

**Town of Lewis**

**Board Meeting**

**October 9, 2018**

**Lewis Town Hall**

**Present:** Supervisor James Monty, Councilors Lanita Canavan, Dave Blades, Steve Denton, Jeff Scott

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

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made to approve the September 11, 2018 meeting minutes by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades – All in favor – 0 opposed – motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the Supervisors Financial Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton – All in favor – 0 opposed – motion carried.

**Public Commentary:** Jerry Spooner - The trees across the road from his house have still not been taken down and he is concerned that when they come down they will take the power lines out. NYSEG has not responded. Supervisor Monty suggested he contact Chris Garrow at County Highway, as that is a county road and if the trees are in the right of way they could take them down.

**DPW Water Report:** Came back fine.

A motion was made to accept the water report by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – All in favor – 0 opposed – motion carried.

Kevin Denton stated the CHIPS project is almost complete, just the lines need to be painted on the roads.

Supervisor Monty stated the Water Rent Report - \$132.00 usage and \$403.00 late fees will be relieved on the taxes.

**Correspondence:**

- a. County Expense Report - attached
- b. County Calendar – November 6 Election Day, November 11 Veterans Day celebrated On 12<sup>th</sup>, Town Board on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Public Hearing rescheduled to the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Landfill Report – Sales have not dropped much
- d. Stop Domestic Violence minutes - attached

- e. North Country Life Flight - attached
- f. Cornell Cooperative Extension Newsletter (2) September, October reports
- g. Cornell Cooperative Extension Annual Meeting – Invite to meeting 10/24 at Westport Hotel, register by 10/17, \$15.00 each
- h. New York State Fish and Wildlife - attached
- i. NYS DMV Letter- Electronic reminder for CDL, CLP Lic Holders
- j. Mercy Care Elder Forum – November 15
- k. Fiscal Stress – Doing good, Environmental Stress gone up due to receiving grants
- l. Shelter Inspection went well
- m. Ronald Bossian Letter - attached
- n. Tony Glebus Letter – Concerns on property south of Town, The way DEC has the line laid out it would go across his porch. Supervisor Monty in contact with Governors office to have this changed. Supervisor Monty has also received tentative verbal approval on easements from ½ the residents.
- o. Dave Rechans Retirement Party – October 24, party at Westport Hotel at 11:30
- p. Understand Medicare – OFA hosting – see attached
- q. Living Healthy – OFA Forum on Tuesday October 16, 2018 for the Elderly

**Old Business:**

1. Unsafe Building Law – Discussed moving forward with pursuing an Unsafe Building Law. Dave Blades would like to move forward. Jeff Scott stated a proposed maintenance law is in the comprehensive plan. He also stated he attended a meeting in Westport on this and they have some novel ideas. Supervisor Monty stated if we move forward a public meeting could be held in the Spring. Dave Blades stated a Town Wide Clean Up could be held to help some folks clean up, but would be costly. Supervisor Monty stated that the code enforcement officer can site people, but it is a hard thing to enforce.
2. Junkyard Law – Discussed holding a public meeting in the spring to find out what the public would like. Lanita Canavan stated people should be able to contact the Town Hall for information on how to get help with clean up.

Dave Blades stated they filled a trailer on the Tire Clean up day.

Dave Blades suggested establishing a committee to work on the Junkyard Law. Steve Denton and Lanita Canavan said they would be on the committee and Supervisor Monty suggested advertising on the website to get a couple residents to sit on the committee and of course the Code Enforcement officer would be on the committee.

Resident Darren Dickerson stated he would be willing to assist someone who needs help with clean up.

