

Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021
Lewis Town Hall

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

Absent: Counselor Steve Denton

Public Present: Jerry Spooner, Donna Crowningshield, Glen Crowningshield, Herb Clark, and Terry Pulsifer, also present was Code Enforcer Mike Flynn

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

Guests: None

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2021: Discussed typo under the single audit. A motion was made to approve the amended minutes by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 Opposed, motion carried.
Dave Blades abstained due to not being present for the April 13 meeting.

Supervisor's Financial Report: Discussed a proposal Jim Dougan is working on for partial foundation repairs. A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Water usage is the same and all samples came back normal. A motion was made to accept the water report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- a. **Water Rent Report** – A motion was made to accept the Water Rent Report by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty reported DPW is working on the Hulbert Road to prepare for paving, they are also going to be repairing the entry way to the Town Hall, expanding the Handicapped parking and adding a gutter. DPW will also be looking at resurfacing a couple spots on the Hyde Road and maybe Trout Pond Road.

Reseeding will be done on spots where water meters were installed last year.

The new plow truck is here.

Bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow for the new one ton truck.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. County Calendar – May and June calendars in packet
- c. Landfill Report – Tonnage is up. A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott.
- d. Charter Changes – in packet
- e. Essex County IDA – info in packet
- f. Cornell Cooperative Extension – News bulletin in packet
- g. ADK Harvest – Info in packet
- h. Social Security Newsletter – in packet
- i. APA Project Notices – Permit notices in packet
- j. APA Celebrates Earth Day – info in packet
- k. DEC Permit Application – Fox Run Road Mine
- l. NYSEG – Newsletter in packet
- m. 480a Stumpage – Town received \$1100.00 this month
- n. Community Food Shelf – Letter in packet
- o. Chamber of Commerce Letter – Info in packet
- p. Association of Towns Newsletter – in packet
- q. Dan Stec Update – in packet
- r. Office of the aging information – Looking for drivers
- s. Information on Ward Lumber – Employee ownership, still managed by Jay Ward

Old Business:

- a. Single Audit CDBG grant – Audit is in process, they were here last week auditing 2018 and 2019. Once the Audit is complete the Town will have a good picture of finances. Supervisor Monty stated they seemed happy with everything and the audit is a mandated as part of the grant funding.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – Mike Flynn gave a codes report, he had 6 permits in May and 3 in April
2. Animal Control Report – Supervisor Monty reported a dog was seized from the Trailer Park after reports from neighbors of a dog left unattended in a cage, a citation was issued and owners did not show up to court, a warrant was issued and the dog was taken to the shelter.
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – A grant will be used to bus children for the Summer Program. Academic programs will be added to the summer program this year. They are still moving forward with the Food Program. A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott.
4. Abandon a Part of Hale Hill Road – Supervisor Monty reported the Town has been approached by the owner of the Missile Silo, asking if the Board would consider abandoning part of the Road by the Birch Mill Office, he would like to install a gate. Supervisor Monty stated leases will be honored for hunters, a key will be available to the Fire Department and the town would lose ¼

mile of highway inventory. Supervisor Monty stated he asked for a formal request in writing and the resident would have to come present his request to the Board.

5. RFP for new signs – The board discussed using part of the \$20,000.00 the Town received from Roost to purchase new signs. A motion was made to RFP designs by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
6. Materials to finish the bridge at Thrall – A motion was made to take \$4000.00 out of Roost Tourism funds to purchase materials to finish the bridge at Thrall by Jeff Scott and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
7. Pomeroy Sign – Joe Call – Supervisor Monty gave permission to have a Legends and Lore Markers sign installed at 3 Osawentha Drive should funding be received from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

Resolutions:

Resolution 21-5-1

Grievance Day

The Town of Lewis has changed Real Property Grievance Day to the first Thursday in June.

A motion was made to permanently change Grievance Day to the first Thursday in June by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Other:

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss a contract change by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to come out of executive session by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Counselor Canavan expressed concerns about a large tree at the Roscoe Cemetery that has caused damage due to limbs coming down. Supervisor Monty suggested Counselor Canavan contact Marshall Dickerson for a quote.

Counselor Canavan suggested hiring a temporary Laborer to address issues such as the wall in front of the Town Hall and trimming hedges. To work on an as needed basis.

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

Highway DA	\$225,969.02
Waterfund SW	1,363.50
Water Fund	2,957.35
Highway Fund	3,398.50
Gen Fund A	23,222.53

Gen Fund	5,610.70
Trush & Agency TA	30,604.57

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed,
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross
Town Clerk