

Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes
Town Hall
November 10, 2020

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

Public Present: Gerry Spooner, Glen Crowningshield, Herb Clark and Gill Bouchard

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

Pledge:

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the regular Board Meeting minutes of 10/13/2020 by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of 10/22/2020 by Dave Blades, and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Budget Hearing minutes of 11/5/2020 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisors 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.

A motion was made to approve a budget transfer of \$400.00 from A3510.41 to A3510.4 to cover the cost associated with dangerous dog provisions by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve a budget transfer of \$1500.00 from SW8340.4 to SW8320.4 to cover the increased cost associated with the town share of the water project by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

DPW/Water Report: The new truck is in Montpelier VT, Keven Denton will be going to look at it before it is shipped to Barre VT for the Box and Plow.

Water Report is normal. A motion was made to accept the water report by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Guests: Andrea Denton gave an update on the possibility of the Youth Commission merging with Westport's Youth Commission. At this time she feels they want to wait on the merge.

They do not want to consolidate the ski program due to liability, although Lewis has its own liability insurance. Supervisor Monty stated that the ski program is a school program.

Supervisor Monty suggested Andrea request budget information in writing and that he will reach out to Supervisor Tyler.

A motion was made to appoint Amy Connor to the Youth Commission by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- A. County Expense Report - In packet
- B. Landfill Report – A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- C. County Calendar – In packet
- D. Charter Changes – In packet
- E. Essex County IDA – information in packet
- F. Cornell Cooperative Extension – News Letter in packet
- G. Adirondack Harvest – News Letter in packet
- H. APA Project Notice's – Information in packet
- I. Essex County Fair – Donation request letter in packet requesting \$1000.
- J. Social Security – Information in packet on 1.3 percent benefit increase for 2021
- K. Roost – The town has received \$20,000. For this year and will receive an additional check based on the occupancy tax collected in Lewis.
- L. Essex County Health Department – Due to the increase of COVID 19 cases in the Northern 4 counties the Board of Supervisors meetings will be going virtual. This will be the Towns last in-person meeting until the numbers go down.
- M. Statewide tax rates – Tentative tax rates for Essex County ours went down due to the increase of property values.

Old Business:

- 1. Meter Project – Mr. Bouchard from Ametal Construction asked about the procedure for submitting the paperwork. Supervisor Monty stated that Mr. Bouchard submits paperwork through the engineer, then to the Town and the Town sends to the Office of Community Renewal and they reimburse the Town. The work needs to be completed by December 18, 2020.

New Business:

- 1. Codes Report – A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- 2. Animal Control Report – Supervisor Monty stated he only had one call to pick up a dog, but by the time he got there the owner had already picked it up.

3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – Jeff Scott stated they are planning outside activities such as a skate night and sledding. A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission meeting minutes by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. 2021 Budget – A motion was made to accept the 2021 Town Budget by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Blades Yes
Lanita Canavan Yes
Steve Denton Yes
Jeff Scott Yes
James Monty Yes

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

Trust and Agency TA	\$29,195.93
Water Fund CDBG	\$7,707.25
Highway Fund	\$3,964.73
Water Fund SW	\$765.88
General Fund A	\$19,827.23
General Fund	\$4,177.94
Highway DA	\$12,425.21
Water Fund	\$770.93

Herb Clark asked if Supervisor Monty new anything about the hours at DMV. Supervisor Monty stated that the Governor does not want them to open fully yet. Herb stated he was having difficulty getting a truck registration renewal done.

Steve Denton thanked Supervisor Monty on behalf of the residents of Blood Hill for all the work he did with Spectrum to get them back their money.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk

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