

Town of Lewis
Public Hearing/Board Meeting
November 9, 2021
Lewis Town Hall
6:45 p.m.

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

Public Present: Glen Crowningshield, Jerry Spooner, Herb Clark, Terry Pulsifer, Ethan Farmer and Larry Bashaw

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Supervisor James Monty

Pledge:

The Public Hearing was called for the Introduction of local law #1 of 2021 a local law to opt out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and on site consumption sites in the Town of Lewis.

A public hearing will be held on December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

The law would be on the ballot next November and if it passes would become effective in 2023.

Resident Jerry Spooner asked if the town would be passing up Sales tax if the law is passed, Supervisor Monty stated potentially.

A motion was made to adjourn the Public Hearing by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

A motion was made to approve the Regular Board Minutes of October 13, 2021 by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Budget Workshop Minutes of October 21, 2021 by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Tax Cap Public Hearing of November 4, 2021 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Budget Public Hearing of November 4, 2021 by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: Ethan Farmer Secretary Treasurer of the Elizabethtown – Lewis Emergency Squad stated that they would like to receive the same amount of funding from the Town of Lewis as they do from the Town of Elizabethtown. He said their Board met last night and that if the Town of Lewis does

not give more they will not be providing services to the Town of Lewis, Larry Bashaw stated that is what was decided at their Board meeting last night and 90 days from today the services to Lewis will end.

Supervisor Monty will be looking into the matter.

DPW/Water Report/Water Rent Collection:

Water Test was good, Water rent collection is running normal and the Highway Department has installed plows on trucks for the winter season.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. County Calendar – in packet
- c. Landfill Report – Running well, just purchased more tickets. A motion was made to accept the Landfill report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. Essex County IDA – information attached
- e. ADK Harvest – Newsletter attached
- f. NYSEG – Newsletter attached
- g. Community Food Shelf Report – in packet
- h. APA permits/agendas – in packet
- i. NYSDOT Project Notice – Resurfacing the interstate from exit 31 to Clinton County Line in 2023
- j. Office of the Aging Newsletter in packet
- k. NTIA Broadband expansion details – information attached
- l. Charter Changes attached
- m. 480a Stumpage – Reports received
- n. ARPA funds – information attached
- o. Environmental Law – information attached
- p. Cannabis Documentation – attached

Old Business:

1. BVYC Board appointees – Provided a list of members they would like to appoint

New Business:

1. Codes Report – None
2. Animal Control Report – None
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – None
4. Approve 2022 Town Budget – Under Resolutions
5. Tentative 2022 Wage Plan – Attached, will be voted on in January

Resolutions:

1. 21-11-1 Formation of the Boquet Valley Youth Commission
A motion was made to approve Resolution 21-11-1 by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. 21-11-2 Resolution Rescinding the Local Law exceeding the tax cap
A motion was made to approve Resolution 21-11-2 by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. 21-11-3 Resolution of Local Law #1 of 2021 a Local law to opt out of allowing retail Cannabis Dispensaries and on site Consumption sites.
A motion was made to approve Resolution 21-11-3 by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried
4. 21-11-4 Resolution to approve 2022 budget
A motion was made to approve Resolution 21-11-4 by Dave Blades and Seconded by Lanita Canavan – Roll Call Vote

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

0 opposed, motion carried.

Councilman Blades made a motion in support of keeping Moriah Shock open, unanimous second, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Other:

A motion was made to allow Donna Bramer, Town Assessor to conduct a reevaluation of Lewis Properties, by Jeff Scott and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Next month the Board will vote on a senior exemption for taxes.

Audit and Pay Bills: A motion was made to audit and pay the bills by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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| Water Fund SW | \$954.87 |
| General Fund | \$4,310.11 |
| Highway DA | \$15,507.88 |
| Trust and Agency TA | \$32,607.67 |
| General Fund A | \$28,724.14 |
| Water Fund | \$134.99 |
| Highway Fund | \$3,866.25 |
| Youth Commission | \$1,228.28 |

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk