

Town of Lewis

Board Meeting

March 13, 2018

Lewis Town Hall

Present: Supervisor James Monty, Councilmen : Lanita Canavan, Jeff Scott, and Steve Denton. Dave Blades was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Monty at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: none

A motion was made to accept the Town Organizational Meeting/ Board Meeting by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan. All in favor.

A discussion was had to make a change to February's minutes where Jeff Scott asked for a review of 480A Forest Tax Law and its effect on the Town of Lewis. Supervisor Monty will address Town Clerk, Vanessa Cross to make appropriate changes. Jeff Scott made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Lanita Canavan. All in favor.

A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton. All in favor.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report:

Kevin Denton was absent as he was working due to the snow storm. Supervisor Monty gave his reports :

1. Public Health Water report: the water tests came back normal.
2. Water Rent Collection Report: January 2018 Water Rent to be collected : \$31,919.44. In January collected \$1531.29, February Collected \$27,554.40, and March \$172.10. Late payments started on 3/2/18 the outstanding rent is \$2,661.65.
3. Rural water request for Resolution in support of SWAP – letter in packet.
4. Water system review of compliance – report in packet. Steve Denton made a motion to accept the report and Jeff Scott seconded it. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet. It was short a page, Laurie DeZalia apologized.
- b. County Calendar, March and April – in packet
- c. Landfill report – in packet. Tonnage was down slightly from last year. It was approved to have Essex County Hazardous waste days again this year. DEC has no money to help cover the costs. Last year DEC paid 50% of the expense and the County covered the other 50%. Not sure if the County will pay 100% ?
- d. Stop Domestic Violence minutes – in packet
- e. Mountain Lakes Services (Resolution) – in packet. March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month. They invited the Town to tour the Agency, Essex Industries, or the homes in the Town of Lewis. They employ 714 employees, with 583 of them being from Essex County.
- f. Elizabethtown Library annual report, (accomplishments for 2017) – in packet
- g. Chamber of Commerce News Letter – in packet. Lanita Canavan made a motion to join the Chamber of Commerce for a fee of \$60.00 a year. Steve Denton seconded it. All in favor.
- h. 2018 Adirondack Park Local Government Conference – if anyone is interested in attending let them know to get registered.
- i. New York State Conservation Fund Advisory Board – in packet
- j. Region 5 Fish and wildlife Board – in packet
- k. 2018 APA March Agenda – in packet
- l. Dairy Markets and Policy – in packet
- m. Cap Grants for the Arts – the Essex County Grant deadline is March 15, 2018, if interested contact Essex County Arts Council.
- n. Upstone Mining permit - DEC approved the permit
- o. Straight from the farm – Meet the Farmers on April 11, 2018 from 11 to 1 PM in the Essex County Supervisor’s Board Room
- p. Charter Franchise fee – in packet, Fee received is \$2,253.20
- q. Association of Towns Resolution opposing PILOT and 480B – in packet
- r. Essex County Resolution’s opposing opposing PILOT and 480B -in packet
- s. 480A stumpage reports – in packet. Received \$81.34 for William C. Smith and Marilyn Smith. Received \$36.88 from Pulsifer Logging. Christy Barber, DEC Manager for 480A Program says she will come to next month’s Town Board meeting, Jeff Scott will inform her of the date and time. Jeff was wondering if the Town could be informed of the plots, tax map # for identification of the properties being logged ahead of time? It would be nice to know the funds expected to come to the Town of Lewis ahead of time.
- t. United Way Day of Caring – April 21, 2018 United Way will be solicitating communities to come together to work on projects.
- u. Dan Stec Letter – in packet. Letter to the Essex County Board opposing the PILOT proposal.
- v. Connor Bushey award – in packet. The Essex County Board of Supervisors honored him at the meeting on March 12, 2018 .
- w. APA Whiteface and Gore Mt. Management plan – in packet.

