PRESENT:  Supervisor                John Berger
          Council Members              Michael Barcone
                                              Bradley Jenkins
                                              JoEllen Schermerhorn
          Town Clerk                     Charlotte Jaeger
          Town Attorney                  Tal Rappleyea
          Highway Superintendent         Frank Hermance
ABSENT:  Council Member             William Pushman

OTHERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Hapeman, Ray Albino, Alfred Truesdell, & Glenn Howard

Open Public Hearing: The Public hearing was opened at 6:00 PM. Local Laws # 1 & # 2 of 2019 were read by Supervisor Berger. There was no discussion.

Close Public Hearing: A motion was made by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone and with none opposed the public hearing was closed at 6:01 PM.

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Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting - February 5, 2019

The Town of Lexington Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Supervisor Berger at the Municipal Building, 3542 Route 42, Lexington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was a moment of silence in memory of Anita Prizzi.

RESOLUTION # 18-19
Accept Jan. 3, 2019 Organizational Meeting Minutes

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

ADOPTED:  Ayes – 3 – Berger, Barcone, & Schermerhorn
          Nays – 0
          Abstain -1 – Jenkins
          Absent – 1 - Pushman

Therefore the Town of Lexington Town Board approves the Minutes from January 3, 2019

RESOLUTION # 19-19
Adopt Law # 1 Cold War Veteran Exemptions and Law # 2 Alternative Veterans Exemptions

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

ADOPTED:  Ayes – 4 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, and Schermerhorn
          Nays - 0
          Absent- 1 – Pushman

Therefore the Town Board of the Town of Lexington moves to adopt Law # 1 of 2019, Cold War Veterans Exemptions and Law # 2 of 2019, Alternative Veterans Exemptions. The laws are as follows:

Local Law No. 1 of 2019

LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION, AS SET FORTH BY THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF NEW YORK STATE SECTION 458-B

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of Lexington as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This local law shall be known as the “Cold War Veterans Exemption Law of the Town of Lexington, Greene County, New York.”
SECTION 2. AUTHORITY
   This local law is adopted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 4580b. All terms, definitions and conditions of such statute shall apply to this local law.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE
   It is the purpose and intent of this local la to increase the maximum exemption allowable for the COLD WAR Veterans Exemption, as set forth by the Real Property Tax Law of New York State, 458-b.

SECTION 4. ELIGIBILITY
   Pursuant to 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the following Veterans Exemption shall be in force.

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<td>Veteran</td>
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SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY
   If any clause, sentence, paragraph section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

SECTION 6. INCONSISTENT LAWS
   All local laws or parts of Local Laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE
   This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with Municipal Home Rule law 27.

Local Law No. 2 of 2019

LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ALTERNATIVE VETERANS EXEMPTIONS, AS SET FORTH BY THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF NEW YORK STATE SECTION 458-a

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of Lexington as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE
   This local law shall be known as the “Alternative Veterans Exemption Law of the Town of Lexington, Greene County, New York.”

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY
   This local law is adopted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 458-a. All terms, definitions and conditions of such statute shall apply to this local law.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE
   It is the purpose and intent of this local law to increase the maximum exemption allowable for the Alternative Veterans Exemption, as set forth by the Real Property Tax Law of New York State, 458-a.

SECTION 4. ELIGIBILITY
   Pursuant to 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the following Veterans Exemption shall be in force.

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All local laws or parts of Local Laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE
This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with Municipal Home Rule law 27.