### **New Business:**

1. No Codes Report
2. Animal Control Report – only one incident this month, a resident got bit by their own dog and went to the Emergency Room. The Doctor made a report to Ag and markets and they contacted Kevin Jaques, who went to see the resident, they had the dog licensed but could not find the rabies record at first, but eventually did and it is not due until next month.
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes - None as the meeting is being held tonight
4. Sexual Harassment Policy – Has to be adopted per NYS. The County has already approved the policy at the County Level. Dave Blades asked if it included everyone, such as Board Members and Fire District. Supervisor Monty stated he was not sure about the Fire District, he would check on that, but it does include elected officials and anyone who bids on a project has to have employees sign a waiver that they have received Sexual Harassment training.
5. Computer Issues – Supervisor Monty stated he and Susie are constantly being kicked off the internet. A County IT employee came and said the Routers are no good and made recommendations on what to purchase.

A motion was made by Dave Blades and Seconded by Steve Denton to approve the purchase of new computer equipment at a cost of \$405.00 – All in favor – 0 opposed – motion carried.

6. Town Properties – Dave Blades stated that the Town has 5 properties, about 60 acres not being used. 22 acres on Roscoe Road, Back side of the Cemetery, Well field on Wells Hill Road, Old Barn on Osawentha Drive, and 1 acre on Fox Run Road. The Board discussed getting these properties back on the tax rolls. It was decided to get the Assessor Donna Bramer to get a value of the properties for the next board meeting.
7. Town Signs – Supervisor Monty contacted Laura from Custom Art Works and Willy Grant to get prices on the repainting the town signs. Laura sent a quote of \$14,500.00 for 3 4x8 signs, 6 32x66 signs and stenciling on the Town Hall Door. The signs are coming apart and may need all new signs. Supervisor Monty did not hear back from Willy Grant. Supervisor will research grants for the project.

Jeff Scott stated the Kiosk sign for Thrall Dam is ready to go in. Dave Blades asked when the bridge would be going in, Jeff Scott stated not until next spring. It is held up with APA permits.

Supervisor Monty stated the budget is under the tax cap and it can be reviewed at the budget workshop on October 30 at 6:30.

Jeff Scott stated he attended a Local Government Conference - and attended sessions on Budget Finance and Reserve Funds, Duties/Responsibilities of Government Boards, and Community Development.

Lanita Canavan stated she received an estimate from Kurt Gregory on filling the pot holes on the cemetery road - \$1092.00

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Dave Blades reported that he thinks the roof on the old school needs to have a professional inspection, The Salt Shed in terrible shape, but that is going to be replaced. Supervisor Monty said that the new Salt Shed is going out to bid in the Spring. Dave Blades stated the park on Osawentha Drive needs some cosmetic and safety issues addressed, such as loose screws on the fence. Dave also feels the gutters on the front of the school need to be replaced, and that there is a hole in the lawn. Supervisor Monty stated the building also needs painting on the North and South ends. Supervisor Monty also said the school had no heat last week, the expansion tank and valve had to be replaced.

**Resolutions 18-10-1 approving the Town of Lewis Sexual Harassment Policy**

A motion was made by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton to approve the Town of Lewis Sexual harassment Policy, a roll call vote was made:

Dave Blades Yes  
Lanita Canavan Yes  
Steve Denton Yes  
Jeff Scott Yes  
Supervisor James Monty Yes  
Motion carried.

**Resolution 18-10-2 Introducing Local Law No. 1 of 2018, “A local law to override the 2018 Tax Levy Limit.**

A motion was made by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades to establishing a local law to override the 2018 Tax Levy Limit – all in favor – 0 opposed – motion carried.

Public hearing will be held October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to override the local law, and the budget workshop will be held at 7:00.

**Audit and Pay Bills:**

A motion was made by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan to audit and pay bills – all in favor – 0 opposed – motion carried.

Abstract Water Funds CDBG	\$7,371.56
Highway DA	\$13,307.97
Reconciliation Summary	\$243,422.02
Highway Fund	\$118,455.87
Trust & Agency TA	\$38,306.16
General Fund A	\$46,635.93
Water Fund	\$552.16
General Fund Abstract #9	\$5001.66
Water Fund SW	\$3,195.74

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – all in favor – 0 opposed – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross  
Town Clerk

