**Town of Lewis**

**Board Meeting**

**Lewis Town Hall**

**February 14, 2019**

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

**Meeting called to order:** By Supervisor Monty at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Guests:** None

A motion was made to approve the January 8, 2018 Organizational/Board Meeting minutes, with corrections, by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

**Public Commentary:** Residents questioned why the Town sand pile had been blocked off with a backhoe. Kevin Denton stated that the sand was running low and he was going to run out before the end of the year, and also that some people were taking more than just enough for driveways. Residents asked why the Town could not get a pile for residents. Supervisor Monty stated by law the Town can’t give out sand unless it is a State of Emergency.

The Animal Control report was also discussed and resident’s wanted to know if there is any way to make the Amish put reflectors on buggies. Supervisor Monty stated there is not.

**DPW/Water Report:**

1. Public Health Water Report – tested normal

2. Water Inspection Report – A couple suggestions have been worked on.

The Salt Shed blueprints are being finished up and the project will go out to bid in March.

The Water Project is still in the works. Back Flow is the responsibility of the Town, they are not mandatory for home owners only businesses, but everyone is going to have them, the Water Project covers the cost of them.

The old Water storage tank was discussed and Kevin Denton stated he can remove it.

**Correspondence:**

1. County Expense Report – in packet
2. County Calendar – in packet
3. County tax roll corrections – Had a wrong code on the Emergency Squad
4. Landfill report – The report shows a $1000 loss because of the 3rd payroll, tonnage is down again. A motion was made to accept the water report by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
5. Stop Domestic Violence minutes – did not receive
6. Community Health Assessment Survey – On line
7. Essex County Soil and Water Shrub and Tree sale - in packet
8. Extreme Weather money – The Governor has taken out of the budget $22,500.00
9. Charter Changes – in packet
10. Private Wells and Septic Information – online seminar
11. NYSEG Energy Technologies – in packet
12. Invasive Species Grant – in packet
13. Upstone permit – Renewal for this year
14. Animal Control Training – in packet
15. Effects of Federal Shut down – How it effects the elderly and Snap
16. Cooperative Extension news – in packet
17. Community Food Shelf report – in packet
18. APA Board Agenda – in packet
19. Early voting Bill – Going to cost Counties to staff etc.
20. New Changes in Medicare – in packet
21. Cornell Cooperative Extension News – Welcoming new Director Steve McDonald
22. 2019 tax Warrant – Lewis is up to date
23. Aging mastery program – Ways to make life better for the elderly
24. Legalizing Marijuana – Discussed passing a resolution opposing

A motion was made to oppose the Legalization of Marijuana by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – A second motion was made to table the first motion until the next meeting by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan

Roll Call Vote: Jeff Scott – Yes

Steve Denton – No

Lanita Canavan – Yes

Dave Blades – No

James Monty – No

Second motion did not carry

A Roll Call Vote was taken for the original resolution of opposing the Legalization of Marijuana –

Roll Call Vote: Dave Blades – Yes

Lanita Canavan – No

Steve Denton – Yes

Jeff Scott – No

James Monty – Yes

Motion carried.

1. Thrall Dam Permit Project – Permit for the bridge has been submitted, A final draft copy of the trails with the names was shown. Discussed a P missing on one of the parking areas on the map, having access for NYSEG and trees down on the trails that need to be removed.
2. Certification of Offices - in packet
3. NYSAC response to early voting – in packet

**Old Business:**

1. Going to bid for water project, bid awarding on 3/14/19 @3:00 pm. 8 trees need to come down before March 31, 2019.
2. Trident Insurance Cyber security and Data Compromise – Supervisor Monty checked with other municipalities and it was highly recommended. A motion was made to purchase Trident Insurance by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried
3. Letter to New York State DOT – A letter/packet of information was send to DOT regarding lowering the Town speed limit. Supervisor Monty also contacted Senator Little and Assemblyman Stec. He received a call from Senator Little, she spoke to DOT and they were suppose to get back to Supervisor Monty. He has not heard anything and will contact Senator Little’s office again.
4. Resolution establishing Capital Building Project – In packet for review

**New Business:**

1. Codes Report – None received
2. Animal Control Report – Kevin has been busy
3. Youth Commission meeting minutes – Dave Blades attended a meeting – they discussed letters of interest for the Board positions, Storage shed will be built by CVTEC, a grant was received for Basketball shirts. A motion was made to approve TJ Gay and Donna Bennett to the Youth Commission Board by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried

An inventory of equipment is being done, March 8th is the sign up for Baseball and Softball, they will have a Bounce House event on March 8th from 5:30 to 7:30. They will be advertising for the positions of Director and Assistant Director. Discussed parents being able to purchase child’s name on the back of shirts, Dave Blades expressed concern that some children may not be able to afford this. A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried

1. Trident insurance Cyber security and Data Compromise – Insurance will be purchased
2. New election regulations, changing length of terms of office – Petitions have to be to Board of Elections by first part of April, the primary will be in June, early voting information included in packet. Discussed changing the Supervisor position from 2 years to 4 years. A resolution would have to be passed and community Referendum, change would take 2 years.

A motion was made to pass a resolution to change the Supervisor term from 2 years to 4 years by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan –

Roll Call Vote Dave Blades – Yes

Lanita Canavan – Yes

Steve Denton – Yes

Jeff Scott – Yes

James Monty – abstained

Motion carried.

1. Request to audit Judges books – Received a request from the Unified Court System to audit the Judges books. This will be done.

Other:

Steve Denton stated he attended an Emergency Squad meeting – They are moving forward with covering Westport and they are going to hire another employee. Discussed having someone come to explain how they are going to cover both areas.

Jeff Scott asked about the status of the Surplus properties – They are being readvertised now and bids will be open at the April meeting at 6:30.

Jeff Scott asked supervisor Monty for copies of the Capital Reserve and Machinery Fund Resolutions.

Lanita Canavan asked about fencing that was in bad shape at the Landfill. Supervisor Monty stated it has been repaired.

A motion was made to close the Regular Board Meeting and go into Executive Session by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried

A motion was made to support a resolution to cover $2739.33 of interest to the NYS Retirement System for employee Wendy Ewald by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott, Dave Blades opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty explained that employee Wendy Ewald was not entered into the NYS Retirement System when she became a full time employee, he investigated and by law she was supposed to be. The Town had to pay $51,064.00, in principal, interest and penalties. Wendy is responsible for $7156.68 plus $2739.33 interest.

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

General Fund A $157,735.35

Trust & Agency TA - $47,052.38

General Fund - $8,365.04

Water Fund - $546.97

Highway DA - $25,350.97

Water Fund SW - $90.58

Water Fund CDBG - $21,503.30

Youth Commission - $235.00

Highway Fund - $8,381.47

A motion was made to adjourn by Steve Denton and Seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried

Meeting Adjourned 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross

Town Clerk