

Town of Lewis

Board Meeting

July 10, 2018

Lewis Town Hall

Present: Supervisor James Monty, Councilors Dave Blades, Steve Denton, Jeff Scott

Absent: Lanita Canavan

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

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of June 12 ,2018 by Dave Blades and Seconded by Jeff Scott – 0 opposed – motion carried.

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

A motion was made to do a budget transfer of \$250.00 from A1990.4 to A7140.4 for signs and mowing by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – 0 opposed – motion carried.

Public Commentary: Kathy Linker stated the Farmers Market is going well, and a chicken BBQ will be held at Denton’s Store on July 28, 2018.

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton stated a copper lead test was done on the water today.

Kevin gave an update on the water project – 2 preliminary plans have been drawn up. One plan is to set up temporary water, dig up the line and put new ones back in the same locations. The other plan would require getting Right-of-Ways from residents and the line would be on the edge of yards. Supervisor Monty stated they would have to get easements to run laterals. Supervisor Monty said the tentative estimate of construction cost would be \$525,000.00 for plan one, and \$480,000.00 for plan two. With the grant and in-kind we have \$800,000.00. \$136,000.00 for engineer cost. Supervisor Monty stated we have to wait and see what the Department of Transportation tells us to do, and the project will go out to bid in the fall.

Kevin stated that meters have been read in early July and will be rechecked in August to see how the numbers compare.

A motion was made by Dave Blades to accept the Water Report and seconded by Steve Denton – 0 opposed – motion carried.

Discussion: Supervisor Monty stated The Town has received a request to lower speed limits on Back Roads by Ryan Hathaway. Ryan had a near accident on Blood Hill.

Kevin Denton stated that some of the roads have yellow/Black signs that are just suggested speed limits, and that none of the roads have been surveyed and have actual speed limits.

It was discussed to pass a resolution that County DPW change speed ways and that they contact NYS to do a survey of roads: Blood Hill Road, Mitchell, Carlott, Goff, Dentons, Steel Woods, Ray Woods, Moss, and Trout Pond Road. Dave Blades suggested the Town start the process now to get speed limits lowered on all Town owned roads.

Resolution 18-7-2 That the Town of Lewis request the process be started to have Town Roads speed limits lowered – motion by Dave Blades – seconded by Jeff Scott – 0 opposed – carried

A letter will go to the families that have made complaints stating that the Board is addressing their concerns.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report
- b. County Calendar
- c. Landfill Report – Still waiting on numbers from Elizabethtown – Tonnage is down again
- d. Stop Domestic Violence minutes
- e. APA July meeting agenda – 12th and 13th July meetings
- f. APA Public Hearing on Gore Mountain
- g. APA Board determination Black River Wild Forest, Cranberry Lake Boar Launch, Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park
- h. APA Invasive Species
- i. NYS DEC Mining Permit
- j. Blue Green Algae – suspicious algae bloom report form attached
- k. Lewis Veterans Park minutes, May 10th, and 30th –Dave Blades stated they are still trying to come up with names of veterans from the Vietnam area for the plaque, please let Dave know if you know of any. They may be able to get cannons for display at the park, still working on it.
- l. Septic Workshops – July 12, 2018 Noble wood Park Willsboro – Free
- m. Local Government Conference – SUNY Potsdam October 9, 2018
- n. Elizabethtown Library Association Program sent an invitation to attend the North American College Travelling Tribal Troupe

Old Business:

Speed Limit Petition – Jeff Scott asked each councilor to get signatures to reduce the speed limit in town from 45 mph to 35 mph. Jeff stated this was suggested in the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed in September. Jeff suggested having a special meeting to discuss the speed limit and all of the dog biting. Supervisor Monty stated that maybe a special meeting could be held in August.

Thrall Dam update – An engineer from the County has been working with Jeff Scott on a plan to move the bridge and to use any trees that they cut. Jeff stated they cannot cut until the fall due to the bats.

Jeff Scott has got the material for the Kiosk and will be building it next month.

NYSEG Program- The Energy Eff Program sent a representative, who surveyed the Town Hall, Fire Department, Garage, Lewis Building, and reservoir. They said the Town would save over \$8000.00 over the next 5 years, and the program pays for up to 70% of the cost. The cost is \$3700.00, NYSEG would cover \$2100.00 and The Towns contribution would be \$1600.00.

ANCA Street Light Project – Supervisor Monty stated the cost analysis shows a savings if the Town lighting is switched to LED and it is better lighting. He also stated the Town can utilize the Counties lift to replace the lighting and this will save on installation costs. It was decided to do the Garage and Street Lights at this time and to go with 25W near homes and 67W on the main road.

A motion was made to replace the Garage and Street lights by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – 0 opposed – motion carried.

