

Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

Virtual

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

Open Regular Board Meeting: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor James Monty at 7:00 p.m.

Guests: Patty Bashaw

Approve Regular Board Minutes from January 12, 2021: A motion was made to approve the Board meeting minutes of January 12, 2021 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Approve Public Hearing, Water Grant Closeout Minutes from January 12, 2021: A motion was made to approve the Public Hearing minutes of January 12, 2021 by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Approve Organizational meeting minutes from January 12, 2021: A motion was made to approve the Organizational meeting minutes of January 12, 2021 by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report: Supervisor Monty stated at the end of January the General fund balance was \$30,275.00, this may not be enough to work with next year and we may need to exceed the tax cap.

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

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton stated the new truck is still being worked on, and there may be a little delay due to COVID, he is hoping it will be completed by the end of February or beginning of March.

The water samples were picked up this week. Water Report is normal and new meters are working fine.

New laborer is working out good.

Supervisor Monty stated that all the CHIPS money was not used and can be used for equipment, if the Board is in agreement he would like to look into purchasing a new dump truck. The current dump truck is costing quite a bit in repairs.

A motion was made to accept the Water Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- A. County Expense Report – in packet
- B. County Calendar – in packet

- C. Landfill Report – Tonnage is up, payroll is about the same this year. A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- D. Charter Changes – In packet
- E. Essex County IDA – News in packet
- F. Cornell Cooperative Extension – 2020 Annual Report in packet
- G. 480 A Stumpage – The Town received \$314.00, this money will go into equipment
- H. HAPEC – report in packet
- I. Essex County Soil and Water Tree and shrub sale information in packet
- J. Animal Shelter – SPCA Monthly letter in packet
- K. APA permits – Subdivision on Hale Hill, Stone material on Fox Run Road, and DPW is putting up a new Salt Shed
- L. DEC Permits – Fox Run Road
- M. APA Meeting Notice – in packet
- N. Social Security – information in packet
- O. Arts Council – Grant application in packet
- P. Saratoga County Property Taxes – Shows funded mandates
- Q. North County Community College – Live to Highlight History Program information in packet
- R. COVID 19 – information in packet

Old Business:

- a. NYSEG Street Lights – Received a letter stating they are going to start replacing with LED

Dave Blades asked about the possibility of lighting the Veterans Park – Supervisor Monty stated he will contact them to get that done.

Lanita Canavan asked where a couple of the streets are – Adirondack Preserve and Dashine, Supervisor Monty stated he would find out.

- b. Closing Letter for Water Grant - Supervisor Monty stated he had an exit interview with the Office of Community Renewal. He stated they were pleased. Supervisor Monty is working on completing the Single Audit.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – See attached
A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Animal Control Report – Not received yet
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – Jeff Scott stated the meeting was held last night and they discussed ordering uniform shirts. Andrea Denton is working on a Holiday Match Grant from Dicks Sporting Goods. 13 Children are enrolled in the Ski Program. Andrea was contacted by the NYS Camp Advisory Council to find out if they would be holding a program this summer. The Board discussed the summer program and food program and they would like to hold the program if possible.

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

4. EMS County Contract with Emergency Squad – Patty Bashaw explained the EMS program. Patty had dropped off a contract for Lewis to join the program with one paid EMT. Supervisor Monty stated he would like to have a little more time to review the contract. There was some discussion about page 3 of the contract stating that if a second EMT is required the agency is responsible of 100% of the cost. Supervisor Monty will get copies of the contract to the Board members to review and meet next week to discuss it.

A motion was made to Audit and Pay the bills by Lanita Canavan, and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to Adjourn at 7:45 by Steve Denton and Seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk

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