

**Town of Lewis
Board Meeting
Town Hall
June 9, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Guests: None

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the Board meeting minutes of May 12, 2020 by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Special Board meeting minutes of May 22, 2020 by Dave Blades and seconded 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 Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton stated he received word today that the town is going to receive some CHIPS money this year. Kevin stated they have been working on roads, installed a new fence at the playground and have been cleaning ditches and culverts.

Kevin stated the water usage rate is up a little. Counselor Blades asked if the water usage at the Public Safety building is up, Kevin said it is down.

Correspondence:

- a. **County Expenses Report** – In packet
- b. **Landfill Report** – Sales are up – A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- c. **Charter Changes** – In packet
- d. **DEC Memo/Hunting and Fishing Licenses** – The DEC had sent a letter terminating our DEC Sales License due to low sales, Vanessa appealed the letter and we will be receiving a new DEC Printer and can continue sales.
- e. **NYS Courts Reopening** – The court is open tonight but in person appearances will not be until May 23, 2020
- f. **NY on Pause Taskforce enforcement** – A letter was received from the Governor on monitoring COVID compliance.

- g. **Essex County IDA-** The IDA and Chamber of Commerce can assist business with reopening.
- h. **Campgrounds opening** –Information in packet
- i. **Essex County needs assessment report** – Includes items such as Bridges, Culverts, Broadband, and County Facilities.
- j. **Graduation guidelines** – Information in packet
- k. **Census 2020** – Supervisor Monty reminded people to fill out the form as it is important for funding.

Old Business: The papers have been signed for the new Truck, and it is in the process or being built. Supervisor Monty contacted banks and Champlain National Bank offered the best rate. The Town is borrowing \$116,000.00 and the payment will be around \$30,000.00 a year.

New Business:

- 1. Codes Report – No report
- 2. Animal Control Report – 3 people applied and only one returned the application. A motion was made to hire Brad Moulton by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- 3. Youth Commission Report – No meeting has been had due to COVID 19. The town will be participating in the Summer Food Program, it will mirror the School’s program but will not be delivering, meals will be picked up on Wednesdays. Kendra Pulsifer will be the cook, and the program will be reimbursed by the County and USDA.
- 4. Cell Phone Policy – Supervisor Monty created a cell phone policy for Town employees. A motion was made to approve the Cell Phone Policy Resolution 20-6-1 by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Other: Supervisor Monty received an email from Larry Bashaw requesting a letter of support for a grant to purchase a new ambulance to service Elizabethtown, Lewis and Westport.

Counselor Blades asked about flags missing at the Court House and the Town Hall. Supervisor Monty stated they need new poles and he contacted the supplier a month ago and has not heard anything and he will contact again.

Counselor Scott asked about the letters that were sent out to residents about property maintenance. Supervisor Monty stated they have not cleaned up the properties and the next step is a citation.

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

Water Fund SW	\$224.96
Water Fund	\$35.00
General Fund A	\$20,960.00
General Fund	\$3,896.24
Trust and Agency	\$33,740.89
Highway DA	\$12,708.53

Highway Fund	\$1,352.00
CDBG Housing	\$22,547.39

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:35 by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk

