

Town of Lewis

Regular Town Board Meeting

December 12, 2023 7:00 PM

Lewis Town Hall

**Present:** Counselors Lanita Canavan, Terry Pulsifer Jr, John Blades, Supervisor James Monty, Codes Officer Les Howard and Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton. Stephen Denton Jr - Excused

**Public Present:** Glen Crowningshield

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Guests:** None

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the November Regular Town Board meeting minutes by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried. Lanita Canavan - Abstained

- a. **November 9, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes on 2024 Local Budget:** A motion was made to accept the November Public Hearing minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

- a. **Budget Transfers** – Supervisor Monty requested 4 (four) Budget Transfers.

**\$2,000.00 – To cover increased costs of machinery repairs.**

A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**\$28.77 – To cover cost of interest on BAN.**

A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**\$1,500.00 – To cover increased testing costs.**

A motion was made to accept by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**\$1,000.00 – To cover increased utility costs.**

A motion was made to accept by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Public Commentary: None**

**DPW/Water Report:** A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Kevin Denton, Highway Superintendent, said the new person is working out well.

- a. **Water Rent Report** – A motion was made to accept the **Water Rent Report** by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- a. County Expense Report – In Packet
- b. County Calendar – In Packet
- c. Landfill Report – In Packet. We have a large profit margin.
- d. Charter Changes – In Packet
- e. APA Permits – In Packet
- f. North Country SPCA – In Packet
- g. Social Security News – In Packet
- h. FEMA Flood Management Program – In Packet

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- 1. **Codes Report** – Les Howard, Codes Officer, had 18 visits since he’s been back from vacation. 32 permits have been issued this year. Les thanked the Board for having him as he is done the end of December.
- 2. **Animal Control Report** – Glenn had 3 calls. 2 of those were for the same dog. He went and couldn’t find the dog. A motion was made to accept by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- 3. **Youth Commission** – A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Resolutions:**

- 1. **23-12-1 Resolution to Approve Payments with ARPA Funds** – A motion was made to accept resolution by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Chazy Westport Communications Broadband Buildout	\$27,294.00
Lewis Cemetery Corporation for vault repairs	\$9,800.00
Hynes Electrical for electrical upgrades at the Lewis Fish & Game	\$4,484.76
Hometown Electrical Systems for electrical upgrades at Lewis Fish & Game	\$776.81

**Roll Call Vote:**

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Excused
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes
James Monty	Yes

**Passed: Yes**

2. **23-12-2 Resolution to Approve 2024 Town of Lewis Wage Plan** – A motion was made to accept the resolution by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Excused
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes
James Monty	Yes

**Passed: Yes**

3. **23-12-3 Resolution to Amend Town of Lewis Personnel Policy** – A motion was made to accept resolution by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Excused
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes
James Monty	Yes

**Passed: Yes**

4. **23-12-4 Resolution in Support of Pro-Housing Communities** – A motion was made to accept resolution by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Excused
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes
James Monty	Yes

**Passed: Yes**

**Audit and Pay Bills:** A motion was made to Audit and Pay Bills by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

General Fund	\$5,296.72
General Fund - A	\$118,450.74
Highway Fund	\$44,011.60
Highway Fund - DA	\$8,418.37
Trust & Agency - TA	\$23,657.93
Youth Commission	\$290.00
Water Fund SW	\$285.68
Water Fund	\$1,436.40

Council Person Canavan said she went to the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Lewis has a new Doggy Day Care.

Also, she went to the cemetery and found someone had run over a stone. A police report was filed as to have it on record. Being on record, there may be funds available to help fix the stone.

Supervisor Monty and the Board thanked Les for stepping up and helping out.

Closeout meeting will be Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 7:50 PM by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams  
Town Clerk