

Town of Lewis

Board Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

September 8, 2020

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

Public Present: Glen Crowningshield 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 August 11, 2020 meeting minutes by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Supervisor Monty stated that DPW has been painting the old school building, and it should be done this week. DPW is also hauling sand from Oak Hill Mine. The cost of the sand has gone from \$2.50 to \$6.75, more money will have to be put in the budget to cover the increase in the cost of sand.

- a. The water report was good
- b. The Town passed the NYSDOH yearly inspection
- c. The semiannual water rent collection report - \$10251.00 has been collected and the town is still owed \$2500.00

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

Guests: Ryan Hathaway discussed work that has been done on the Thrall Dam trails. Ryan has been working on Mountain biking trails and reaching out to horse riders, ATV/snowmobile riders and walkers and building more looping trails. A grant from Healthy Town and Schools for 3 benches and \$5000.00 has been received. Ryan will bring a more detailed presentation to the next Board meeting of what he would like to do.

Supervisor Monty stated the town is supposed to receive \$20,000.00 a year from ROOST and this money will be used for Maintenance at Thrall Dam.

Supervisor Monty also stated they have been unable to get pressure treated lumber for the bridge, so he may look into steel.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. Landfill Report – A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Steve Denton, and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- c. County Calendar – in packet
- d. Charter Changes – in packet
- e. 480-A Stumpage – in packet
- f. APA Meeting – minutes in packet
- g. Feeding New York – information in packet
- h. Essex County IDA – newsletter in packet
- i. Covid-19 Exposure Guidelines – in packet
- j. Adirondack Park Local Review Board – in packet
- k. Cornell Cooperative Extension – information in packet
- l. Adirondack Harvest – in packet
- m. Elizabethtown-Lewis Chamber of Commerce – information in packet
- n. CCE Healthy Eating – information in packet

Old Business:

1. Parking Restrictions – Signs were installed on Rt. 9 near Denton’s Store by NYS Highway for no parking in front of water shut offs.
2. Flag Poles – Supervisor Monty stated the State Contract is higher than the price at Walmart. 4 poles need to be replaced. A motion was made by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan to expend up to \$1200.00 to purchase new flag poles, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. Meter Project – Supervisor Monty stated that the Town has money left from the water grant that will be used to change 30 meters. The cost is estimated to be between \$4000.00 and \$6000.00 per connection. The project will go out to Bid this week and the project should be started by October. Once these 30 meters are installed about 50% of Town users will be under new meters.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Animal Control Report – The Agriculture and Markets report failed because the SPCA does not have an area to house dangerous animals. The Town is working with the County to resolve this issue.

Supervisor Monty stated that the Animal Control officer responded to a stray dog report, he returned the dog to the owner and found another 5 dogs at the residence, none of the dogs are

licensed in Lewis, or have Rabies records. The resident has been asked to produce the records or will be sited.

3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – Jeff Scott stated that they are still talking about the possibility of joining Youth Commissions with Westport. Supervisor Monty stated the Youth Commission did a great job with the food program this summer.

4. Budget Time Line – information in packet

5. New Truck – The County Attorney is working on the bond for the new truck.

6. Other –

Supervisor Monty stated he has copies of the Alice Report for anyone who is interested.

Dave Blades asked if a resident fails to pay their taxes on time do they lose the Star Exemption.

Supervisor Monty stated that it is his understanding that they do lose the exemption, but can

reapply and will receive the exemption in check form not on the tax bill. This information will be posted on the Town Website.

Lanita Canavan stated she has noticed more Amish signs going up.

Audit and Pay Bills:

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

General Fund	\$5962.52
General Fund A	\$20,100.23
Youth Commission	\$1,094.80
Highway Fund	\$22,424.68
Highway DA	\$13,052.39
Water Fund	\$469.49
Water Fund SW	\$936.88
Trust and Agency TA	\$31,845.24

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. by Lanita Canavan, and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk

