

Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

Virtual

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

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

Pledge:

Guests: None

Approve Regular Board Minutes For February 9, 2021:

Approve Public Hearing, Osawentha Drive Water Grant Minutes for February 9, 2021:

Approve Special Hearing Minutes for February 9, 2021 on the inter Municipal EMS agreement:

A motion was made to approve all the above meeting minutes by Steve Denton and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton stated the new truck is painted and will be together by the end of the week.

Kevin said they have been catching up on trainings virtually.

Kevin is getting prices on a new fire proof garage door, as the current one has rotted out. He has received one price so far for \$1600.00. Supervisor Monty stated he will need to get 2 quotes.

Kevin stated the new water meters are up and running and the water report came back normal.

Supervisor Monty stated \$2200.00 of the \$8000.00 water rent has been collected.

A motion was made to accept the water report by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. County Calendar – in packet, Supervisor Monty stated as of April 1st, the county will be moving back to in person meetings and he suggested the Town start in person meetings April 1st as well.
- c. Landfill Report – in packet – A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. Charter Changes – in packet

- e. Essex County IDA – Newsletter in packet
- f. Cornell Cooperative Extension – Adirondack Harvest Newsletter in packet
- g. Animal Shelter – Newsletter in packet
- h. APA Public Comment Period – in packet
- i. APA Project Notices – in packet
- j. APA Board Meeting – Webex March 11 and 12
- k. Notice of Tax Sale – Will be a 2 year sale
- l. Roost – a survey was sent out. The town has received \$20,000.00 occupancy tax. Supervisor Monty would like to go out to bid on new signs for the Town, as the money has to be used for Tourism and the Town signs are getting bad. A motion was made to go out to bid for new signs by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- m. NYSEG info – in packet
- n. Office of the Aging Newsletter – in packet
- o. DEC Food Scrap recycling law – The county is looking for a location for Food Scrap Recycling
- p. Essex County Public Health Report – in packet

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Codes Report – 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 – Brad had one call on a barking/growling dog, when he went to the owners he found out the dog did not have a license or up to date shots. He gave them 2 weeks to get them done. The Town has passed its Animal Control Inspection.
A motion was made to accept the Animal Control Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – Jeff Scott stated they had a meeting last night and Baseball and Softball are on hold for now. Participation in activities is down. MaryBeth Sayer is interested in the Summer Program Director position if they have Summer Program this year. Andrea Denton is resigning from the board due to family obligations.
Supervisor Monty stated he met with the Town of Westport Supervisor to discuss merging the Youth Commissions, he stated he is concerned about the amount they pay their Youth Commission Director, otherwise he would like to merge. They will be speaking with the school about the possibility of busing youth. Westport has a grant that can possibly be used for busing. A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission report by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. AUD Filed on time.
5. New One-Ton Truck – The Board discussed going to bid for a new truck and using CHIPS money. Supervisor Monty stated the Town will be receiving an additional 15% back and the Governor has put full funding back into CHIPS. He also said the Town has a substantial amount of rollover. Supervisor Monty recommended the Town go out to bid for a new truck and use roll over CHIPS money. A motion was made to go out to bid for a new one-ton truck by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

6. Updated emergency Water Plan – Supervisor Monty stated with the new water grant the plan needs to be updated, it was last updated in 2006. A motion was made to update the Emergency Water Plan by Lanita Canavan, seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
7. Increase amount of vacation time to carry over – After discussion a motion was made to increase the amount of vacation time to carry over from 320 hours to 400 hours by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
8. Town of Elizabethtown Request – The Town received a letter requesting tax exempt status for the Blueberry Trail System Property.
After discussion it was decided not to honor the request.

Other: Counselor Canavan stated that she spoke with a resident and they were pleased with SLIC.

Resolutions:

21-3-1 Town of Lewis Emergency Water Plan – A motion was made to update the Emergency Water Plan by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

21-3-2 Town of Lewis Personnel Policy – A motion was made to review and update the Personnel Policy by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Audit and Pay Bills:

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

General Fund	\$10,547.63
General Fund A	\$155,526.49
Water Fund CDBG	\$56.32
Trust and Agency TA	\$33,384.40
Water Fund SW	\$1,215.62
Highway DA	\$41,506.67
Water Fund	\$559.44
Highway Fund	\$7,029.14

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk

