

Town of Lewis
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 10, 2024
Lewis Town Hall

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

Public Present: Gerald Spooner, Glen Crowningshield

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: None

Regular Board: A motion was made to accept the Regular August 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 Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

1. Updated Budget - In packet
2. Budget Transfer - Supervisor Monty requested 1 (one) Budget Transfer.

\$117.70 - Legal Notice Costs for EMS District Vote.

A motion was made to accept Budget Transfer by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Kevin Denton and crew are working on getting the roads back in shape. They have started the paperwork for the FEMA declaration.

1. Water Rent Collection - A motion was made to accept the Water Collection Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

2. Asset Management Plan – Essex County received a grant from Northern Forest for any municipality wanting to do it. Supervisor Monty thought it'd be a good idea for the Water Plant. Attached is a preliminary report from Wright-Pierce.

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 John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. APA Notices – In packet
5. NYSEG Notices – In Packet
Gerald Spooner asked if they will be replacing meters with Smart Meters in the Town. Supervisor Monty will look into when or if we will receive them in our area and get more information.
6. Social Security – In Packet
7. Recovery Day – In Packet
8. ACAP Child Care News – In Packet
9. NYSDOT Work Project – In Packet
10. Financial Exploitation – In Packet
11. Brass Request – They are asking for a \$600.00 donation from the Town.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Codes Report – 7 (seven) Permits were issued, 1 (one) C/O and 1 (one) Plan Review for a total of \$500.00. A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Animal Control – None
3. Youth Commission Report – The Youth Commission was awarded a \$10,000.00 grant that has to be used specifically for merchandise, buildings and grounds, etc.. A motion was made to accept the August 12th, 2024 meeting minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. Cemetery Association Request – Lanita Canavan and the Lewis Cemetery Association along with Glen and Donna Crowningshield purchased a fence to go around the Deerhead Cemetery.
Cemetery Association is seeking permission, from Mr. Hopmeier, to remove trees surrounding the Deerhead Cemetery. As per request from Mr. Hopmeier, a letter will be sent to him requesting it for liability reasons. A motion was made to accept by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
Lanita Canavan - Abstained

5. Mt. Faye Request – The Lewis Mt. Faye Fish & Game Club is requesting funding from ARPA Funds for a storage shed, a bathroom upgrade, roof repairs at the pavilion, deck and other misc. repairs to the property. They have an initial estimate, from Stevens Construction, for repairs to be made to the Fish & Game Club of \$24,560.00. A motion was made to accept request by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Resolutions:

24-9-1 Historical Marker, Cyrus Comstock – The Town Board of the Town of Lewis would like to apply for an Historical Marker honoring Cyrus Comstock. A motion was made to accept resolution by Stephen Denton Jr. and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes
James Monty	Yes

24-9-2 ARPA Fund Request – The Town of Lewis would like to utilize ARPA Funds for fence repairs for the Lewis Cemetery Corporation in the amount of \$3,600.00. A motion was made to accept resolution by Terry Pulsifer Jr. and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes
James Monty	Yes

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

General Fund	\$5,829.25
General Fund - A	\$38,326.47
Highway Fund	\$17,595.60
Highway Fund - DA	\$16,132.57
Trust & Agency - TA	\$56,352.36
Youth Commission	\$22,018.04
Water Fund SW	\$1,227.66
Water Fund	\$3,324.72

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:25 PM by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk