

**Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes
Virtual
December 8, 2020**

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Dave Blades, 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:

COVID Update: Supervisor Monty stated that Essex County has had a spike in COVID 19 cases, 21 reported yesterday and 11 today. He encouraged everyone to take precautions. Anyone entering the Highway garage or Town Court will now have to sign in for contact tracing.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting minutes of 11/10/2020 by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

Budget Transfer: A motion was made to approve a budget transfer of \$54.00 for the Tax Collector supplies by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton stated the new plow truck should be completed by Middle to late January.

Water tanks and meters have been going in.

Two applications for the Laborer position have been received and the interviews will be on the 21st.

Steve Denton will set in on the interviews.

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

Supervisor Monty stated a new water test will be coming out the first of the year, that needs to be done 4 times the first year, then twice a year and finally once a year at a cost of \$800.00 each time.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. Landfill Report – A motion was made to accept the Landfill report by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- c. County Calendar – in packet – meetings are being done remote
- d. Charter Changes – in packet
- e. Essex County IDA – information in packet
- f. Adirondack Harvest –in packet

- g. APA Project Notice – in packet
- h. APA meeting Notice – December 10, 2020
- i. NCSPCA – Will be asking for a \$100.00 Dangerous Dog fee

Old Business: Lanita Canavan requested the Town ask the State Comptroller office to review the Elizabethtown-Lewis Ambulance financial records. After discussion it was decided to request a review of the records.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Animal Control Report – Nothing to report
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – Jeff Scott stated the next meeting will be 12/14/2020.
4. Insurance renewal – Supervisor Monty stated the insurance renewal is coming up with an estimated increase of 5% - 9 %. Supervisor Monty would like to look at going with NYMIR and that would only be a 3% increase. A motion was made to support going with NYMIR by Dave Blades, and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Other:

The Close Out Meeting was scheduled for December 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Lanita Canavan stated she was on a Zoom meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and it was hacked. She also stated Mary Dulac is sponsoring a drive through Santa event, and she was wondering if the Fire Department was also holding a drive through Santa event as they have in the past. Kevin Denton said he would check on it.

Steve Denton stated the Ambulance Squad had applied for a FEMA grant, but they did not get awarded.

Audit and Pay Bills:

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

Highway DA	\$11,106.11
Highway Fund	\$1,591.96
Trust and Agency TA	\$28,030.76
Water Fund	\$695.98
Water Fund SW	\$420.06
Youth Commission	\$235.00
General Fund A	\$103,030.70
General Fund	\$8,692.36

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.