

Town of Lewis

Board Meeting

Lewis Town Hall

October 8, 2019

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

Absent: Councilor Dave Blades

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

Guests: Sandra Webber presented the Town with an Inez coin for the Town Hall display.

Approval of September 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the amended September 10, 2019 meeting minutes 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 Steve Denton, and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Kevin Denton stated that a Laborer position is open and the job has been posted. A contract has been done with a resident outside the water district. The resident will be responsible for the cost of the material and once it is installed the resident will be billed like everyone else. Kevin said they have been switching trucks out with plow equipment and had to do some repairs on a truck to pass inspection.

Supervisor Monty stated no bids were received for the roof on the Salt Shed, Contractor Todd Stevens submitted one today and Supervisor Monty will try to get others. \$18,000.00 is left of the grant money and about another \$28,000.00 is needed to put the roof on, he will try to find the money in this years budget.

Kevin stated the Water report came back normal. The Chlorine Analyzers have not started failing yet, but their life span has gone by. One was purchased on this year's budget and another one will need to be purchased later on.

Supervisor Monty stated that Manfred has come back and finished the Water Project, but because Hydro Seeding was done late the Town may keep the money for that to see if it comes in.

The leach field at Ewalds was damaged during the water project. The Department of Health wants it fixed this year, but if the project is sent out to bid it will not be done this year. Supervisor Monty asked for a resolution to allow emergency procurement for \$30,000.00.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. County Calendar – in packet
- c. Landfill Report – Shows a profit this month – A motion was made to accept the landfill report by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. Stop Domestic Violence minutes – in packet
- e. Veterans Park Minutes – in packet
- f. Charter Changes – in packet
- g. North Country Life Flight – in packet
- h. St. Armand Thank you letter for donation of water meters
- i. HAPEC- Landlord ambassador – info in packet
- j. State Comptroller – letter about Fiscal Stress Score in packet
- k. Property tax webinar – info in packet – Tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
- l. Career Fair – info in packet – in Ticonderoga on Thursday 5 to 7:30
- m. Community Resources – What they do info in packet
- n. Venison donation program info in packet
- o. APA Board Meeting - Thursday and Friday this week
- p. Final Auction results – in packet
- q. Broadband testimony – Supervisor Monty attended
- r. Ticonderoga Historical Society - info in packet

Old Business:

1. Mt. Inez – the 30 day period is up, Supervisor Monty received one negative email and 5 emails in favor of the name change.
2. Chazen Group – Concept Plan – They recommended a crosswalk here and by the Post Office, new signage, upgraded sidewalks, and reduction in the Town speed limit.
3. Thrall Dam Update – Jeff from Highway has been working with the APA and DEC on how the bridge will be done. 2 young men have been arrested for stealing the signs.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – None
2. Animal Control Report – None
3. Youth Commission meeting minutes – 2 members resigned – PJ Gay and Brian Gay, A motion was made to approve two new Youth Commission Members Tara Anderson Thompson and Amanda Dealing by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. Insurance update – Northern Insurance can insure the Town for the same amount or less then we currently pay, Supervisor Monty is still waiting on a quote from Rose Kiernan Insurance.
5. Adirondack Park local Government Review Board – Can represent the town for \$300.00 a year on any issues with the APA or DEC. Association of Towns represents us for no charge.

6. Office of the Aging Survey – OFA would like residents to fill out Needs Assessments which are available at the Town Hall.
7. Purchase of AED's for Town Hall and Garage, they are about \$900.00 each. If possible the town would like to utilize the County Grant and purchase one this year.
8. Present Budget to Town Board and Town Clerk as of now the budget is \$1600.00 under the tax cap. A budget workshop will be held October 24 at 7:00 p.m. and then a public hearing on November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Monty asked for a resolution to override the tax cap in case the budget goes over. A 3 percent raise is in the budget for all Town employees.

Resolutions:

19-10-1 Resolution to declare an emergency Procurement for the septic system to finish the water project.

A motion was made by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan for resolution 19-10-1 for an emergency Procurement for the septic system to finish the water project, 0 opposed, motion carried.

19-10-2 Resolution of support for the renaming of Mt. Discovery to Mt. Inez.

A motion was made by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott for resolution 19-10-2 to rename Mt. Discovery Mt. Inez, 0 opposed, motion carried.

10-10-3 Resolution to override the 2020 tax cap

A motion was made by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, to override the 2020 tax cap if necessary, 0 opposed, motion carried

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

General Fund	\$25,581.13
CDBG	84,800.00
Highway DA	13,297.72
Water fund SW	3,289.17
Water fund CDBG	119,442.85
Trust & Agency	38,764.12

A motion was made to adjourn by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Cross, Town Clerk