Hazardous Waste Day July 14, 2018 – 8am to 1pm for Essex County Residents

Letter to residents about Landfill increase – A copy was reviewed by the Board, Jeff Scott wrote his own letter, with different wording that he wanted considered.

A motion was made to change the wording of the first sentence in the letter by Jeff Scott and seconded by Dave Blades – 0 opposed – motion carried.

New Business:

Codes Report – A stop work order was issued on the Moss Road for a resident who did not complete the required paperwork.

Animal Control Report – 4 Dog incidents were reported

Youth Commission Report – Paul Pulsifer resigned. A Pizza Party of appreciation will be held for him for his many years of service, and he will be presented with a plaque. Jeff Scott stated that the current plan is not to have a new director, the responsibilities are going to be shared.

Jeff Scott got cost for the Youth Commission storage shed and the prices from Bryants were high, so he suggested getting rough cut lumber.

A motion was made to purchase a Plaque for Paul Pulsifer by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton 0 opposed – motion carried.

A motion was made to accept Paul Pulsifers resignation with reluctance by Dave Blades seconded by Jim Monty 0 opposed – motion carried.

Resolution 18-7-1 A motion of appreciation for Paul Pulsifer of the Youth Commission by Steve Denton unanimous second – 0 opposed – motion carried.

An Informational meeting on the Water District was set for July 31, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Audit and Pay Bills:

A motion was made to audit and pay the bills by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott – 0 opposed – motion carried.

Reconciliation Summary	\$145,889.72
Abstract of Audited Voucher Trust	\$37,548.14
Abstract of Audited Voucher Youth Commission	\$1,849.26
Abstract of Audited Voucher Water Fund SW	\$4,509.49
Abstract of Audited Voucher Highway DA	\$12,952.92

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Abstract of Audited Voucher Highway Fund	\$1,754.92
General Fund	\$52,131.37
General Fund	\$8,369.84

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades – 0 opposed
– motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Vanessa Cross
Lewis Town Clerk

**Town of Lewis
Special Board Meeting
July 31, 2018
Lewis Town Hall**

Present: Supervisor Monty, Councilors Lanita Canavan, Dave Blades, Steve Denton, and Scott Jeff

Called to order by Supervisor Monty at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Matt Morgia, Aubertine and Currier and Todd Hodson, Essex County DPW were introduced

Discussion of Water Project: Matt Morgia displayed a plan of the current water line route and where the proposed line might go, for everyone to view.

Property owner Gary Dickerson expressed concerns of the new line going further into his lawn. Mr. Morgia explained that the water line would be just behind his fence and not as far into his property as the Highway Right-of-Way. Mr. Dickerson wanted to know why the new line cannot go in the same spot as the existing line. Mr. Morgia explained that the Health Department requires that the existing line be kept operational while they install the new line.

Supervisor Monty stated that DOT regulates where the line can be put.

Councilor Blades asked what would happen if they wanted to put the line in the Highway. Mr. Morgia said the State would require that the line be put as far to the outside edge as possible.

Mr. Morgia stated anything disturbed such as fences would be replaced and lawns would be seeded.

Mr. Dickerson was also concerned that if the pipe from the new line to the homes is not replaced, the service would not be any better than the current service. Supervisor Monty stated only income eligible properties will have the pipe from the homes replaced under the grant. All other residents would be responsible to replace their own.

Resident Larry Bashaw asked if the Town would put in the line from the Main to his house and is the Town responsible to replace it. Supervisor Monty stated that it is the homeowner's responsibility from the meter pit to the home. Larry then stated they were thinking of moving the connection to the other side of the house. Mr. Morgia said that's why we are having this meeting to discuss these situations, we could move the lateral to a different spot to accommodate your request, but again it's your responsibility from the meter pit to the home.

Mr. Hodson stated that easements should be discussed. Supervisor Monty stated he has easements for property owners to take home.

Mr. Dickerson asked about the time line of the project. Mr. Morgia said Health Department review would be done this winter, approval by January/February, out to bid in March, construction could start the end of May, and the project should be completed by mid September 2019.

It was discussed if vacant properties should have Shut Offs, Supervisor Monty said they would if the property owner wants them.

Mr. Hodson stated that there are two type of Easements, one is for temporary construction and one is for permanent maintenance after the project is completed.

Mr. Dickerson asked if the paved ditches in front of his house would be replaced. Mr. Hodson stated that what ever is there now would be replaced.

Supervisor Monty stated Back Flow preventors will be installed.

Mr. Morgia stated if all Easements are not in place the Town will have to do eminent domain. Supervisor Monty stated he will hand deliver the Easements to those who did not attend the meeting tonight.

Public Commentary:

Supervisor Monty stated he is getting prices to re-paint the Welcome to Lewis signs.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott – 0 opposed – motion carried

A motion was made to return to regular session by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades – 0 opposed – motion carried

Nothing was concluded in Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk