

Town of Lewis
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 11, 2022
Lewis Town Hall

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

Public Present: Gerald Spooner, Glen and Donna Crowningshield, Herb Clark and Jeff Scott.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Scott Belcastro, Trebel LLC, Energy Services

Kaylie, from Imerys Site/NYCO Minerals, stated they were approved for a Permit amendment by the APA which was recorded with the County. They had a production increase at the mine and to keep up with the production they will need a lot more stripping. They received a temporary approval to do stripping, on site only, Saturdays from 8 AM to 2 PM and were approved for over road hauling Monday through Fridays until the end of the year.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the regular board meeting minutes of September 13, 2022 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.

1. Budget Transfer – Supervisor Monty requested 4 budget transfers:

\$3,040.61- To cover increased fuel costs. This transfer will be every month from now until the end of the year due to exceeding the fuel line.

\$397.99 - To cover the cost of lids for additional meter pits.

\$260.00 – To cover the cost of NYRWA Dues.

\$20.44 – To cover the costs depletion by water leak repair.

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

Public Commentary: Jeff Scott is concerned about the insulation in the Town Hall and the repair to the foundation stating it will benefit the Town. Jeff stated a plan should be put forward for repairs using the capital reserve fund money.

Jeff read from the close out meeting board minutes from last December 2021. He's hoping the Board will take into consideration to move forward with these repairs. The Board does not disagree that these repairs need to be done and will take it into consideration. Jeff offered to be a public liaison volunteer to meet with the building maintenance people on the Board once every 3 months.

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton stated they have the winter sand up. The Roscoe culvert project has been put on hold until spring. They temporarily put in 6 foot culverts until next spring. Kevin stated they received their new one-ton truck and would like to put the other truck up for surplus. A motion was made to declare it surplus by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

a. Water Rent Report

A motion was made to accept the Water Report by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 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 Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. ADK Harvest - In Packet
- e. Charter Change - In Packet
- f. APA Notices - In Packet
- g. Life Flight Contract - In Packet
- h. Fiscal Stress Score - In Packet
- i. Serkil Price Increases - In Packet
- j. Essex County Health Department - In Packet
- k. Caregiver Information - In Packet
- l. Office of the Aging Newsletter - In Packet
- m. 4H Information - In Packet

Guest: Scott Belcastro, from Trebel Energy Services LLC, showed a presentation to share with the Town Board and the public present, his Trebel Energy Services LLC business.

Old Business:

- a. Nature Conservancy Grant - Roscoe Road Project is on hold until spring.
- b. Executive Session Contractual

New Business:

1. Codes Report - Codes Officer, Les Howard, stated he has issued 7 permits since the last meeting. Les would like to put something on the website to explain to the public the importance of having a building permit.
2. Animal Control Report - None

3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes & Financials – Youth Commission was granted a \$1,000.00 Stewart's soccer scholarship for the youth program K-6th grade. Stewarts would like photographs of the students in their uniforms, with permission from parents. October 22nd there will be 5th & 6th soccer game under the lights, which the kids are excited about. Youth Commission is talking about possibly creating a booster club to increase the interest in parents and students. A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. NYSERDA Grant LED Light Bulb Exchange – Received a \$5,000.00 grant.
5. Request for Deputy Tax Collector – Kathleen Robertson, Town & County Tax Collector for the Town of Lewis, is requesting the Town to reinstate the Deputy Tax Collector position into the budget. Supervisor Monty stated that was incorporated into the budget.
6. 2023 Tentative Budget – Was submitted to the Town Clerk.

Resolutions:

22-10-1 Life Flight – Town of Lewis agrees to contract with Life Flight for 2023 at a fee of \$750. A motion was made to accept Resolution 22-10-1 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call: John Blades
Lanita Canavan
Stephen Denton Jr.
Terry Pulsifer Jr.
James Monty

22-10-2 Local Law #1 of 2022 - Town of Lewis introduces Local Law number #1 of 2022 entitled "A Local Law to override the Tax Levy limit established in general Municipal Law 3-C. A motion was made to accept Resolution 22-10-2 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call: John Blades
Lanita Canavan
Stephen Denton Jr.
Terry Pulsifer Jr.
James Monty

22-10-3 Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2022 - Town of Lewis has set the date for the Public Hearing, October 20, 2022 at 6:45 PM at the Town Hall to override the 2023 Tax Cap. A motion was made to accept Resolution 22-10-3 by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call: John Blades
Lanita Canavan
Stephen Denton Jr.
Terry Pulsifer Jr.
James Monty

A motion was made by Supervisor Monty to break for Executive Session at 8:07 PM. A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Monty to come out of Executive Session at 8:15 PM. A motion was made to accept by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty stated nothing was determined or finalized while in Executive Session.

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

Water Fund	\$1,670.89
Highway Fund	\$16,499.43
Highway DA	\$13,490.36
Trust & Agency	\$283,527.81
Youth Commission	\$141.31
Water Fund SW	\$3384.15
General Fund	\$2,051.34
General Fund A	\$35,580.08

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:17 PM by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried. Counselor Lanita Canavan was excused prior to adjournment due to an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk