

Town of Lewis

Public Hearing

July 13, 2021

Lewis Town Hall

6:45 p.m.

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Dave Blades, Steve Denton and Jeff Scott, Supervisor James Monty, Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton

Public Present: Herb Clark, Donna Crowningshield, Glen Crowningshield and Jerry Spooner

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Supervisor James Monty

Pledge:

Supervisor Monty read the Legal Notice (see attached)

The Board discussed the submission of a Community Development Block Grant to finish the water system on Osawentha Drive. The grant was rejected a year ago. The Town now has a list of what is needed and will resubmit.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.



Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes

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7:00 p.m.

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Public Present: Herb Clark, Donna Crowningshield, Glen Crowningshield and Jerry Spooner

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

Approval of Board Minutes for June 8, 2021: A motion was made to approve the June 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, Lanita Canavan and James Monty abstained because they were not in attendance on June 8, 2021, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Board Minutes for May 13, 2021: A motion was made to approve the May 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Bid Opening Minutes for May 14, 2021: A motion was made to approve the May 14, 2021 Bid Opening Minutes by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Bid Award Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2021: A motion was made to approve the May 19, 2021 Bid Award Minutes by Lanita Canavan, 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 Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Results from the new test passed and the water report was fine.

Kevin Denton stated 95% of the CHIPS projects are completed. The shoulders on Trout Pond Road, Center lines on new roads and lines in front of the Town Hall are left to do.

The water tank was inspected – no report yet.

The 2017 Dump truck is at Clarks for 3 different error codes, 2 sensors have been fixed and one is on backorder.

Supervisor Monty stated he received an email from Steve Shaffer about the possibility of changing a yield sign to a stop sign at the end of Brainards Forge Road.

The Board discussed hiring someone per diem to complete projects they used to have inmates do. Supervisor Monty stated there is money in DPW budget, and it would be an as needed position at minimum wage with no benefits.

A motion was made to hire an as needed employee at minimum wage with no benefits by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Counselor Scott asked what the cap would be on the per diem employee, Counselor Blades suggested up to \$1000.00

A motion was made to amend the motion to hire an as needed employee at minimum wage with no benefits to include up to \$1000.00 by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Guests: Diana Sweatt stated she has received 2 grants from the Center of the Arts and will be holding a photo contest and wanted to know if she could display the photos on the fence at the Town Park for a week up to 10 days. She also stated she received money for informative signs that could be displayed on the trails at Thrall Dam.

The Board agreed she could display photos on the fence at the Park and they would like to see the informative signs before they are installed on the trails.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report - in packet
- b. County Calendar – in packet
- c. Landfill Report – Running about the same. A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried
- d. Charter Changes – in packet
- e. Essex County Ida – in packet
- f. ADK Harvest – in packet
- g. Social Security newsletter – in packet
- h. APA Project Notices – in packet
- i. APA meeting notice – in packet
- j. New York State Retirement – in packet
- k. Veterans Park Minutes – Counselor Blades stated they are waiting for the last plaque.
- l. DEC Bulletin – in packet
- m. Farmers Market Coupons – in packet
- n. Champlain Valley Suffrage Centennial – Will be held on the 7th, expecting over 500 people
- o. Lewis event, Champlain Valley Suffrage Centennial – August 7, 2021 see attached schedule
- p. NYSEG Newsletter – in packet

- q. ARPA Funding – The Town will be getting \$131,769.00
- r. Roost – the Town received \$20,000.00 for Occupancy
- s. Hazardous Waste Day, July 31 Essex County DPW – July 31, at Essex County DWP from 8:00 – 1:00
- t. Real Property values – info in packet

Old Business:

- a. Single Audit CDBG Grants – are completed and available for review
- b. Hale Hill Road – Supervisor Monty stated the owner of the Missile Silo would like to move the gate, The owner will give Keys for emergencies, and letters will need to be submitted from neighboring property owners.

Kevin Denton will check and see how much money the Town would lose by giving up an 1/8 mile of road.

The Board will discuss the matter again at the next meeting August 10, 2021.

New Business:

- 1. Codes Report – in packet
- 2. Animal Control Report – in packet
- 3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – No meeting held
 - a. Summer Program Update – Supervisor Monty stated the summer program is running great 96 children are registered, the hours have been extended 8:00 to 4:30, Children are being transported to the program and a counselor rides the bus with the children, reading and math is being offered and the program has an open feeding site.
- 4. Right of Way, Water Plant Property – A property owner came in to discuss the Right of Way across the Water Plant Property – The Board discussed sending a letter requesting they have a survey to get a proper map at the owners cost.

A motion was made to draft a letter to the resident requesting they have a survey done by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- 5. Joe Call, the Lewis Giant – Supervisor Monty has applied for money from the Pomeroy Foundation to purchase a marker for Joe Call. Supervisor Monty stated the Town Historian Jean Dickerson suggested the marker be placed on the Stowersville Road, because it used to be known as Callville.

Resolution:

A motion was made to pass a resolution to apply for the Community Development Block Grant to finish the water project on Osawentha Drive by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Other:

Supervisor Monty stated the street lights have all be changed and the Town saved \$75.00 on the last power bill.

The town will be receiving more Broad Band funding

Supervisor Monty just received information on the NY Hero Act from the Department of Labor he would like to review more before he signs.

Audit and Pay Bills:

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

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| Youth Commission | \$3,167.32 |
| General Fund A | \$36,458.43 |
| Highway DA | \$13,995.58 |
| Trust and Agency TA | \$40,063.25 |
| Water Fund | \$7,114.00 |
| Water Fund SW | \$11,781.44 |
| General Fund | \$9,754.76 |
| Highway Fund | \$185,410.63 |

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk