

Town of Lewis

Regular Town Board Meeting

May 14th, 2024

Lewis Town Hall

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Terry Pulsifer, John Blades, Steven Denton and Supervisor James Monty

Public Present: Gerald Spooner, Glen and Donna Crowningshield and Tom Cross

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Supervisor Monty.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: None

Regular Board and Public Hearing Minutes: A motion was made to accept the April Regular Town Board and Public Hearing meeting minutes by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial report by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

1. Updated Budget – In packet.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Supervisor Monty stated Kevin Denton is out after having surgery. He's hoping to be back by the end of the month.

1. Water Rent Report – For the month of April, the Town has collected \$2,448.47. A motion was made to accept the Water Rent Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Risk Assessment Workshop of the Lewis Water District – Community Resources of Essex County received a grant to assess the water and sewer district in the County at no cost to the Town. The State provided the funding. The Town will get a comprehensive report around the beginning of September.
3. Water Quality Report – All came back good.

Correspondence:

1. County Expense Report – In Packet
2. County Calendar – In Packet

3. Landfill Report – Tonnage is down for the first quarter. A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

4. Charter Changes – In Packet

5. APA Notices – In packet

6. Essex County Office for the Aging – In Packet

7. BRASS News Letter - In Packet

8. Essex County Job Fair – Will be held at the Essex County Fairgrounds May 30th 2024.

Old Business: Moss Road and Crowningshield Road culverts will be replaced and a bridge put in. This will be funded by FEMA and the Lake Champlain Basin Committee.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – Supervisor Monty issued 4 Permits. Fees collected - \$1,242.00. Westport Code Officer is helping out. A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

2. Animal Control – Glenn has had a few calls. Dog loose at Poke-O-Moonshine, brought to Westport SPCA. A few calls from neighbors by the Trailer Park for a loose dog chasing the chickens and being a nuisance. A motion was made to accept by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

3. Youth Commission Report – Baseball is going good. They are getting ready for the summer program. A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

4. Pro-Housing Community – Supervisor Monty wrote a letter, OBO the Town of Lewis, expressing interest in the Pro-Housing Communities Program. Supervisor Monty stated it is currently in the review process.

Supervisor Monty had a request and conversation with the Youth Commission to purchase a 10 X 16 Amish shed to Store equipment in at the Fish & Game Club. He stated we can fund that by taking some of the Tourism money as it will roughly cost \$2,700.00.

A motion was made to accept John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Resolutions:

24-5-1 Resolution Approving the Supervisor to Sign Cemetery Agreement –

A motion was made to accept Resolution approving Supervisor Monty to sign the Agreement by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Lanita Canavan - Abstained

24-5-2 Resolution Opposing Senate Bill S8461A2 -

A motion was made to accept the Resolution opposing the Senate Bill by Lanita Canavan and seconded by a unanimous vote, 0 opposed, motion carried.

24-5-3 Resolution Approving the Audit of the Justice Court Records -

A motion was made to accept the Resolution by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer Jr, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	YES
Lanita Canavan	YES
Stephen Denton Jr	YES
Terry Pulsifer Jr	YES
Supervisor Monty	YES

Lanita Canavan asked if the CHIPS money came in. Supervisor Monty stated we received roughly \$338,000.00. He stated Highway Superintendent, Kevin Denton's tentative plan is to pave the Ray Woods Road.

Supervisor Monty stated the Veterans Banners will be going up this week.

Audit and Pay Bills: A motion was made to Audit and Pay Bills by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

General Fund	\$34,976.32
General Fund - A	\$34,367.67
Highway Fund	\$7,863.64
Highway Fund - DA	\$17,061.15
Trust & Agency - TA	\$106,576.32
Youth Commission	\$669.13
Water Fund SW	\$453.25
Water Fund	\$3,992.03

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:30 PM by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk

