

Town of Lewis
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 11, 2025
Lewis Town Hall

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, John Blades, Steven Denton and Supervisor James Monty
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: None

Regular Board:

- a. CDBG Closeout Meeting Grant #634HR314-22
- b. 2025 Organization Meeting
- c. January 14th 2025 Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made to accept the above 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.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Highway Superintendent Denton said his truck, 2014 with 122,000 miles on it, was having a hard time passing inspection. He made it work but will need to look into a new one soon. Supervisor Monty said we could use CHIPS money for equipment. With Kevin's permission they will begin the process of looking into a new truck and will then bring it back to the Board.

The Board did approve Kevin to buy a new compressor and it will be ordered.

A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- a. Water Rent Collection Report – In Packet
- b. Department of Health Violation – Received notice of violation from NYS Department of Health for failure to meet lead and copper monitoring and analytical requirement dates in 2024. Five (5) samples are required between June 1 and September 30, 2024. Samples were collected on October 3, 2024.

Supervisor Monty said, it was brought to his attention, when the workers for DPW are called out on Holidays, they have been getting paid their straight time due to being a day off. They should be getting paid time and a half for those hours worked. The Town will have to amend the personnel policy. A motion was made to accept the policy change and pay the time and a half by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Essex County Auditor's 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. Adirondack Park Agency – Hale Hill project should be starting in June to replace the twin culverts. It is being funded by Vermont Fish and Wildlife, Nature Conservancy and Lake Champlain Basin Corporation.
5. NCSPCA – In packet
6. NYSEG – In Packet (Smart meters coming in the Spring)
7. Charter Changes – In Packet
8. Office of the Aging – In Packet
9. Cornell Cooperative Extension – In Packet
10. Local Community Food Shelf Report – In Packet
11. Life Guard Training – In Packet
12. Social Security Newsletter – In Packet
13. United Way Alice Report – In Packet
14. Benefits of Immigration – In Packet

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Youth Commission Report – Board meeting was cancelled due to sickness.
2. Animal Control Report – A motion was made to accept the Animal Control Report by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. Codes Report – Four (4) Permits were issued, renewal and demolition with a total of \$4,389.00. One (1) inspection completed. A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

4. Letter of Resignation – Received letter of resignation, dated January 28, 2025, from Timothy J. Pierce - Town Justice for the Town of Lewis. Supervisor Monty would like to get a plaque for the 27+ years of service that Tim held as Judge.

Resolutions:

25-2-1 Extension of the 2024 Annual Financial Report (AFR) - The Town Board of the Town of Lewis requests an extension for the filing of the 2024 Annual Financial Report (AFR).

A motion was made to accept Resolution 25-2-1 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Terry Pulsifer - Excused

25-2-2 Accepting Judge Pierce's Resignation – The Town Board of the Town of Lewis accepts the resignation of the Honorable Timothy Pierce, Town Justice.

A motion was made to accept Resolution 25-2-2 by Lanita Canavan and a unanimous second, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Terry Pulsifer - Excused

Councilwoman Canavan gave the Fire Department a check for \$250.00 from the Elizabethtown - Lewis Chamber of Commerce. They were very appreciative of the efforts the Fire Department put in at Christmastime with the toys for the kids.

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

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