

**Town of Lewis
Board Meeting
May 8, 2018
Lewis Town Hall**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton to approve the April 12, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, 0 opposed, all in favor – motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report, 0 opposed, all in favor – motion carried.

Public Commentary:

Kathy Linker stated a signup sheet to have your address placed on the June 2, 2018 Town Wide Yard Sale Map will be at the Town Hall. Kathy went to the Lewis Fish and Game Club meeting and vendors for the Town Wide Yard Sale can set up on the ball field.

Kathy Linker stated that as of now they have 13 vendors signed up for the Farmers Market.

Kathy said a Community Club meeting will be held May 12, at Denton's and everyone is welcome.

Guests:

A representative from NYCO stated they are still hauling about the same amount as last year and the blasting schedule is the same as last year, 3 times a week.

Dave Blades asked when reclamation will start at Seventy. The representative stated the North part of Seventy has been reclaimed. Supervisor Monty asked what they are doing for reclamation. The representative stated they have planted grass, pushed down piles, removed stone, pumping water out of the pit and the water gets tested.

Kathy Linker thanked Kevin Denton and crew for all their hard work over the past weekend for storm clean up.

Darren Dickerson thanked the Town crew and the Fire Department for support and storm clean up. Darren stated he recently attended an Elizabethtown Town meeting and they are going to have a representative attend the Ambulance Squad meetings. He asked if Lewis would consider sending council people to attend the meetings.

The Board discussed having a liaison to attend the meetings to listen and bring back information to the Town Board. Supervisor Monty stated a decision will have to be made on becoming a Countywide EMS or not. Steve Denton stated he would be willing to act as the liaison.

A motion was made to appoint Steve Denton as the Town of Lewis liaison at the Ambulance Squad meetings by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, all in favor, motion carried. Steve Denton abstained.

DPW Report:

Kevin Denton stated they will be finishing the Moss Road and Hyde Road with funding from the CHIPS grant. Kevin stated he would like to use CHIPS money to purchase a new Loader. Kevin handed out a list of repairs the current Loader is in need of in the near future. The board discussed the cost of the repairs versus a new loader and the cost of road repairs. Jim stated they have the money for blacktop with a cushion of \$10,000 if the blacktop comes in more than the current cost.

A motion was made to approve \$92,000.00 from CHIPS money to purchase a new loader by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, all in favor, motion carried.

Kevin stated spring clean up has started, currently they are doing brush detail because of the storm. Once brush cleanup is finished they will get back to sweeping.

Supervisor Monty thanked DPW for all of their work during and after the storm.

Kevin stated they had issues with the generator for the Water Treatment Plant. Todd Hodgson, from the County, worked on the generator all one day, his help was appreciated. They were able to get a generator from County Highway to use until the generator can be fixed.

Lanita Canavan stated she has not checked on the cemetery since the storm, but will get up there.

Dave Blades stated the cemetery flag is tattered. Lanita said they have a new one they can put up.

Water Report: The report was fine and they have \$2481.00 outstanding in rent collection.

A motion was made to accept the water report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Copies of the following correspondence were distributed:

- a. County Expense Report
- b. County Calendar – was missing
- c. Landfill Report – Tonnage is about the same as last year
- d. Stop Domestic Violence minutes – From the April meeting
- e. Region 5 Fish and Wildlife May meeting agenda
- f. Region 5 fish and Wildlife February meeting minutes
- g. SEMA STELLA payment - \$1950.00 will be received and go into the equipment line
- h. Office of the Aging Survey –
- i. ELCS Planning for the future – Elizabethtown is just below the Tax Cap and Westport exceeds the tax cap
- j. North Country SPCA – Donation Letter
- k. Senior Fair – May 10th 10 to 2
- l. 2018 Rabies Clinic – Schedule handed out
- m. Charter changes – for this month
- n. Wilmington/Whiteface 100k bike race will be held June 2nd
- o. Lewis Baseball – An old time photo of a Lewis Baseball team was handed out
- p. April 30 merger study meetings – minutes from the last meeting

Resolution 18-5-4

Authorizing the Town of Wilmington to use Roads for the Wilmington Bike Race

RESOLVED: The Town of Lewis authorizes the Town of Wilmington to use the Jay Mountain Road, Carlott Road and Goff Road for the Whiteface 100K Mountain Bike Race Saturday June 2, 2018.

