

Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes
Town Hall
July 14, 2020

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Dave Blades, Steve Denton, Jeff Scott, Supervisor James Monty and Animal Control Officer Brad Moulton.

Absent: Kevin Denton, Highway Superintendent

Public Present: Glen Crowningshield, Jerry Spooner and Herb Clark

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Terry Pulsifer

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the June 9, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, all approved, motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report: A motion was made to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, all approved, motion carried.

Public Commentary: Terry Pulsifer requested permission to install a Buddy Bench at the Town Park at no cost to the town. The bench was donated by the Putnam family in memory of their daughter.

A motion was made to accept the donation of the Buddy Bench by Steve Denton and unanimously seconded by the Board, all approved, motion carried.

DPW/Water Report: Supervisor Monty stated they received the CHIPS official allocation for this year and will be using the money for paving and payroll. \$28,000.00 to \$30,000.00 will be left to roll over into next year. The DWP crew has been mowing and will be painting the Court House. Supervisor Monty stated the water report came back normal and usage is up a little.

Supervisor Monty stated that the Town has \$108,000.00 in Water Grant money that needs to be spent by December 31, 2020. The Board discussed using the money to purchase new water meters for the District.

12 of the 22 water project income surveys for Osawentha Drive have come in.

A motion was made to accept the Water Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, all approved, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. Landfill Report – More Willsboro/Essex residents have been coming in to purchase stickers and drop off trash, Revenue is up
- c. Veterans Park Minutes – in packet
- d. Charter Changes – in packet
- e. Farmers market coupons – Will be handed out in the Town Hall parking lot tomorrow between 11:00 and 1:00.
- f. 480-A Stumpage – in packet
- g. Equalization rate and assessors report – Lewis is at 100 percent
- h. Tire Collection Day – Was held last Saturday in Moriah and two more dates will be coming up
- i. NYSEG information – in packet
- j. DEC rabies bait drop – Lewis will be part of the area that receives bait drops
- k. Travel Advisory/Travelers Health Form – information in packet
- l. Covid 19 Testing – in packet
- m. Rabies Clinics – information in packet
- n. Nursing home visitation – information in packet
- o. Covid 19 testing – additional information
- p. Social Distancing guidelines – in packet

Old Business:

Parking Restrictions – The State will be posting no parking signs on the road by Denton's Store.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – Mike Flynn can be contacted on Friday's – Report in packet
A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, all approved, motion carried.
2. Animal Control – The new Animal Control officer was introduced – Brad Moulton
3. Youth Commission – No meeting was held. The Summer Food Program has started and meals are being picked up at the School in Elizabethtown.
4. Concept Plan Grant – The Town was awarded a Complete Streets Grant in the amount of \$8000.00, \$4000.00 will be used for signs. The balance needs to be used for Health and Wellness, Supervisor Monty suggested using for the bridge across Thrall Dam.
5. Town Hall Foundation – Jeff Scott suggested money from the Capital Reserve Fund be used to repair holes in the Town Hall Foundation. Supervisor Monty suggested getting someone from Essex County to come in and give recommendations.
6. Exit 32 Bridge Repair – Supervisor Monty received notification that the Bridge work will begin in the Spring of 2022.
7. Travel Guidelines - The county has put out a policy that any employees that travel to one of the mandated quarantine areas, upon returning must quarantine for 14 days and use their benefit

time. Supervisor Monty would like to adopt the policy for Town Employees, after discussion by the Board no decision was made.

Other: Supervisor Monty stated that 3 new Flag Poles are needed, Two in front of the Court House and one at the Town Hall, cost range anywhere from \$525.00 to \$3650.00. Counselor Dave Blades suggested checking prices on the State Website.

A motion was made to table the Flag Pole decision until Supervisor Monty checks the State Website, by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, all approved, motion carried.

Counselor Steve Denton stated the Ambulance Squad would like to know the dates of the road closure on Route 9, so they can arrange for coverage. No dates have been set yet.

A motion was made to audit and pay the bills by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, all approved, motion carried.

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| General Fund | \$15,257.74 |
| General Fund A | \$23,109.02 |
| Water Fund CDBG | \$12,007.95 |
| Trust and Agency TA | \$36,345.57 |
| Water Fund | \$181.86 |
| Water Fund SW | \$3983.33 |
| Highway Fund | \$12,954.91 |
| Youth Commission | \$1114.20 |
| Highway Fund | \$59,260.58 |

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:20 by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, all approved, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk