

Town of Lewis

Regular Town Board Meeting

August 13, 2024

Lewis Town Hall

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, John Blades, Steven Denton, Supervisor James Monty and Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton
Terry Pulsifer -Excused

Public Present: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Lukas McNally and Colin Powers, Board Members from the Boquet River Association.

Luke and Colin were here on behalf of the Boquet River Association to talk about the FEMA Flood Map. Floodplain maps have changed.

FEMA is updating the flood maps for Essex County. Luke and Colin have been going around to Town Meetings to talk with the townspeople to get input. FEMA went to the Town Supervisors Office on July 17th, they brought out the flood maps and wanted comments in 30 days to tell FEMA where they're wrong or where there are issues with what they've done. Colin said they were going to try and push back the 30 days. Colin will be giving Supervisor Monty a link to look at the FEMA maps and choose what is wrong by making a square and typing in any comments needed. Another meeting will be held for the Supervisors in October and the same week will be a meeting for the public.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the July Regular Town Board meeting minutes by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

1. Updated Budget - In packet

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Everything looks good. 45,000 gallons with little increase.
A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

1. Water Rent Collection – Meters were just read. A motion was made to accept the Water Rent Collection Report by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Kevin said a lot of works needs to be done as we have had a lot of rain this summer. Improvements are being done where they can be. Some prior work has held and some new problems occurred in other areas. CHIPS program, Kevin isn't sure about it until FEMA comes around. State shut down paving so Kevin and crew are patching roads as they can. Steve Denton asked if regular maintenance will start again soon. Kevin is not sure but the CHIPS money will roll over if they can't get to it. Supervisor Monty said he didn't get a bill from Sheehan's for fixing the Eggleston Road yet. Will roughly be between \$200,000.00 and \$250,000.00. When the bill comes they split it up between hazard mitigation and road repair. Hazard mitigation through FEMA is a 100% reimbursement. Kevin will get all work information/repairs together for Jim as FEMA will be going around to the Towns. Kevin said the culvert at the bottom of Blood Hill is coming along OK.

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 Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion granted.
4. APA Notices – In Packet
5. NYSEG Notices – In Packet
6. Cooperative Extension – In Packet
7. Office of the Aging – In Packet
8. Recovery Day – In Packet
9. Ag and Markets Inspection Report – Report was completed 07/18/2024. The Town of Lewis was rated Satisfactory.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Codes Report - \$400.00 in permits were issued this month.
2. Animal Control – 2 dogs were loose on Wells Hill, Glenn was at work so Supervisor Monty handled the call. Jim brought them to the shelter. The owners reached out to Supervisor Monty. The dogs had to be licensed and have had to get their shots up to date before they could be reunited with the owners.
3. Youth Commission Report – None
4. NYSDOT Corridor Study – The Town has applied for and was issued a \$50,000.00 grant for a Corridor Study in the Town of Lewis to reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH in Town.
5. Budget Timeline – In Packet

Resolutions: None

Jeff Scott couldn't make the meeting and had talked to Lanita. He was wondering if the Ambulance Squad would be willing to pay a third, Elizabethtown said they'd pay a third and the Town of Lewis would pay a third, for an Independent review of their finances. Supervisor Monty is meeting with Caroline and will run it by her. He also stated he would like to push the Ambulance District again starting in January and go through the steps to have a re-vote with the public.

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

General Fund	\$3,168.97
General Fund – A	\$45,136.15
Highway Fund	\$6,975.69
Highway Fund – DA	\$16,800.70
Trust & Agency – TA	\$63,884.81
Youth Commission	\$31,784.53
Water Fund SW	\$1,110.36
Water Fund	\$816.63

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:55 PM by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk