

Town of Lewis  
Regular Town Board Meeting

May 9, 2023

Lewis Town Hall

**Present:** Counselors Lanita Canavan, Terry Pulsifer, John Blades, Steve Denton, Supervisor James Monty, Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton, Codes Officer Les Howard and Assessor Ben Goff.

**Public Present:** Gerald Spooner, Glen and Donna Crowningshield.

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

**Guests:** Ben Goff was here as Assessor to answer any concerns pertaining to the increase in the assessments. Councilman Pulsifer asked Ben if there are any special forms to file before the grievance date. Ben stated there are no forms but would need to bring evidence that would show any differences then what he has, he can sit with them as he will have the roll out and they can change/adjust as needed before grievance day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the April Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Supervisor's Financial Report/Budget Transfer:** A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty asked for a **Budget Transfer** of \$2,000.00 for vet bill as the Town has exhausted their line for Animal Control associated with abandoned dogs/cats the Animal Control Officer had last month. A motion was made to accept the Budget Transfer by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Public Commentary:** None

**DPW/Water Report:** Kevin stated he's been waiting for the CHIPS money to be released as he has 2 projects he would like to do, black topping and culvert work. Heavy rain has put road work behind. Kevin said there was a water leak on Osawentha Drive.

A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- a. Bucciarelli Letter – Mr. Bucciarelli is concerned about the conditions along Blood Hill Rd. See letter in packet. Kevin stated he talked to Mr. Buccuarelli and all is good. Councilman Pulsifer went to area he was concerned about. He stated the Town Highway did a great job cleaning it up.
- b. Water Rent Collectors Report – In Packet

**Correspondence:**

- a. County Expense Report – In Packet
- b. County Calendar – In Packet
- c. Landfill Report – A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulisifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. APA Information – In Packet
- e. NYSEG – In Packet
- f. Adirondack Foundation Grant – In Packet
- g. Tentative Tax Foreclosure Sale – In Packet
- h. SPCA Newsletter –In Packet
- i. Office of the Aging – In Packet
- j. Household Hazardous Waste Days – In Packet

**Old Business:**

- a. Volunteer Firefighter Property Tax Exemption – In Packet

**New Business:**

1. Codes Report – Les Howard stated it's been a busy month. One household he deemed unsafe. He also received a couple complaints which he issued an order of remedy for both. He will follow up on those after 45 days.
2. Animal Control Report – Supervisor Monty stated Glenn has been busy with calls this month.
3. Youth Commission – Councilman Pulsifer stated there will be enough members for a baseball team, uniforms are ordered. He also said there has been 72 applicants for the summer program so far.  
A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
  - a. Micah Stewart's Resignation – Supervisor Monty asked for a motion to accept Micah's resignation. Motion was accepted by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by Steve Denton.  
Supervisor Monty will prepare and send a resolution of thanks to Micah from the Town of Lewis.

Jennifer Smith from HAPEC was present. She is handling the Town's rehab grant. She stated she has sent out 13 letters out and has accepted 2 (two) so far.

4. NYMIR Inspection & NYS DMV – LENS (License Event Notification Service) –  
See attached In Packet

**Resolutions:**

**23-5-1** A motion was made to accept the Resolution to appoint David Blades to Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Keith Behm by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**23-5-2** A motion was made to accept the Resolution to appoint Jody Cross to Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Ben Goff by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**23-5-3** A motion was made to accept the Resolution approving Local Law #1 for 2023, Firefighters/EMS property tax exemption by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Monty	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Abstain
John Blades	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Yes

Councilman Pulsifer met with Councilman Denton and Highway Superintendant Denton to go over the general condition of the building, more specifically the foundation. The foundation on the building needs to be replaced. Councilman Pulsifer, will draw to scale, the size of the building and deliver it to 2 (two) concrete foundation contractors to give a general idea of a cost. Councilman Pulsifer will follow up on this. Supervisor Monty will check to see if the building is an historic building.

Supervisor Monty stated we may possibly have a new tenant in the basement of the Old Lewis School.

**Audit and Pay Bills:** A motion was made to Audit and Pay Bills by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Water Fund	\$715.01
Water Fund SW	\$73,559.96
Trust & Agency – TA	\$101,574.54
Highway – DA	\$12,521.90
Youth Commission	\$527.86

General Fund – A	\$47,556.49
Highway Fund	\$12,698.91
General Fund	\$6,595.38

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 7:55 by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams  
Town Clerk