

**Town of Lewis**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Conference Call**  
**May 12, 2020**

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

Roll Call:

Vanessa Cross  
Lanita Canavan  
Jeff Scott  
Dave Blades  
Kevin Denton  
James Monty

Steve Denton logged on late

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Monty at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting minutes of April 14, 2020 by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Supervisor's Financial Report:** A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Received the first quarter Sales Tax numbers – about the same as last year.

**DPW/Water Report:** Kevin Denton stated the truck bid is still open until the 18<sup>th</sup>. Kevin is not going to attempt the CHIPS program this year because the money is not guaranteed. Water use is up a little.

Jeff Scott asked about the Dehumidifier at the Water Plant, Kevin stated the plant is all dried out.

A motion was made to accept the Water Rent Collection Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- a. County Expense Report- in packet
- b. County Calendar- Have not received
- c. Landfill Report –Sales have been brisk
- d. Charter Changes – Information in packet
- e. APA Project Notices – Two new Radio Towers – one on Rt. 9 and one on Brainards Forge Road

- f. Pomeroy Foundation – The Town of Lewis has received a grant in the amount of \$1100.00 to install a Historic Marker
- g. NYSEG – information in packet
- h. Essex Farm Institute – information in packet
- i. History of Thrall Dam – flyers will be put in the Kiosk at Thrall Dam
- j. APA annual report – Information in packet
- k. Thank you from Library association – In packet
- l. IDA Updates – Denton’s store was granted a PPP grant
- m. North Country Phase 1 reopening requirements – in packet
- n. Hale Hill Mining Permit – Modification combining Fields Sand and Gravel Pit into Hale Hill Mine.

**Old Business:**

- a. Recycling Order – Once the Town enters into Phase one the recycling order can be relaxed. Roger Howard has left to go to work for the Town of Essex. Supervisor Monty requested to go to expanded hours next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays to be open until 8:00. A motion was made to approve the expanded hours by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- b. NYSDOT Culvert replacement change – A portion of Route 9 near the Water Plant will be closed for 2 days – it will close on a Friday night and open back up Sunday night.
- c. New Truck – The Mini Bid will end on May 18<sup>th</sup>, then a special meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> to approve the bid. A motion was made by Jeff Scott and seconded by Dave Blades to not accept the previous bids as discussed last month, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- d. State of Emergency – Has been extended until May 31, 2020.

**New Business:**

- 1. Codes Report – Last Month Mike Flynn issued 10 permits, 1 fire code violation, and \$698.00 in revenue was received. He has had a couple issues with residents – One resident will be issued a citation for bringing in construction debris and letters have gone out to residents to have properties cleaned up.
- 2. Animal Control Report – Supervisor Monty has responded to 5 calls, and has had some interested in the position.
- 3. Youth Commission meeting minutes/not held
  - a. Opening summer program was discussed and Supervisor Monty recommended they not open this year due to COVID 19. A motion was made not to run the summer recreation program this year by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
  - b. Summer Food Program – The Board discussed possibly operating the food program this year for delivery or pick up, Supervisor Monty will talk to the school about the program.
  - c. Cemetery Association – Lanita stated that Kevin King has been hired again to do the mowing.
  - d. Cell Phone Policy – Supervisor Monty stated he is working on a Cell Phone and Social Media Policy for town employees.

**Resolutions:**

None

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

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. by Steve Denton, and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Vanessa Cross  
Town Clerk**