

**Town of Lewis**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Lewis Town Hall**  
**September 10, 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:** Patty Bashaw from the Elizabethtown Lewis Ambulance Squad went over their budget. This year they are requesting from the Town of Lewis \$52,796.00 up \$10,000. From last year. She also stated they would like to receive the full amount in February instead of having it split. Supervisor Monty stated that the Town would like minutes and monthly financial reporting to account for the Town monies. Patty stated she had discussed that with the Auditor and that is something they can provide.

Jean Dickerson the Town Historian had a request from resident Steve Ives for a historical marker for his house. Jean stated this would have to go through the Pomroy Foundation and she would like the Boards permission to send a letter of intent.

A motion was made to give Jean Dickerson approval to submit the application by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Nancy Campbell would like support from the Town Board of Lewis to apply to the US Board of Geographic Names to have the name of Mt. Discovery changed to Mt. Inez as this was already done by the Lewis Town Board in 1916 or 1917, but the application was never filed. Supervisor Monty stated the change would be posted in the paper and after a 30 day comment period the application can be filed.

A motion was made to support Nancy Cambell in the filing of the paperwork, after 30 days, to change the name of Mt. Discovery to Mt. Inez by Dave Blades, and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Approval of August 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes as amended by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Supervisor's Financial Report:** A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's financial Report by Jeff Scott, and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Public Commentary:** Kaylee Dasile from NYCO reviewed the permits and stated they will be applying for a hauling extension from the APA for an additional 9 weeks and she will let the Town know if they get the approval.

**DPW/Water Report:** Kevin Denton stated the inside of the Salt Shed is scheduled to be blacktopped on Friday. They are going to start drawing winter sand. The tires on the grader are going bad and will need to be replaced, under State Contract the tires would cost between \$1300 and \$2000 a piece, but he has another source he can get them from for \$895. A piece. The Water meters are up and running.

- Public Health Water Report – came back normal and usage is down, due to leaks having been fixed.  
A motion was made to accept the water report by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- Water Project Update –  
A motion was made to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting by Steve Denton, and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.  
A Motion was made to go into executive session by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.  
A motion was made to return to regular Board Meeting by Dave Blades, and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

No business was voted on in Executive Session.

**Correspondence:**

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. County Calendar- in packet
- c. Landfill Report – Town has not been billed from the County yet, tonnage is down, a jump in revenue, maybe due the increase in sticker prices  
A motion was made to accept the landfill report by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. Stop Domestic Violence minutes – in packet
- e. Veterans Park Minutes – in packet
- f. Notice of defects of Roadways updated law in packet
- g. NYCO permit renewal
- h. NYCO modification permit
- i. Ticks information – in packet
- j. Free Tire Collection September 28, Town of Chesterfield Highway Department
- k. APA meeting Agenda – in packet
- l. Conditional Deed of Gift – Supervisor Monty received the release of the Cannon for the Veterans Park it should be ready for the ceremony on October 5, 2019
- m. Charter
- n. Court decision on cutting of trees

**Old Business:**

- Chazen Group Visit – with the Heathy Communities Grant did a walk through of Lewis and was astonished at the speed in Town, and they will be putting together a formal report to reduce the speed.
- Hemlock Road – Now belongs to the Town of Lewis

### **New Business:**

- Codes Report – Code officer was finding a lot of work being done without permits. A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- Animal Control Report – Kevin brought one dog into the SPCA and returned 2 dogs to owners. A motion was made to accept the Animal Control Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- Youth Commission meeting minutes – Jeff Scott stated the meeting went well, Brian Gay resigned due to work commitments, but will help out when he can, an inventory has been done of soccer balls and more are needed, they plan on applying for a grant from Stewarts. Westport and Elizabethtown have been discussing the color of uniforms. Dave Blades expressed concerns over 3 year olds playing with 5 year olds. Supervisor Monty stated that is a concern with safety. A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Meeting minutes by Dave Blades, and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- Renewal of Assessors Contract – Discussed the renewal of the assessor. A motion was made To renew the Assessors contract by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- BAR HM Timber – They are looking to sell 2600 acres of land to open space Institute, who will then turn it over to the State, 400 acres are in Lewis and 2200 are in Chesterfield. Discussed the 480 A not being paid back to the Town, and concerns of giving up land. The Town cannot stop the sale, but can let the Town's position known. The Board will discuss the sale again next month.
- Dan Stec Letter – A letter was received from Dan Stec stating he will be unable to attend the Veterans Park ceremony.

### **19-9-1**

#### **Resolution of Condolences for the family of Thaddeus Lewis**

**Be it resolved that the Town of Lewis offers their heartfelt condolences to the family of Thaddeus Lewis.**

A motion was made to accept Resolution of Condolences for the Family of Thaddeus Lewis by Dave Blades and unanimously seconded, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Dave Blades suggested dedicating the Veterans Park in Thaddeus Lewis name.

A motion was made to update the Standard workday of employees by Lanita Canavan, and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

Youth Commission	10,724.14
General Fund	293,439.76
Trust and Agency	52,410.22
Water Fund SW	1137.64
Highway DA	18, 859.68
Water Fund	30.00
Highway Fund	3749.77
General Fund	3284.51

Supervisor Monty will be out next Tuesday to testify for Essex County Broadband.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Cross

Town Clerk