#### Old Business:

1. Press release for RFQ for Water Project – Looking for qualified engineers.
2. Discussion about housing grant – Supervisor Monty was approached to see if the Lewis Town Board would recommend to move a Lewis resident's application to fourth on the list? The process with the applications with Housing is first come, first serve. There are 8 people on the list previously that weren't served and another 12 applications have come in. They probably will run out of funding before they serve everyone on the list. The board decided not to recommend moving the resident's application forward on the list as it does not know the other applicants and their needs may be just as important.
3. Salt Shed (Resolution to award to Schroeder/Rivers) moving ahead with to sign a contract not to exceed \$2,500.
4. AUD submitted (on time) (sign copies) there are two copies for the Board to sign and the AUD is in the office to review.
5. Broadband meeting notes – in packet. Last Friday, March 9, 2018, Supervisor Monty, Noel Merrihew and Kevin Lynch met to discuss talking with Government leaders like Dan Stec, Billy Jones, and Betty Little regarding the costs of National Grid charging \$15,000 per pole to replace their 50 year old poles as compared to NYSEG charging \$4,000 per pole so broadband can be hooked up. Also talked about the different internet companies winning bids that were not cost effective. More homes could be attached to broadband if they were more efficient in awarding the bids.

#### New Business:

1. Codes Report – in packet. Steve Denton made a motion to accept, Lanita Canavan seconded. All in favor.
2. Animal Control report – in packet. Lanita Canavan made a motion to accept the report and Steve Denton seconded it. All in favor.
3. Youth Commission February meeting minutes – in packet. Jeff Scott reported at the March meeting the Youth Commission is looking into baseball uniforms and are advertising for Youth Program Director for their summer program that will run From July 9, 2018 to August 10, 2018. They have received monies/gift cards from Dick's Sporting Goods for \$250.00 and \$600.00 from the Kiwanis. A lot of discussion about the Easter Egg Hunt, whether to wash the old eggs or buy new ones. It was decided to buy them from Walmart 550 eggs for \$11.00, so they will spend \$44.00 on eggs. Lanita Canavan made a motion to accept the Youth Commission minutes and Steve Denton seconded. All in favor.
4. 2018 Essex County federal needs Assessment (delivered) – Supervisor's Randy Preston, Ike Tyler, and Shaun Gilliland went to Washington, DC and talked about our needs to ask for help at the County level. Supervisor Monty has the information if anyone wants to review it.
5. Requests for out of district water hookups – in packet
  - a. Pete Voss 47.1-1-47.112
  - b. Bob Rice 47.1-1-40.00

Discussion was had as to the Town of Lewis can establish a 2<sup>nd</sup> water district, ( maybe picking up three more houses) have a Public Hearing, ...etc and it would not be cost effective or the Town of Lewis can do an individual agreement/contract with the owners. The user agreement with them would be the same as the current guidelines to the water district. Town of Lewis would put the tap in for them, the owner must run the pipe from the house to the line. The Town of Lewis will install the curb stop at owners expense. Steve Denton made a motion to entertain for Peter Voss and Robert and Sarah Rice to enter into an agreement under all rules in accordance with the Town of Lewis Water district. Lanita Canavan seconded. All in favor.

6.Kiosk Grant – Jeff Scott is working with Kathy Linker and Shari Amsell on Kiosk for Thrall Dam Trail System for maps. A mini Grant not to exceed \$1,000. A motion was made by Jeff Scott, seconded by James Monty. All in favor.

#### Resolutions:

18-3-1 Support National Developmental Disabilities month. A motion was made by Lanita Canavan, second was unanimous.

18-3-2 Resolution Opposing PILOT. A motion was made by Steve Denton to accept, second was unanimous.

18-4-3 Resolution Opposing 480B. Lanita Canavan made a motion to accept, second was unanimous.

18-4-4 Resolution Supporting SWAP. Lanita Canavan made a motion to accept, second unanimous.

18-4-5 Resolution to accept contract from Schroeder Rivers, not to exceed \$2,500. Lanita Canavan made the motion to accept, Steve Denton seconded. All in favor.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Lanita Canavan, Yes

Steve Denton, Yes

Jeff Scott, Yes

James Monty, Yes

David Blades, Excused

The next Town Board meeting has been changed from April 10, 2018 to April 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

The Supervisor, the Town Clerk, and the Clerk to the Supervisor will be out of town from March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>. The town office will be open Tuesday and Thursday. Steve Denton will be covering for the supervisor and Shari Morris will be covering for the town clerk.

The 2018 Essex County Rabies clinics location and dates has been posted on the Public Health website. \$5.00 Donation appreciated.

Supervisor Monty made a motion to pay the bills, Steve Denton seconded. All in favor.

Jeff Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm and seconded by Lanita Canavan. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Morris, Deputy Town Clerk