

Town of Lewis

Regular Town Board Meeting

November 14, 2023

Lewis Town Hall

Present: Counselors, Terry Pulsifer, John Blades, Steven Denton, Supervisor James Monty and Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton. Counselor Lanita Canavan was excused.

Public Present: Glen Crowningshield,

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: None

A motion was made to accept the:

Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023, Public Hearing on Local Law #1 and Budget Work Shop Minutes of October 24, 2023, as one, by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial report by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- a. **Budget Transfer** - Supervisor Monty requested 3 (three) budget transfers:
 - \$500.00 - To cover increased testing cost for the water.
 - \$100.00 - To cover the fee for the Assessor Certification.
 - \$300.00 - To cover the increased port a potty costs for the playground and ball field.

A motion was made to accept the Budget Transfer by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: Glen Crowningshield asked if the Fire Department submitted their budget as he didn't see the submitted budget from the Fire Department. I, Pam Williams - Town Clerk, gave Mr. Crowningshield a copy of the Budget submitted by the Fire Department.

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

DPW: Supervisor Monty said the Highway crew are getting ready to plow snow. Kevin will be having interviews for the open positions with the Highway Department.

- a. **Water Rent Collection Report** – Supervisor Monty stated the Water Re-levy was sent to Essex County on 11/10/2023 in the amount of \$2,249.66 to be put on the taxes for the ones who haven't paid their water bill. A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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 John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. Charter Changes – In packet
- e. APA Meeting/Information – In Packet
- f. APA Permits – In Packet
- g. Cornell Cooperative Extension – In Packet

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Codes Report – Les Howard will be done as Codes Officer the end of December 2023.
2. Animal Control Report – In Packet
3. Youth Commission – A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Minutes by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. **23-11-1 Resolution to adopt 2024 Town Budget** – A motion was made to accept the 2024 Town Budget by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Excused
Stephen Denton Jr	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr	Yes
James Monty	Yes

Passed: Yes

2. **23-11-2 Resolution to override Local Law #1 to override the 2024 Tax Cap** – A motion was made to accept by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Excused
Stephen Denton Jr	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr	Yes
James Monty	Yes

Passed: Yes

3. **23-11-3 Resolution to approve payment using ARPA Funds** – A motion was made to authorize Supervisor Monty to make a payment to Fullers Excavating for the Vault repair at the Lewis Cemetery at a cost of \$14,528.25 using ARPA Funds in General A8810.4. A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Excused
Stephen Denton Jr	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr	Yes
James Monty	Yes

Passed: Yes

4. **23-11-4 Resolution authorizing budget amendment from the Water Fund** – A motion was made to authorize a Budget Amendment for line item SW8340.4 to be increased by \$9,841.66 to be funded from Water Fund Balance, A960 to be increased by \$9,841.66 and A599 appropriated fund balance to be decreased by \$9,841.99 by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Excused
Stephen Denton Jr	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr	Yes
James Monty	Yes

Passed: Yes

Audit and Pay Bills: A motion was made to Audit and Pay Bills by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

General Fund	\$18,393.04
General Fund - A	\$20,565.93
Highway Fund	\$24,981.05
Highway Fund - DA	\$12,989.74
Trust & Agency - TA	\$28,923.52
Youth Commission	\$387.00
Water Fund SW	\$878.90
Water Fund	\$13,478.68

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:30 PM by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk