

Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

October 13, 2020

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

Public Present: Glen Crowningshield, Jerry Spooner, and Herb Clark

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the September 8, 2020 meeting minutes by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisors Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton stated they have the sand ready for winter and are putting plows on the trucks. Kevin also stated they have a Laborer position vacancy.

Water Rent Report: Report came back normal. A motion was made to accept the water report by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- A. County Expense Report – in packet
- B. Landfill Report – A motion was made to accept the Landfill report by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- C. County Calendar – in packet
- D. Charter Changes – in packet
- E. 480-A Stumpage – Money will be going into the Equipment Fund
- F. Veterans Park Minutes – Dave Blades stated donated work has been completed on the memorial floor. Kevin Denton stated the Veterans banners will be coming down on November 16th for the winter and will be back up by Memorial Day.
- G. Office of the Aging updates – in packet
- H. Essex County IDA - information in packet
- I. Covid-19 Updates/Halloween guidelines – in packet, Supervisor Monty will be handing candy out on the porch of the Town Hall.
- J. Adirondack Park Local Review Board – The Randy Preston Road Salt Reduction Act has requested a letter of support. A motion was made by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton in favor of writing a letter of support, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- K. Cornell Cooperative Extension – information in packet

- L. Ag and Markets Animal Control Inspection Report – The Town has received a satisfactory report for working with the SPCA on housing Dangerous Dogs. The Town will be looking for grants to build a separate Kennel to house dangerous dogs, when they come in.
- M. Soil and Water Training – information in packet
- N. Fire District tentative Budget and Public Hearing – Hearing will be held October 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire House.
- O. APA Project Notice – in packet
- P. Public Comment Period Invasive Species – in packet
- Q. Overriding the NYS Property Tax – Currently the Town Budget is under the tax cap.

A motion was made to table the resolution for filing paperwork to override the tax cap until after the Budget Workshop by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1. Meter Project – The bids for the meter project came in at \$212,000.00 and \$391,000.00. Supervisor Monty will speak with the Office of Community Renewal about waiting until Spring to complete the project or scaling the project down.

A motion was made to wait on the meter project until the Town hears from the Office of Community Renewal by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- 2. Thrall Dam/Bike Project – The County has agreed to lease all 500 acres to the Town to develop for one dollar. The Town has a \$6000.00 grant and a donation of Sand/Dust for a Flat Track.
- 3. Town Hall Rehabilitation Plan - Jeff Scott stated the Town Hall needs foundation work and that there is money in the Capitol Reserve Fund that can be used for the repairs. Supervisor Monty stated a Request for Proposals is needed to tell the Board what needs to be done, as the project would have to go out to bid.

A motion was made for a resolution to go out to RFP to study the foundation work and get specifications of what needs to be done, by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, Councilman Blades opposed, stated he is not in favor of putting money into an old building. A Roll Call Vote was held, motion carried.

Dave Blades No
 Lanita Canavan Yes
 Steve Denton Yes
 Jeff Scott Yes
 James Monty Yes

New Business:

- 1. Codes Report – None
- 2. Animal Control Report – Been quiet

3. Youth Commission meeting minutes – A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes by Jeff Scott and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. BAN for new truck – Kevin Denton stated the Cab and Chassis have been built.
5. Executive Session, Personnel – A motion was made to go into executive session by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried. A motion was made to come out of executive session by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Resolutions:

20-10-1 Records Retention – A motion was made to accept Resolution 20-10-1 by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – Roll call vote:

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

0 opposed, motion carried.

20-10-2 Serial Bond Resolution – A motion was made to accept the Serial Bond Resolution 20-10-2 by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Bladed – Roll call vote:

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

0 opposed, motion carried.

20-10-3 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) – A motion was made to accept the Bond Anticipation Note 20-10-3 by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan – Roll call vote:

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

0 Opposed, motion carried.

20-10-4 Dangerous Dog Contract – Resolution 20-10-4 was tabled until after the budget workshop.

Audit and Pay Bills:

A motion was made to audit and pay the bills by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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| Trust and Agency | \$39,023.83 |
| Water Fund | \$116.46 |
| Highway DA | \$12,970.48 |
| Highway Fund | \$76,732.42 |
| General Fund | \$25,678.02 |
| Water Fund SW | \$3,275.26 |
| General Fund | \$6,364.74 |

A motion was made to adjourn by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross

Town Clerk