**ADOPTED:** Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays -0

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to send the six delinquent sewer bills to Greene County.

**RESOLUTION # 113-18**
Approve Pattison, Koskey, Howe, & Bucci CPA's to prepare year end report and Court Audit

On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,

**ADOPTED:** Ayes – 5 Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 0

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to approve Pattison, Koskey, Howe, & Bucci CPA's to prepare the year end report and also to do the Court audit.

**RESOLUTION # 114-18**
Approve $4,000.00 Stipend for Snow Removal of the Sewer District

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

**ADOPTED:** Ayes – 5 - Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0
Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to pay a $4,000.00 stipend to Jarrett DeAddario who is
the Sewer Operator for snow removal from the driveway, pump stations, and the road between the plant and
pump station behind the Methodist Church.

RESOLUTION # 115-18
Approve Snow Blower Purchase for the Sewer District
On a motion by Council Member William Pushman, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the
following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0

Therefore the Town Board approves the purchase of a 30” Aaron Snow Blower with chains and two packages of
bolts in the amount of $1,598.00 to be paid out of the Sewer District.

RESOLUTION # 116-18
Approve Payment of End of Year Stipends to Elected & Appointed Officials
On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins the
following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board moves to approve the paying of annual year end stipends to
elected and appointed officials the first pay period in December rather than the last pay period.

RESOLUTION # 117-18
Budget Transfers
On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member JoEllen
Schermerhorn the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0

Therefore the Town of Lexington Board moves to make the following budget transfers from the General Fund;

From 1110.2 Court Equipment $ 306.25 To 1110.4 Court Contractual $ 306.25
From 9010.8 State Retirement $1,591.25 To 1420.4 Attorney Contractual $1,591.25
From 9010.8 State Retirement $ .51 To 7310.4 Youth Contractual $ .51

RESOLUTION # 118-18
Date for Public Hearing for Grievance Day
On a motion by Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins the
following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 5 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, Pushman, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0

Therefore the Town Board of Lexington moves to set the date for a Public Hearing on December 4, 2018 at 6
PM with the regular Town Board meeting to immediately follow. The purpose of the public hearing is to make
the fourth Wednesday in May Lexington's Grievance day.

Code Enforcement Report
Supervisor John Berger reviewed the report. Each Council Member has a copy of the Code Enforcement Officers Report.
The month of October 2018 shows 7 Certificate of Occupancy or Compliance, 5 permits were issued, and 0 violation letters.

RESOLUTION # 119-18
Audit Committee Report to Pay Monthly Expenditures
On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone, the following
resolution was
ADOPTED - Ayes - 5- Berger, Barcone, Jenkins, Schermerhorn, and Pushman
Nays - 0

Therefore, Town of Lexington Town Board moves to approve paying the expenditures for the Month of October 2018.

Resolved that the bills be paid on General Fund Abstract # 11 in the following amounts:

**General Fund**
No. 284 through 321 = $12,856.05

Resolved that the bills be paid on Highway Fund Abstract # 11 in the following amounts:

**Highway Fund**
No. 199 through 240 = $71,467.76

Resolved that the bills be paid on Special District Fund Abstract # 11 in the following amounts:

**Special District**
No. 10 through 11 = $488.50

Resolved that the bills be paid on Sewer District Fund Abstract # 11 in the following amounts:

**Sewer District**
No. 64 through 72 = $2,485.12

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn reminded everyone that there is a By Way Presentation at the West Kill Lexington Community Hall on November 15th at 6:00 PM.

Highway Superintendent Frank Hermance said he needs to get approval from the Town Board to sell his Mother's house on route 13a to the City. He said he doesn't need approval right now but for the Town Board to think about it.

Bennet Wine wanted to know what the next step will be in regards to revitalizing Lexington. Supervisor Berger would like to do a survey monkey first and then go from there. A committee or Development Corporation would need to be formed. Supervisor Berger suggested that the Comprehensive Plan be looked at and possibly updated. His suggestion would be for a Planning Board Member be on the committee. Bennet Wine thought that Board Member Michael Barcone should be on a start up committee to do the survey. Michael Barcone said that it could be inhibitive for him to be on the committee because it looks better if Community Members are involved rather than Board Members. It was decided that a group come together to form a committee. Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn suggested that the group be from all over the Town of Lexington and also some people with experience. Elodie Eid said that even though she doesn't have experience she has the drive to be on the committee. Supervisor Berger said that there will be a report from Place Alliance that will have information pertaining to who to contact for funding.

JoEllen Schermerhorn wanted to let everyone know that on November 21st at 6:00 PM at the Greene County Legislature located at 311 Main Street in Catskill, Bonnie Blader will be receiving an award for the Lexington broadband initiative.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, on a motion from Council Member Michael Barcone, seconded by Council Member William Pushman, the meeting shall be adjourned at 7:34 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk