

Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

Lewis Town Hall

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Steve Denton and Jeff Scott, Supervisor James Monty, Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton

Absent: Dave Blades

Public Present: Donna Crowningshield, Glen Crowningshield and Jerry Spooner

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Monty at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: None

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2021. A motion was made to approve the March 9, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed motion carried.

Public Commentary: None

Supervisor Monty announced that The Office of Aging called and they have COVID 19 shots available at the Willsboro Pharmacy tomorrow, for more information call 518-873-3815.

DPW/Water Report

- a. **Water rent report:** The new \$800.00 test came back fine and if the next test is fine, the test will only need to be completed once a year rather than four times.
- b. **Annual water quality report by NYSDOH:** In packet
- c. **New water sample report:** In packet
- d. **Training:** NYS Rural Water Web-Based Workshop – May 18-19 is available to our water department

Kevin Denton stated the bids have been open for the CHIPS Project and prices will be sent soon.

Upstone Materials will not open this year so the town will need to get asphalt from Plattsburgh and the price is up a little this year.

Kevin said the Highway Department will be working on culvert issues on the Hulbert Road this year and he will have the figures for the next Board Meeting.

The new plow truck will be delivered tomorrow. The Company is giving the Town a new 1800 Sanding Chain, as a gift due to the late delivery.

The one ton truck bids that were received were not complete and did not meet the specs, Kevin suggested rejecting all of them and rebidding.

A motion was made to reject the bids for the one truck and going back to bid by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Kevin stated he received quotes for the door that needs to be replaced at the garage. Brant's Lumber quoted \$1187.50 and the town would have to install. Curtis Lumber quoted \$643.56 but that did not include a panic bar. Kevin recommended purchasing the door from Bryant's Lumber.

A motion was made to purchase a door from Bryant's by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty stated the town did not meet its quota on the Salt contract and will have to purchase 37 tons to meet our quota and get on the next contract.

Supervisor Monty stated CHIPS has been 100% refunded and the Town was allowed to keep the rollover.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – In packet
- b. County Calendar – in packet
- c. Landfill Report – Revenue was down a little in February
- d. Charter Changes – in packet
- e. Essex County IDA – Newsletter in packet
- f. Cornell Cooperative Extension – Newsletter in packet
- g. Animal Shelter – Shelter Inspection Report – Satisfactory
- h. APAPA Project Notices – in packet
- i. APA Board Subdivision approval – In packet
- j. Rabies Clinics – Moriah Fire Hall April 14,6-8, Chesterfield May 12, 6-8
- k. Lake Champlain Basin Report – in packet
- l. NYSEG info – in packet
- m. NYSAC Report – Federal COVID relief for NY Counties – The Town of Lewis can try to recoup up to \$240,000.00 lost due to COVID.
- n. Association of Towns Newsletter – in packet

Old Business:

- a. North Country Life Flight – requesting the Town of Lewis renew its support of the program.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – Yearly report as filed in packet
2. Animal Control Report – One call this month of a barking dog
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – Supervisor Monty met with the Westport and Elizabethtown Supervisor's and Westport decided to merge with Elizabethtown/Lewis due to the food program. The Youth Commission Boards are asked to merge. The school received a

grant for youth services and that will be used to transport youth from Westport to Elizabethtown this summer. The Summer Program hours will be 7:45 to 4:00 .
Jeff Scott stated the Youth Commission received a grant from Stewart's for \$750.00 and some of that money will be used to purchase shirts. The next meeting will be held May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Mary Beth Sayre has applied for the Director position, Josh Olcott was recommended to be a new board member and Kendra Pulsifer was recommended as the cook.

A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

4. Single Audit, Water Project – The town spent over \$750.00, an audit of the 2018 and 2019 records will be conducted in order to qualify for future grants.
5. Reducing the age to hunt Big Game in New York to 12 years of age – The County has passed a resolution in support of reducing the age to hunt Big Game and the Town will need a resolution also.

Resolutions:

21-4-1

Town of Lewis Health Emergency Plan –

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lewis pursuant to New York State Legislation S8617B/A10832 and in accordance with the newly amended New York State Labor Law section 27-c and New York state Education Law paragraphs K and I of subdivision 2 of section 2801-a

A motion was made to approve Resolution 21-4-1 by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

21-4-2

Appoint Josh Olcott to the Youth Commission Board

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lewis appoints Josh Olcott to the Elizabethtown-Lewis youth commission board.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 21-4-2 by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

21-4-3

Appoint Mary Beth Sayer, Summer Youth Camp Director

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lewis appoints Mary Beth Sayer Director of the Summer Youth Camp.

A motion was made to accept Resolution 21-4-3 by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

21-4-4

Merging of Summer Youth Programs

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lewis, in conversation with the Town of Elizabethtown and the Town of Westport have agreed to run a joint summer youth program beginning this year, 2021.

A motion was made to accept Resolution 21-4-4 by Jeff Scott and seconded by James Monty, 0 opposed, motion carried.

21-4-5

North Country Life Flight

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lewis, has signed a contract with the North Country Life Flight.

A motion was made to accept Resolution 21-4-5 by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

21-4-6

Separation of Broadband and Cellular

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lewis, fully supports the resolution passed by the Essex County Board of Supervisors against the separation of Broadband and cellular.

A motion was made to accept Resolution 21-4-6 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

21-4-7

Supporting the Essex County Local Law to Lower the Age of Big Game Hunting to twelve

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lewis, fully supports the New York State Deer Hunting Pilot Program S11-0935, reducing the age to hunt big game to twelve (12) years of age.

A motion was made to accept Resolution 21-4-8 by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Other:

Counselor Canavan asked about the possibility of the Town of Lewis utilizing Solar power, possibly at the Landfill. Supervisor Monty suggested they get someone to come talk to the Board about Solar.

Audit and Pay Bills:

General Fund A	\$30,011.15
General Fund	\$20,891.57
Highway Fund	\$3,858.96
Highway Fund DA	\$14,887.91
Water Fund	\$835.00
Water Fund SW	\$3,274.52
Trust and Agency – TA	\$40,017.22

A motion was made to audit and pay the bills by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk

