

Town of Lewis

Regular Town Board Meeting

December 13, 2022

Lewis Town Hall

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, John Blades, Steve Denton, Supervisor James Monty, Code Officer Les Howard and Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton.

Excused: Terry Pulsifer

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Guests: None

A motion was made to accept the November 9, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the Supervisors Financial Report by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve a budget transfer from DA5142.4 to DA5130.41 in the amount of \$1276.20 for fuel cost and a transfer from SW8330.4 to SW8320.4 in the amount of \$249.96 for internet costs by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: Jeff Scott asked if the Board has decided what the ARPA money will be used for and if a public meeting will be held for suggestions for use of the funds. Supervisor Monty stated they discussed the possibility of using the funds for Broadband and repair of the Vault roof at the cemetery. Supervisor Monty stated a public meeting will be held.

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton reported that the Highway crew has been working on brushing the sides of the roads and getting ready for winter. Kevin also stated Andy Cassavaugh has contacted companies for quotes on cleaning the top of the water tank.

Supervisor Monty reported that the water report came back good. A motion was made to accept the water report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. County Calendar – in packet

- c. Landfill Report – Supervisor Monty reported that revenue and tonnage are down and that the charge for tires needs to be increased due to the Town losing money. A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. APA Report – in packet
- e. Office of the Aging – information in packet
- f. Essex County Public Health survey information in packet
- g. Social Security news in packet
- h. NYSDOT Bridge and Culvert programs grants available information in packet
- i. North Country SPCA information in packet
- j. Department of Public Service winter cost of energy – in packet
- k. 2023 Town of Lewis Holiday Schedule – in packet

Old Business:

Light Bulb Exchange Updates – Supervisor Monty stated that 10 people showed up for the exchange, and he has been delivering bulbs to elderly residents. Supervisor Monty talked to the Office of the Aging and they will pick up and deliver to elderly Lewis residents.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – Les Howard reported on the permits for 2022 - \$7044.00 was raised from the permits. A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Animal Control Report – A couple trips were made to a resident on Wells Hill Road about dog tags, no one answered the door. Will start calling people that need to get dog licenses up to date. A meeting with Ag and Markets will be held after the holidays. A motion was made to accept the Animal Control Report by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – The Basketball and the ski programs will be starting soon. A motion was made to appoint Paige Saltamach to the Youth Commission by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. 2023 Town of Lewis Wage Plan – in packet. A motion was made to accept the 2023 Wage Plan by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
5. CDBG housing award – The Town of Lewis received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$383,537.00. The town will have to decide who they want to administer the grant. The Board discussed having the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County administering the grant and the Town would come up with a list of criteria they want met, such as time of preparation etc..
6. NCSPCA Dangerous Dog Agreement – A motion was made to accept the NCSPCA Dangerous Dog Agreement by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Resolutions:

22-12-1 Resolution approving 2023 Holiday Schedule – Motion made by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

22-12-2 Resolution 2023 Town of Lewis Wage Plan – Motion made by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

22-12-3 Resolution approving 2023 Dangerous Dog Agreement - Motion made by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

22-12-4 Resolution for Bond anticipation note for the sum of \$38,167.56 for 2020 Freightliner 114SD – Motion made by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, Roll call vote:

John Blades Yes
Lanita Canavan Yes
Steve Denton Yes
James Monty Yes
Terry Pulsifer Excused

0 opposed, motion carried.

Other: Lanita Canavan stated that the Breakfast with Santa at the Fire House went well.

Supervisor Monty stated the closeout meeting is set for December 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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

General Fund A	\$75,281.48
General Fund	\$4,984.73
Trust and Agency TA	\$27,468.98
Highway DA	\$11,248.73
Highway Fund	\$1,600.16
Water Fund SW	\$249.96
Water Fund	\$224.49

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross
Deputy Town Clerk