REVIEW GCEMS AMBULANCE PROPOSAL
Supervisor Berger started by saying that he has attended several of the Greene County EMS meetings and had asked for a fly-car to be put in Lexington. He said it is not a dead issue but not gaining much ground. The second alternative was for GCEMS to supply both Lexington and Prattsville with an ambulance staffed 24 hours a day/7 days a week that would be housed in Lexington. The proposal is to supply an old ambulance the first year and the second year the Town(s) would have to buy a new one. The amount of the proposal is $403,857.00 which would roughly be $200,000.00 each for Lexington and Prattsville. They have also allowed $550 to be charged back to the riders to help offset the $200,000.00. In terms of what it will cost taxpayers; an assessment of 206,000 based on last years total assessed value is 84 cents per thousand or 84 dollars per hundred thousand. Average assessment in Lexington is 200,000 which means a cost of $168.00 for the first year. The second year the Town would have to put another 84 cents per thousand to cover the cost of a new ambulance. A new ambulance costs roughly $110,000.00. Supervisor Berger’s questions to the Board were, Is this something we want to pursue? or Is this too expensive? Council Member Michael Barcone did not feel that it is was too expensive. Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn asked if Liza Dwon (Captain of Lexington Rescue Squad) or any other members were aware of the proposal and what they thought. Supervisor Berger said that they were aware and thought it was a good idea. Council Member Michael Barcone wanted to know what Prattsville thinks about the proposal. Council Member Bradley Jenkins couldn’t understand how Ashland can have a service and Lexington does not. Supervisor Berger said that he would continue the conversation with GCEMS and with Prattsville and will give an update at the next Town Board meeting.

RESOLUTION # 20-19
Contract with Ashland Ambulance Service
On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,

ADOPTED:  Ayes – 4 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, & Schermerhorn
            Nays - 0
            Absent-1 – Pushman

Therefore this Town Board of the Town of Lexington resolves to sign the contract with Ashland for $51,145.00 which included a shared service increase of $25,000.00.

RESOLUTION # 21-19
Formalize a Billing Procedure for Ambulance Transport
On a motion by Council Member Bradley Jenkins, seconded by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn the following was,

ADOPTED:  Ayes – 4 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, & Schermerhorn
            Nays - 0
            Absent-1 – Pushman

Therefore this Town of Lexington Town Board authorizes billing for transportation in the ambulance to be paid to the Town of Lexington.

RESOLUTION # 22-19
Update Permit Fees
On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,
ADOPTED: Ayes – 3 – Berger, Barcone, & Schermerhorn
Nays - 1 - Jenkins
Absent-1 – Pushman

Therefore, it is resolved that there will be an increase in Building Permit Fees effective March 1, 2019. Also, Failure to apply for a Building Permit prior to beginning work will result in the fees for the project being tripled.

RESOLUTION # 23-19
Appoint Christine Dwon Deputy Registrar
On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Bradley Jenkins the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0
Absent-1 – Pushman

Resolved, that this Town Board does hereby appoint Christine Dwon as Deputy Registrar.

Code Enforcement Report
Reports were handed out for the Board Members to review.

Financial Report through Jan 31
Financial reports will be accepted at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION # 24-19
Audit Committee Report:
On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone the following was,

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4 – Barcone, Berger, Jenkins, & Schermerhorn
Nays – 0
Absent-1 – Pushman

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

General Fund
No. 1 Through No. 38 = $102,866.71
(this includes a payment to Ashland for ambulance service in the amount of $51,145.00)

Highway Fund
No. 1 Through No. 30 = $ 31,123.17

Sewer District
No. 1 Through No. 7 = $ 1,530.97

Special Lighting
No. 1 Through No. 1 = $ 246.88

Sell 10 Wheel Dump Truck
Superintendent of Highways Frank Hermance would like to sell the 10 wheel dump truck because it won’t pass inspection. The cost to fix would be about $ 20,000.00 so that it would pass inspection but there is no guarantee that it will pass. Supervisor Berger asked Council Member Bradley Jenkins to do some research since he is on the Highway Committee. Frank Hermance said to call the state to see what the criteria is for the truck to pass inspection.

Public Comment:
There were no comments from the public.

Adjourn:
On a motion by Council Member JoEllen Schermerhorn, seconded by Council Member Michael Barcone and with none opposed the motion carried. Supervisor Berger adjourned the meeting at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlotte Jaeger, Town Clerk