

Town of Lewis

Board Meeting

Lewis Town Hall

August 20, 2019

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Seasonal resident Duffy Campbell asked the Board for support to make official the alternative name of Mt. Discovery to Mt. Inez. Ms. Campbell explained the renaming of the Mountain was approved by the Lewis Town Board years ago, but was never made official. The US Board of Geographic Names requires an application be completed. Councilor Blades suggested giving residents the opportunity to give feed back at the next Board meeting. Supervisor Monty stated he will advertise an open commentary session regarding the naming Mt. Discovery in the local news paper and Town website, and a resolution could be passed at the next meeting.

Approval of July 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the July 9, 2019 meeting minutes by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

Public Commentary: Kathy Linker brought in Zucchini to share.

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton reported he is still waiting on the completion of the Salt Shed. He stated the walls need to be sealed. Kevin also reported the road lines have been painted, roadside mowing is done, they are still working road repairs and the water leaks have been found and repaired.

1. Public Health Water Report – no problems
A motion was made to accept the water report by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Water Rent Report – A motion was made to accept the water rent report by Lanita Canavan, and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. Water Project Update – Supervisor Monty stated several items are still not complete. He reported some residents are not happy with the seeding of their properties.
4. Salt Shed Project – Supervisor Monty will be meeting with Todd from Community Resources tomorrow and the remaining items to be finished need to go out to bid.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. County Auditor's Report – in packet
- c. Tentative budget analysis – in packet
- d. County Calendar – in packet
- e. Landfill Report – increase in electronic waste this month
- f. Stop Domestic Violence minutes – in packet
- g. Veterans Park Minutes – Councilor Blades stated the dedication ceremony will be October 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Councilor Blades also stated how much the committee deeply appreciates all the help Supervisor Monty has given them.
- h. Tax Sale information - Date set for September 25, 2019
- i. Charter Communications changes – in packet
- j. Keep your summer cool info in packet
- k. Essex County restore program – loans for income eligible – work on homes
- l. Boquet Valley tax plans
- m. NYCLASS
- n. Blue Green Algae information – in packet
- o. NYSEG Rate increase
- p. Measles exposure – in packet
- q. Community Renewal Housing Project – Could lose CDBG grant because of work not getting done by one of the contractors. May possibly give the money to Community Resources to administer next year.
- r. Rabies Bait Drop – in packet
- s. Summer Program Inspection Report – passed with no violations
- t. Voting Information – in packet
- u. Court Complaint - Complaining that they had no ink on their ticket

Old Business:

1. Speed Limit – Councilman Scott's letter – Discussed the wording of the letter and if it ends the discussion of having the speed limit lowered. Board members agreed to mail the letter and cc the media.
2. Roscoe Road Cemetery – Supervisor Monty stated that the surplus property that was sold on Roscoe Road was surveyed by the new owners and found that part of the cemetery was on the property. The new owners have agreed to do a property adjustment agreement at no expense to the town, although they would like to have the driveway moved and the cemetery sign moved.

A motion was made by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton to pass a resolution for the Boundary/Adjustment Agreement, Lanita Canavan abstained due to being on the cemetery committee, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Blades Yes

Lanita Canavan Abstained

Steve Denton Yes
Jeff Scott Yes
James Monty Yes

New Business:

1. Codes Report – Supervisor Monty stated the owner of the Lewis Dinner property is upset with the Department of Health violations that need to be corrected before they can open.
2. Animal Control Report – quiet
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – Councilor Scott reported 46 campers were enrolled in the summer program, Terry Egglefield will be the Head Coach for soccer. They will be using the uniforms they have in storage. They would like to set up a meeting to discuss the possibility of Westport and Elizabethtown/Lewis merging programs.

A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

4. EMS Audit – The Audit has been completed and a meeting will be held at the Town Hall Friday at 9:00 a.m.
5. Grant to Repair Town Park Fence – The fence will be repaired as soon as the Town receives the check.
6. No Parking signs by Denton’s Store – A letter has been sent to DOT requesting permission to put no parking signs on Route 9 in front of Denton’s store, as trucks are parking there and damaging water shut offs.
7. Wells Hill Bridge – A grant application has been completed to change a culvert on Wells Hill to a bridge at no expense to the Town.
8. Budget Timeline – Forms will be out at the end of the week
9. Hometown Hero Banners – Supervisor Monty and Wendy Ewald have volunteered to help organize fundraisers for the purchase of Hometown Hero Banners. Families will be asked to help fund the banners, but Goldstar Families will be 100% covered.
10. Hemlock Lane – Hemlock Lane deed has been completed

A motion was made to accept a resolution for the proposed highway of Hemlock Lane by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lewis has agreed to the Boundary Adjustment/Agreement as proposed by Kevin A. Hall, L.S. for Carl and Inge Aikens on a piece of property purchased from the Town of Lewis on January 8, 2019 described in deed recorded in the Essex County Clerk's Office in book 1951 at page 239.

19-8-2

Resolution of Consent of the Town Board to Proposed Highway, Hemlock Lane

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Provisions of Section 171 of the Highway law of the state of New York, consent be and the same hereby is given that the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Lewis make an order laying out the aforesaid Town Highway, to consist of the lands described in the dedication and release and to extend as delineated upon the aforesaid map.

A motion was made to audit and pay bills by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

CDBG Housing	\$4506.84
Water Fund CDBG	\$351,400.51
Youth Commission	\$12,270.13
Highway Fund	\$6,904.73
Trust and Agency TA	\$38,255.39
Water Fund	\$1,409.81
Highway DA	\$18,270.90
General Fund	\$6,396.28
General Fund A	\$25,692.71
Water Fund SW	\$397.79

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:35 by Steve Denton, and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk