

Town of Lewis

Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021

Lewis Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Dave Blades, Steve Denton and Jeff Scott, Supervisor James Monty

Public Present: Herb Clark, Donna Crowningshield, Glen Crowningshield, Jerry Spooner and TJ Pulsifer

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. By Supervisor James Monty

Pledge:

Guests: Ed Mason from the Adirondack Community Action Program gave an overview of some of the programs they offer: Aging Services, Child Care, Community Services, Action Angels, One Work Source, Head Start, After School Programs and Weatherization and Energy. Information on the programs can be found at acapinc.org, a link will be added to the Town Website.

Approval of Board Minutes for July 13, 2021: A motion was made to approve the July 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report: A motion was made to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report by Lanita Canavan, and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Supervisor Monty stated a budget transfer was needed to move \$1000.00 out of the equipment line to cover the cost of extra testing and tank inspection.

A motion was made to transfer \$1000.00 from equipment into Water by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty stated DPW is having trouble on the Jay Mt. Road because of Beavers, they are repairing meters and helping other towns with blacktop. He also stated the 2016 Tandem Dump Truck has been at Clarks due to failed computer monitor and when returned it had leaking air lines, everything is under warranty.

Route 9 by Lindsey's is going to have a new culvert pushed underground, and when they start the project the NYCO entrance on Route 9 in North Lewis will be closed for 3 days for repairs, no date for the closure yet, detour to be established.

The water report came back good.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report in packet
- b. County Calendar in packet
- c. Landfill Report – doing well – a motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. Charter Changes in packet
- e. Essex County IDA information in packet
- f. ADK Harvest News in packet
- g. Dumping within the Adirondack Park information in packet
- h. DEC Hunting and Trapping newsletter in packet
- i. NYSEG Newsletter in packet
- j. Tire Day, September 8, 2021 at North Elba Highway Garage
- k. Cyclical Aid Certification – Reassessment on our 2020 Assessment Roll. The Town will receive \$3,807.51- They may do a reevaluation every year – The Board can vote not to do it
- l. Real Property information in packet
- m. Chalk and Walk – Mental Health information in packet
- n. 2018 Tentative Tax Sale listings – in packet
- o. Final Grant Report/Audit – no findings
- p. Office of the Aging Newsletter in packet
- q. Rabies Drop in August – info in packet

Old Business:

- a. Hale Hill Road – Kevin Denton did some research and giving up the road would be a minimal loss to the town. The Town is still waiting to receive something in writing from neighboring property owners.
- b. Right of Way, Water Treatment Plant – Supervisor Monty and Kevin Denton could not find the property markers and posted signs are off the trees. They met with the Denton's and they are going to have the property surveyed and they will secure permits. Once the survey is complete the easement will be placed in the deeds.
- c. Inez Milholland Celebration – Counselor Canavan stated that the event was held last Saturday and participation was low, a slide show was created and will be put on Youtube. And the event will be on PBS.

New Business:

1. Codes Report – None Received – Supervisor Monty stated a resident on Jeffery's way has been cited for garbage.
2. Animal Control Report – in packet

3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – No violations on Health Department inspections, 96 youth were registered with an average daily attendance of 76. Tomorrow soccer sign up will begin, Terra Thompson gave her letter of resignation. Paul Pulsifer submitted a letter of interest to be on the Board.

A motion was made to appoint Paul Pulsifer to the Youth Commission Board by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty stated Elizabethtown/Lewis and Westport are discussing combining Youth Commissions.

Oliva Heart will receive a \$100.00 gift card for volunteering to ride the bus with youth every day and working late to stay with youth until they were picked up.

Resolutions:

21-8-1 New York State Justice Assistance Program

BE IT RESOLVED That the Town Board of the Town of Lewis, Essex County authorizes the Lewis Town Court to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant in the 2021-2022 grant cycled up to \$30,000.00

A motion was made to approve submission of the New York State Justice Assistance Program Grant by Dave Blades and seconded Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

21-8-2 New York State Hero Act

BE IT RESOLVED That the Town Board of the Town of Lewis, Essex County, supports and approves the New York State Act and will add this to the Personnel Policy for employees.

A motion was made to approve the New York State Hero Act to supply all needed PPE to employees by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Other:

Supervisor Monty stated that the County Board is considering mandating mask wearing in the County buildings again as the Covid numbers are increasing again.

Lanita Canavan asked about the per diem employee, Supervisor Monty stated Bob Shultz worked 2 ½ hours last week and the Town has also hired Mt. Lakes Services to do office cleaning.

TJ Pulsifer stated the Fire Department is holding the OX Roast August 29, 2021 12:00 to 4:00. The Fire Department is also working on permits for 4 dry hydrants.

Audit and Pay Bills: A motion was made to audit and pay the bills by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Highway DA	\$20,672.01
Trust and Agency TZ	\$69,990.28
General Fund A	\$33,802.92
General Fund	\$3,798.58
Water Fund	\$2,536.58
CDBG Housing	\$25.00
Youth Commission	\$30,285.67
Highway Fund	\$2,398.60
Water Fund SW	\$3,777.61

Motion to adjourn by Dave Blades, and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.