

Town of Lewis
Regular Town Board Meeting
July 9, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
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, Jeff Scott

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests:

Regular Board: A motion was made to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
Lanita Canavan - Abstained

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

1. **Updated Budget** - In packet

2. **Budget Transfer** - Supervisor Monty requested 1 (one) Budget Transfer.
\$400.34 - To cover the cost associated with legal notices for the EMS District hearings/vote. A motion was made to accept the transfer by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: Jeff Scott stated he was proud of the outcome of the EMS District vote. Read minutes from September 2023 stating Counselor Canavan recommended a CPA audit done for EMS. Concerned with the taxpayers' monies if we can't get financial questions/proof answered by the EMS. Supervisor Monty said, in the contract with EMS, that they are supposed to provide the accounting figures. Supervisor Monty asked the Board for solutions to get the information from EMS about the money and getting it to the Board. Haven't received anything from EMS since April 2023. Counselor Lanita Canavan, said she would like to see a CPA audit done but not the CPA that does their statements and that the cost for the audit be split between Lewis and Elizabethtown.

DPW/Water Report: Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton, said the project for Roscoe Road was delayed for a week due to the rain. They are still working on the CHIPS projects on Ray Woods Road putting culverts in and fixing the roads. Kevin heard the binder he will

put down on the road may not hold up good and may not hold through the winter. He may put down a mile of the binder and the top so he won't lose anything they put into it. Talked to Cole and Hugh from Essex County DPW. Kevin is still investigating some options

Kevin heard of a 2013 Peterbilt, single axle, that's already set up as a plow truck. He would like to look at it to see if they can use it to replace the 96 International, single axle, they talked about replacing last year.

Supervisor Monty stated he is looking at bonding again for the CHIPS project with the Board approval. A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. County Expense Report - In Packet
2. County Calendar - In Packet
3. Landfill Report - A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. Charter Changes - In Packet
5. APA Notices - In packet
6. Cornell Cooperative Extension - In Packet
7. Thank you from Wilmington/Whiteface Mountain Bike Race - In Packet

Old Business:

1. EMS District - The District was voted down. 85 - No 78 - Yes
All absentee ballots were returned.

New Business:

1. Codes Report - Supervisor Monty has been working with the Westport Code Officer and former Code Officer Les Howard on inspections.
-PERMITS - 5 (five) permits were issued
-FEES Collected - \$2,065.00
2. Animal Control - Animal Control Officer Williams had 1 (one) complaint. Received formal letter-putting together a citation.
3. Youth Commission Report - Anticipating a busy summer camp. The Amish Storage Shed for the Youth Commission was placed at the Lewis Fish & Game Club.

Andy Cassavaugh, Water Superintendent, came to Supervisor Monty stating Public Health from Saranac Lake was recommending the Town to clean the water tower. Andy received a couple **bids** -

Pittsburgh Tank & Tower Group for \$23,700.00.

Saint D Mobile Wash & Detail for \$3,200.00

Qualawash Tank Cleaning - Not interested

Precision Industrial - Failed to return call

Supervisor Monty asked for the motion to accept the bid from Saint D Mobile Wash & Detail. A motion was accepted by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Resolutions: None

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	\$3,853.42
General Fund - A	\$39,377.36
Highway Fund	\$19,219.05
Highway Fund - DA	\$15,858.20
Trust & Agency - TA	\$43,995.55
Youth Commission	\$4,593.11
Water Fund SW	\$3,546.73
Water Fund	\$940.00

Lanita Canavan has been busy with Cemetery business. Had a seven-year audit, they did very well with. Representatives from Albany came up to do seminars.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:46 PM by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk

