

Town of Lewis  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
October 10, 2023  
Lewis Town Hall

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

**Public Present:** Glen and Donna Crowningshield, Jeff Scott, Luke McNally

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Monty requested an Executive Session at 7:02. Motion was made by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer.

Returned from Executive Session at 7:07. Motion was made by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades.

**Guests:** Carolyn Schier, on behalf of the Elizabethtown-Lewis EMS, sent a letter requesting an increase of \$155,000.00 in funding support for the squad to help cover the costs and full-time coverage. Counselor Lanita Canavan is asking for the last 3 years of their Annual Financial Reports to be bought to the Budget Workshop on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, 2023.

October 24, 2023      Public Hearing      6:30PM  
   Budget workshop      7:00PM

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes 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 Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- a. **Budget Transfer** – Supervisor Monty requested a motion for the following Budget Transfer:  
\$500.00 to cover increased testing costs.

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

**Public Commentary:** Jeff Scott spoke concerned about the foundation of the Town Hall and wanted to know if there was any progress in fixing it. Terry Pulsifer contacted 2 contractors, neither were comfortable with giving any figures as it would be a huge project.

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

- a. Water Rent Report

**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 Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. Charter Changes - In Packet
- e. APA Meeting - In Packet
- f. DEC Report Mining Permit - In Packet
- g. Occupancy Tax Guidelines - In Packet
- h. Advent Diversion Program - In Packet
- i. Veterans Minutes - In Packet

**Old Business:**

1. Ag Society Donation - The Essex County Agricultural Society is asking for a \$1,000.00 donation from each Town in Essex County to make improvements to the fair grounds.

**New Business:**

1. Codes Report - Officer Les Howard is out of town. The Willsboro Codes Officer is helping out while Officer Howard is out.
2. Animal Control Report - 1 call
3. Youth Commission - Next meeting will be October 16, 2023
4. NCSPCA - Received contract
5. 2024 Tentative Town Budget  
Public Hearing for the Budget will be November 9, 2023 at 6:30

**Resolutions:**

1. Resolution 23-10-1, Local Law #1 of 2023 Overriding the 2024 Tax Cap. A motion was made to accept Resolution 23-10-1 for Local Law #1 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes

2. Resolution 23-10-2, Public Hearing to Override the Tax Cap. A motion was made to accept Resolution 23-10-2 by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes

3. Resolution 23-10-3, NCSPCA Contract. A motion was made to accept Resolution 23-10-3 by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**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	\$31,110.91
General Fund – A	\$28,290.74
Highway Fund	\$215,065.69
Highway Fund – DA	\$12,143.36
Trust & Agency – TA	\$76,701.28
Youth Commission	\$277.46
Water Fund SW	\$3,279.25
Water Fund	\$772.79

**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