

Town of Lewis
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 13, 2024
Lewis Town Hall

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, John Blades, Steven Denton, Supervisor James Monty and Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton. Councilman Terry Pulsifer was excused.

Public Present: Gerald Spooner, Glen & Donna Crowningshield, Jeff Scott and Jennifer Smith from Adirondack Roots

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Monty asked for an Executive Session.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 7:01 PM by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to return to the Regular Session at 7:10 PM by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

No decisions were made.

Guests: Jennifer Smith from Adirondack Roots stated they have 3 (three) households they are working with. They have been awarded and approved. Contractors have been notified and will be starting in the spring.

They are working on 1 (one) more household to see if they qualify. Bids have gone out to contractors. This will be a substantial project. They are working with CBG to be able to provide whatever the family needs. Supervisor Monty is concerned about the time frame as the testing hasn't been done on this household yet and the grant runs out in November.

Regular Board & Organizational Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the Regular & Organizational Town Board meeting 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 Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

1. Updated Budget - In packet
2. Budget Transfer - Supervisor Monty requested 1 (one) Budget Transfer.

\$725.85 - To fund the Emergency Responder Training.

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

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Supervisor Monty stated the water report came back good. A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – In Packet
- b. County Calendar – In Packet
- c. Landfill Report – Last year between Elizabethtown and Lewis we made roughly \$9000.00 in landfill revenue. A motion was made to accept the Landfill report by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. Charter Changes – In Packet
- e. APA Notices – In packet
- f. Cornell Cooperative Extension – In Packet
- g. Essex County Soil & Water – In Packet
- h. Office of the Aging – In Packet
- i. Essex County Health Department – In Packet

Old Business:

1. Charter/Spectrum Franchise Agreement – They granted everything we suggested except for the senior citizen discount on their cable. The Town will need to hold a public hearing to present the franchise agreement to the public which will be held next month.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – Have an applicant that is interested.
2. Animal Control
 - a. Inspection Report – They will be sending a new report to the Town.
3. Youth Commission Report – Town of Willsboro has requested that we collaborate with them to bring their kids to our summer program. Youth Commission has spoken to the school and the school has given their approval. It's strictly for the summer program only, not the sports program. It hasn't been finalized by the Town of Willsboro Board at this time. All the expenses will be incurred by Willsboro. The Youth Commission Board has agreed to look at it.
4. State Snowmobile Trail, Wheeled Vehicle Restrictions – Supervisor Monty was contacted by a snowmobile group that requested enacting a local law protecting snowmobile trails from wheeled vehicle access from the middle of December through the first of April. Supervisor Monty stated if Board approves we will need to request a public hearing. If accepted, it will need to be done as a local law.
5. ATV/UTV Access to Town Roads – Supervisor Monty was approached, as to UTV's and ATV's being allowed access to Town roads as long as they follow the regulations. He brought it to the Board for consideration. Will discuss it further.

Would need to request a public hearing for this also.

Resolutions:

24-2-1 The Town Board of the Town of Lewis requests a 60 (sixty) day extension for the filing of our 2023 Annual Financial Report (AFR). Report will be filed by 04/30/2024. A motion was made to accept Resolution 24-2-1 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion granted.

24-2-2 The Town Board of the Town of Lewis requests transfer . A motion was made to accept Resolution 24-2-2 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion granted.

24-2-3 Resolution in support of the affordable Connectivity Program. A motion was made to accept Resolution 24-2-3 by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion granted.

24-2-4 Resolution to hold **Public Hearing** for Charter/Spectrum Franchise Agreement on **March 12, 2024 at 6:15 PM** at the Lewis Town Hall. A motion was made to accept Resolution 24-2-4 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion granted.

24-2-5 Resolution to hold **Public Hearing** for the potential formation of an EMS District. The **first meeting** will be held **March 12, 2024 at 6:15 PM** at the Lewis Town Hall. The **second meeting** will be held on **April 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM** at the Lewis Town Hall. A motion was made to accept resolution 24-2-5 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion granted.

Audit and Pay Bills: A motion was made to Audit and Pay Bills by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

General Fund	\$171,454.16
General Fund – A	\$67,485.09
Highway Fund	\$9,089.81
Highway Fund – DA	\$403,287.06
Trust & Agency – TA	\$235,914.91
Youth Commission	\$150.10
Water Fund SW	\$441.77
Water Fund	\$4,545.63

Public Hearing for the Charter/Spectrum Franchise Agreement will be held on March 12, 2024 at 6:15 PM at the Lewis Town Hall.

Public Hearing for the potential formation of an EMS District:

The first meeting will be held on March 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Lewis Town Hall.

The second meeting will be held on April 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Lewis Town Hall.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:40 PM by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk