

Town of Lewis
Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

Lewis Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

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

Excused: Lanita Canavan

Public Present: Jerry Spooner, Glen Crowningshield, Amy Connor, Larry Bashaw and several Elizabethtown-Lewis Emergency Squad Members

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor James Monty

Pledge

Guests: Larry Bashaw from the Elizabethtown-Lewis Emergency Squad presented their 2022 Budget Request to the Board. Mr. Bashaw stated they would like to get closer to what they receive from Elizabethtown. Mr. Bashaw said that the Emergency Squad received \$49,000.00 in 2020 and \$39,000.00 in 2021 from the Town of Lewis.

Supervisor Monty stated that the additional \$10,000.00 in 2020 was the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the Ambulance/Equipment Fund, that if finances allowed they would receive up to \$10,000.00, but the Town was only able to add \$5000.00 for 2020.

Mr. Bashaw stated they are asking for \$10,000.00 from each town for a new ambulance, they are looking for a total of \$54,000.00. Supervisor Monty stated that the Board will take it into consideration.

Public Commentary: Amy Connor asked who the Town contacts for Emergency Squad financial records.

Approval for Board Minutes for August 10, 2021: A motion was made to approve the August 10, 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 Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades 0 opposed, motion carried.

DPW/Water Report: A motion was made to accept the water report by Jeff Scott and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty stated a leak was taken care of, the sand pile is ready and they are getting wood ready for the shop.

Counselor Denton stated Andy Cassavaugh contacted him to attend a meeting at DPW. At the meeting they presented Mr. Denton with a list of their concerns:

They believe their wages are far below other towns

They would also like a stipend for not enrolling in Health Insurance

They want On-Call pay for winter months

And Andy would like a Deputy Water Plant Operator

Supervisor Monty stated he pulled from Personnel the Highway Department salaries for every town in the County and the Town of Lewis is in the middle of the road on salaries. He said a few towns do pay more, but they are unionized and pay dues out of their pockets and have to work 7 hours a day.

Supervisor Monty stated that in the past when the Water Plant Operator is out of town the Town of Elizabethtown or Willsboro is contacted for back up, and Kevin Denton handles any breaks if Andy is out of town.

Supervisor Monty said that he took the busiest month for the Water Plant Operator and did the math and it comes to \$58.00 an hour.

Supervisor Monty stated that Kevin would have to put any increases in his budget.

Correspondence:

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. County Calendar – in packet
- c. Landfill Report – They have been having billing issues but Susie Ewald is taking care of it. Tonnage is down. A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried
- d. Charter Changes – in packet
- e. Essex County IDA – information in packet
- f. ADK Harvest – Newsletter in packet
- g. NYSEG Newsletter in packet
- h. DEC Delivers- Bulletins are quite a bit of paper, It was decided that Supervisor Monty will email the bulletins to the Board members and only make a couple copies available for review.
- i. Essex County Health Department – Monthly Report in packet
- j. ARPA Funding – The Town will receive an additional \$537.98 from the American Rescue Plan Act and that will bring the Town's total allocation to \$132,307.29 by Summer 2022.
- k. Associations of Towns dues - \$600.00

New Business:

1. Codes Report – in packet

The Board discussed the Order to Remedy issued for a resident on Jeffery Way.

A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

2. Animal Control Report – None Received

3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes in packet

a. Merger of Elizabethtown-Lewis and Westport Youth Commissions – The Boards are going to meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 7, 2021 in the Westport Town Hall.

A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Resolutions:

21-9-1 Reappoint Sean Kullman Board of Assessment Review

Be it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Lewis, Essex County reappoints Sean Kullman to the Town of Lewis Board of Assessment Review, for a term 10/1/2021 – 9/30/2026

A motion was made to approve Resolution 21-9-1 by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

21-9-2 Approve Payment with ARPA Funding

Be it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Lewis, Essex County, Authorizes the Supervisor to make a payment to NYSEG for LED street light replacement project concluded in 2021, (1,864.89) from ARPA funding recently received.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 21-9-2 by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Blades Yes

Steve Denton Yes

Jeff Scott Yes

James Monty Yes

Lanita Canavan Excused

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

Highway DA	\$13,881.62
Trust and Agency TA	\$111,987.77
Water Fund SW	\$899.31
Highway Fund	\$43,021.75
Water Fund	\$821.96
General Fund	\$5,318.74

General Fund A	\$28,273.01
Youth Commission	\$11,866.04

Other: Supervisor Monty stated that 3 vendors will give quotes for 8 new signs, the bids will be due Friday.

Dave Blades asked about a light for the Veterans Park. Supervisor Monty stated he will have one installed.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.