

Town of Lewis

Board Meeting

Lewis Town Hall

May 14, 2019

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

Absent: Councilor Lanita Canavan

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests:

1. Steven Engelhart of the Adirondack Architectural Heritage gave a presentation on their services, and discussed the possibility of using their services for guidance on pursuing a grant to renovate the Town Hall.
2. Diana Sweat gave an overview of a new nonprofit she is working on called Burpee Brook Creative Learning. The organization would offer after school programming, work on signs and benches for Thrall Dam. The funding for the organization will come from grants, she was asking for a letter of support.

A motion was made by Dave Blades to write a letter of support and unanimously seconded, 0 opposed, motion carried.

3. Kaylee Dasile from NYCO gave an update – They started hauling Monday, they have started blasting, and will blast no more than 3 days a week from between 11:00 and 5:00. The mill was shut down for 2 months due to small amounts of asbestos found in a product. They cleaned plant 1 and 2. Supervisor Monty asked if asbestos could go into the water runoff, Kaylee stated no they test twice a year for airborne particles. They have received quotes for drilling Lot 8 and they have received approval from the DEC for drilling.

A motion was made to approve the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, - Jeff questioned if #5 under New Business should be Roost funds were used for the Kiosk last year or if it was Clinton Creating Healthy Schools and Communities. Supervisor Monty said he would look into it.

A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: Kathy Linker stated the Town Wide Yard Sale will be held June 1, and they will be using the ball field. Kathy asked if we could get the County sign to advertise the sale, Supervisor Monty stated he would ask. Kathy asked if the Town could fund a ½ page black and white ad at \$350.00 or a color ad at \$390.00 after some discussion it was decided that the Town could not fund the cost of the ad this year, but would plan on it for next year.

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton was absent. Supervisor Monty stated they are getting ready to take down the Salt Shed. The Jay Mountain road had snow and a pond was caused by beavers. We are moving forward with the water project and a preconstruction meeting will be held May 15, at 9:30.

1. Public Health Water Report came back normal
2. Water Rent Collection – going good A motion was made to accept the water report by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. State Water grant meeting will be held
4. Annual DPW Inventory is complete and they are in compliance now
5. Water Training – will be held, but Andy will not be attending this one
6. Salt Shed – Ad was posted notice to bidders bids will be opened June 7th at 2:00 p.m.
7. St. Armand has requested our old water meters – Kevin suggested we declare them surplus and let them have them as we have new ones. A motion was made to give the water meters to the Town of St. Armand by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
8. Chips Projects – Kevin had requested for 2 projects \$39,000. To finish the Hyde Road and \$75,000. To repave Mitchell Hill Road, and the rest of the money could be saved to cover the cost of blacktop. A motion was made to accept Kevin’s plan for the Chips money by Steve Denton and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expenses Report – in packet
- b. County Auditor’s Report – in packet
- c. County Calendar- in packet
- d. Landfill report – Tonnage was down and revenues up
- e. Stop Domestic Violence minutes – in packet
- f. NYS DOT Culvert Project – In packet
- g. Clinton County Healthy Communities Grant – in packet
- h. Updated Tax Sale Information – in packet
- i. Chamber of Commerce – in packet
- j. DEC Smart Growth Grants – in packet
- k. 2019 Recreational Economy grants – in packet
- l. Cornell Cooperative Extension – in packet
- m. Champlain Watershed Annual report – in packet
- n. Charter Communications changes – in packet
- o. DEC Stream Fishing Access initiative – in packet
- p. Region 5 Fish and Wildlife meeting – in packet
- q. Lewis Farmers Market – in packet
- r. ECSWD Soil Erosion Training – in packet

- s. Caregiver Tools – in packet
- t. Aging mastery program – in packet
- u. Lewis Diner – The Department of Health has said the property can no longer be used for food service until the waste water issue is taken care of
- v. 480a rebates – in packet
- w. County tax auction – in packet
- x. Community leader breakfast – Supervisor Monty attended the hospital now has their own helicopter
- y. Free Tire Collection – dates in packet
- z. Arrive Alive Tour – on display in Crown Point, Westport Fair Grounds and Ticonderoga
- aa. APA Board Agenda – in packet
- bb. County Hazardous waste Dates – in packet

Old Business:

1. Capital Reserve Fund – Still researching the possibility of using these funds toward Building improvements
2. Speed Limit Update – Supervisor Monty received a letter denying the speed limit change in town. Jeff Scott stated he would still like to pursue the issue. Hyde road will be posted at 45 mph, Moss Road will be posted 45 mph, and Mitchell Hill Road will be posted 35 mph.
3. Water Project – The goal is to have completed by the middle of June, and a pre-construction meeting will be held tomorrow.
4. NY Class vs Champlain National Bank – NY Class offers substantial more interest than Champlain National Bank. Supervisor Monty suggested that as the CD's come due they be invested with NY Class. A motion was made to move the CD's to NY Class as they come due by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
5. Cyber Security Insurance – The quote has increased to \$2600-\$3100 from \$1500. The Board discussed getting proposals to include Cyber Insurance as well as all other insurance. A motion was made to table getting Cyber Security insurance until we receive RFP's for insurance by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Animal Control Report – Kevin Jacques had a quiet month.
3. Youth Commission Report – Mary Beth Sayer has been hired as the Summer Recreation Program Director, Shelby Lottie will be the Assistant Director and Kristy Cave has been hired as a counselor. A special meeting will be held May 28, to select Counselors. A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Report by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

4. EMS Update – The County is moving forward with a County Wide program. This will be a 5 year grant with no expense to the taxpayers this year, next year the County has to pick up the benefit package and the grant will pay salaries and equipment needed. The program will begin with Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Moriah and Wilmington, and at the end of the second year if the program is successful in reducing time for Ambulance service the program will include everyone else who wants to participate. If grant funding goes away the cost will be 8 to 10 million to the County budget.

We have not received the information needed to complete the EMS Audit.

5. Occupancy tax – Roost has proposed to increase the occupancy tax from 3% to 5%. The minimum the Town of Lewis could get back for tourism enhancement would be \$20,000. We would receive \$5000. A quarter. Discussed possibly using some of the money next year for promotion of the Town Wide Yard Sale.
6. Library tax – A proposal will be on the School Budget to cover a Library tax that Westport School has always had. Supervisor Monty stated Elizabethtown Library needed to be included with Westport and Wadhams.
7. Diana Sweat letter – Requesting letter of support for her Burpee Creative Learning Program.

Resolutions: None

Other:

Dave Blades asked for a resolution to oppose a Senate Bill that would require anyone who owns a firearm to have insurance up to a million dollars.

A motion was made to oppose the firearms bill by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton,

Roll Call Vote :

Dave Blades Yes
Steve Denton Yes
Jeff Scott No
James Monty Yes

Motion carried.

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

Water Fund	\$142.20
Water Fund SW	\$1,605.88
Water Fund CDBG	\$2,578.40
Highway DA	\$13,082.42
Trust and Agency TA	\$29,262.94
General Fund A	\$73,255.80
General Fund	\$5,293.45

A motion was made to adjourn by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton , 0 opposed, Motion carried