A motion was made to approve the use of the Jay Mountain Road, Carlott Road and Goff Road for the Wilmington Bike Race by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

A Porta Potty is now at the Lewis Playground and will be cleaned out every Friday.

Thrall Dam Kiosk Grant is approved and Jeff will be going to get material to build the Kiosk.

New Business:

Codes Report – Mike Flynn has been ill and could not attend

Animal Control Report – Kevin Jacques could not attend – copies of reports were distributed

Incident one- A dog running in the road and biting a gentleman walking by

Incident two –A dog owner was cited for not having his dog in control and going on to another resident's property.

Incident three - involved a dog urinating on a resident's personal property.

And the last incident involved a dog attacking a 17 year old who was walking by.

A motion was made by Lanita Canavan to accept the Animal Control Report and was seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty stated that he and Kevin discussed drafting a letter to residents about having dogs licensed and rabies vaccines, the letter would be put but on the back of the Rabies clinic schedule and mailed to residents.

Supervisor Monty stated that NYSEG reported to him that only a handful of Lewis properties were still without power.

Steve Denton stated he was impressed with Kevin and Crew and the dedication from the Fire Department during the storm. Also Curtis Mousseau for keeping the dinner open for residents.

Lanita Canavan stated there was some confusion with residents over the landfill not being open on Saturday. Supervisor Monty said he talked to employees and the Landfill should have been open.

Youth Commission – will have a meeting next week

Essex County Solid Waste Proposal – Jim Dougan from County Highway is working on options to update the equipment at the landfill and to get into a cycle for purchasing equipment to avoid replacing everything all at once again. One option is to increase what each town is currently charging per bag. Supervisor Monty asked that everyone read over the financing options and give him input.

Jeff Scott stated he attended a meeting last Wednesday at the Wadhams Library. Jeff stated the abandoned grocery store in Willsboro is going to be converted into an Arts and Innovation Community Center.

Jeff Scott stated he is not satisfied that the State has not reconsidered the Hamlet Speed Limit, and he is going to write a petition and get signatures of support to send to DOT.

Resolution 18-5-1
Board of Assessment Appointment

RESOLVED: The Town of Lewis appoints Steve Ives to the Board of Assessment review.

A motion was made to appoint Steve Ives to the Board of Assessment review by Dave Blades and Seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, all in favor.

Resolution 18-5-2
Reappointment of Penny Daniels
Board of Assessment Review

RESOLVED: The Town of Lewis Reappoints Penny Daniels to the Board of Assessment Review.

A motion was made to reappoint Penny Daniels to the Board of Assessment Review by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, all in favor.

Resolution 18-5-3
Resolution of Condolence for
Iola Collinson Family

RESOLVED: The Town of Lewis offers a resolution of Condolence to the Iola Collinson family.

A motion was made to offer Condolence to the Iola Collinson family by Dave Blades and unanimous second.

Buildings and Grounds Report: Dave Blades stated that he and Jeff Scott did a walk around the old school, Town Hall and DPW Garage. Dave stated that a ride on toy at the school has a broken spring and needs repair or removal. Supervisor Monty stated he would address it. Dave also stated that an outside light at the school does not meet code. Kevin stated he would address it. Jeff Scott stated that the Town Hall has a gutter hanging off that needs repair. Paint chipping and molding on the back of the Town Hall were also discussed.

Resolution 18-5-5
Resolution of Condolence for
Gary Finny Family

RESOLVED: The Town of Lewis offers a resolution of condolence to the Gary Finny Family

A motion was made to offer condolence to the Gary Finny family by Dave Blades and unanimous second.

Audit and Pay Bills: The following bills were audited.

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| General Fund | \$579.02 |
| Audited Vouchers Highway Fund | \$6809.56 |
| Audited Vouchers Water Fund SW | \$456.43 |
| Abstract Audited Vouchers Water Fund | \$434.03 |
| Audited Vouchers Water Fund CDBG | \$98.45 |
| General Fund | \$218,077.58 |
| Youth Commission | \$1,302.45 |
| Trust and Agency TA | \$30,614.84 |
| General Fund A | \$42,268.05 |
| Highway DA | \$46,370.99 |

A motion was made to pay the bills by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vanessa Cross

Lewis Town Clerk