

**Town of Lewis  
Board Meeting  
February 13, 2018  
Lewis Town Hall**

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Monty, Supervisor 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Guest:** Sarah Bodie Kullman, Forest Ranger, Scott VanLaer, PBA of NYS – Were planning on attending the Board Meeting, but could not make it.

Supervisor Monty explained that they are looking for support to increase the State Forest Ranger Force from 135 to 175

**Resolution 18-2-3**

**Resolution to support Increase in Forest Ranger Force**

**RESOLVED:** The Town of Lewis is in support of an Increase in the Forest Ranger Force

A motion was made in support of the increase by Jeff Scott and seconded by Lanita Canavan – 0  
Opposed – Motion Carried

Roll Call Vote:

Lanita Canavan, Yes

Dave Blades, Abstained

Jeff Scott, Yes

Steve Denton, Yes

James Monty, Yes

A motion was made to approve the January 9, 2018 meeting minutes by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – 0 opposed – motion carried

**Public Commentary:**

Kathy Linker stated a Community Meeting was held and they discussed: working on a Kiosk for thrall Dam, creating a map, and starting a Farmers Market, they will be meeting with Sandy Denton to discuss using her space.

**DPW Report:**

Kevin Denton stated he has been working with the County on a Salt Shed grant and the water project. They are getting ready for bids in February of next year.

Supervisor Monty explained that the grant requirements state that 30% of the RFP's must be MWBE (Minority and Women Business Enterprises) A MWBE engineering firm will be contacted. The cost of the Salt Shed will be roughly \$100,000.00. Jim stated that there is money in the budget to pay the bill when it comes in and then the money will be reimbursed from the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) or the Town can get a bond for \$100,000.00, but that would have fees associated with it. Jim also stated he has plans to use the County engineers and other options to lesson the cost.

Kevin Denton stated the Town received a Notice of Violation on the water sample. This was due to the sample not being picked up by the DOH at the Elizabethtown Town Hall. Samples will now be picked up at the Town Shop in Lewis.

Water meters were read in January, some meters are in need of repair.

A motion was made to accept the water rent report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades – 0 opposed – motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. County Calendar – in packet
- c. Landfill Report – made \$126.44 in 2017  
A motion was made to accept the landfill report by Steve Denton and seconded by Jeff Scott – 0 opposed – motion carried
- d. Stop Domestic Violence
- e. Updated List of Local and County Officials – in packet
- f. Essex County Animal Abuse Hotline  
Dave Blades stated a resident was concerned about the overdriving of horses in the winter. Supervisor Monty stated he would talk to the DA about it.
- g. 2018 Stand up for Animal Shelters
- h. Community Food Shelf Annual Report – in packet
- i. Cornell Cooperative Extension Annual Report – in packet
- j. Merger Committee Minutes - next meeting February 28 at ELCS
- k. Adirondack Park Agency Correspondence – in packet
- l. Region 5 Fish and Wildlife Management Board – Meeting February 15
- m. 2018 Tree and Shrub Sale – From Soil and Water – in packet
- n. Essex County Soil and Water Newsletter
- o. Town of Lewis Property Sales Tax Revenue – in packet
- p. 2017 Mortgage and Sales Tax Revenue
- q. New York Municipal Energy Program
- r. Medicare for All – Cost will transfer to County and Local Governments

NY Energy Program – Say they can guarantee a savings – Will be coming to speak at the County in April

**Old Business:**

Records Grant is 90% complete, \$900.00 left of the grant that can be used for records projects.

**New Business:**

Mike Flynn – stated building permits prior to having a Code Officer have been found.

In 2017 27 Permits were issued - \$3351.00

A home owner on Hemlock Lane is still seeking a C of O to change a tool shed into a residence, but it does not meet today's requirements. Previous permit was under another Code Officer.

Home owner still wants the Town to take over the road.

Supervisor Monty stated the Town can take over the road as a seasonal use road until more homes are built.

Farm Housing on County Route 10 has still not applied for a building permit. Mike stated structures for the farm can be built without permits but not residential structures, they need permits.

**Animal Control Report:**

A Report on Cats/dogs not attended for - Have been found to have their shots  
Reported lost dog – came back

**Youth Commission:**

Jeff Scott reported a meeting was held last night, basketball done January 24, uniforms will be collected, summer program will run July 9 to August 10, Last year Director has not committed yet, Director salary will be \$2860.00, Assistant will be \$2200.00, Skate nights in Elizabethtown, Winter Carnival February 19 1:00 to 3:30. Next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2018.

A motion was made to accept the Youth Commission Report by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan – 0 opposed – motion carried

Jeff Scott distributed a proposal about State Owned Land. In the Governor's Budget this year he proposes to do a Pilot instead of taxes. It would have an impact on the Town of Lewis in a loss of revenue from 17% to 25%, and increase in County tax of 8% to 10%, making it impossible to stay below the 2% tax cap without a loss of services.

Jeff asked the Board to review the proposal.

Supervisor Monty encouraged residents to contact Senator Elizabeth Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec to voice concerns.

A motion was made to accept TJ Gays resignation from the Assessment Review Board by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – 0 opposed – motion carried.

Supervisor Monty stated the Town is now looking for a replacement to fill the vacancy on the Assessment Review Board.

Bridge Culvert – NY application

Kevin Denton stated the Town may apply for a culvert replacement grant for Johnson Road, and may also reapply for Roscoe Road.

An application is in the works to replace Crowningshield/Moss Road Bridge.

A proposed County wide EMS District is in the works. It would cost 25 cents per \$1000.00 assessment to pay for the District. Before this can pass it would have to go to public referendum.

Lanita Canavan stated the Chamber of Commerce will be placing an Inez marker by Meadowmount.

A motion was made to extend the AUD (Annual Update Document) by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – 0 opposed – motion carried.

#### **Resolution 18-2-1**

#### **Resolution for Water Main Reconstruction**

**RESOLVED:** The Town of Lewis, has received a NYS CDBG to replace a section of water main along Route 9.

A motion was made to accept resolution 18-2-1 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Jeff Scott 0 – opposed – motion carried

Roll Call Vote:

Lanita Canavan , Yes

Dave Blades, Yes

Jeff Scott, Yes

Steve Denton, Yes

James Monty, Yes

**Resolution 18-2-2**

**Resolution to accept CDBG Application**

**RESOLVED:** The Town of Lewis has received a Community Development Block Grant for housing rehabilitation assistance to low/moderate income homeowners.

A motion was made to accept resolution 18-2-2 by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton – 0 opposed – motion carried

Roll Call Vote:

Lanita Canavan, Yes

Dave Blades, Yes

Jeff Scott, yes

Steve Denton, Yes

James Monty, Yes

A motion was made that the following vouchers be audited and approved for payment: Highway \$17,235.62, Water Fund \$25,291.96, General Fund \$23,965.50, Audited vouchers \$34,632.54, Youth Commission \$1,390.54, Water \$4,538.25, Highway \$10,140.68, General A \$20,807.64, by Steve Denton, and seconded by Jeff Scott – 0 opposed – motion carried.

A motion was made to accept Penny Daniels to the Assessment Review Board by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades – 0 opposed – motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the Board Meeting by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 – opposed – motion carried.

Adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Cross  
Town Clerk