

Town of Lewis
2026 Regular Town Board Meeting
April 14, 2026
Lewis Town Hall – 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Timothy Pierce, Supervisor
John Blades, Councilperson
Lanita Canavan, Councilperson
Stephen Denton, Jr., Councilperson
Terry Pulsifer, Councilperson
Brianna Drummond, Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Denton, Highway Superintendent

PUBLIC PRESENT: Connor Delk, Glen Delk, Doug Kerr, Glen Crowningshield, John Tibbitts, Patrick Silven, Jeff Scott, Gerald Spooner, Mike Hopmeier, Nicholas W.S., Charmaine H. Flynn, Arin Burdo, Kim Denton, April Guildler, Michael Flynn, Glen Williams, Lise Huckins, Keith Huckins, Brian Dominick

GUESTS PRESENT: Arin Burdo - CATS

Called to Order: Supervisor Pierce called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

GUESTS: It should be noted that, Dan Christian was listed as a guest on the agenda, but Mr. Christian was not present. Arin Burdo, with Champlain Area Trails (CATS), was in attendance to provide updates regarding the Twin Valleys project. Arin provided board members with a packet of information that contained updates. She indicated that the information in the packet reflects the work that has already been done leading up to this point, as well as the project that she had shown the board before. She stated there has been little change to the project itself. On the project summary, specifically the timeline, she indicated the first time she presented the project to the board it was a 4-year timeline, now it shows as 6, primarily because she added in year one, last year, which was the acquisition year. She stated it is also reflected in the budget. She stated the first budget she presented was a project budget of 4 years that was, at the time, a phase 2 budget. She has now blended both phase 1 and phase 2 together to reflect that first acquisition year of 2025 and the transitional year of 2026. Arin stated she is asking for \$60,000.00 of bed tax money allocations, once a year for three years. She indicated that she submitted an MOU to Supervisor Pierce, which is included in the packet. She stated that each year is renewable and it can be backed out at any time. Arin stated it gives a list of all of the expenditures that are allowable with occupancy tax funds under NYS Tax Law Section 1201-S and it should align with the

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allowable expenses for those funds. She indicated areas highlighted in yellow on the budget are the areas for this year that she thinks the occupancy tax funding aligns with the expenses. Supervisor Pierce clarified what occupancy tax is. He stated this is something that started getting distributed to towns 3 or 4 years ago. Prior to that we were getting about \$500.00 a year from the tourism funds (occupancy tax). This is mostly from the hotels, with most of it coming in from Lake Placid. Supervisor Pierce stated they decided to distribute more to towns. He indicated the Town of Lewis' first big expenditure was the pickleball courts. The funds are limited and cannot be used to offset the tax base. The funds have to be used for tourism related projects or economic development that fosters tourism. The Town of Lewis gets the lowest amount in the county, which is about the standard amount. He stated there was 7.5 million collected from the occupancy tax in 2025, which was up from 7 million prior. Supervisor Pierce believes The Town of Lewis received between \$75,000.00 - \$78,000.00 the year before and last year (2025) we received \$82,000.00. This year's projection is on pace with 2025. Supervisor Pierce explained that the board is trying to sort out the best way to use these funds. He stated so far they have had two groups, CATS and BRASS (Bouquet River Association), that have approached The Town of Lewis about these funds. CATS approached the town in the fall of 2025 and is back now. BRASS approached the town about help with invasive species down at Thrall Dam. Supervisor Pierce stated they are waiting on more information from BRASS regarding what they want to do with that project. Supervisor Pierce stated at this point the only specific amount that has been approved by the board, in November of 2025, for Brass was \$5,000.00. There is still no contract regarding spending going forward or what they propose to do. Councilperson Denton asked at what amount are we at right now. Supervisor Pierce said \$140,000.00 (and change). He stated none had been used since we put the pickleball courts in and we were granted a one-year exemption to use it to offset the ambulance squad. We would not be allowed that exemption again. Supervisor Pierce stated whatever the Town Board agrees to do, he then has to get approved at the county level to use these funds, so it's a multi-step process to ensure that it follows NYS Tax Law 1201-S. Supervisor Pierce asked Arin a question regarding the Mt. Inez trail. He asked if they are looking to connect from where the current Mt. Inez trail starts on Ray Woods Road across the street down into the trail system. Arin said yes, across the street there is just a panhandle of the Thrall property and that can be connected pretty easily. She indicated she would like to get that going sooner rather than later. Arin indicated the trail that was put in on Ray Woods Road up to Mt. Inez was put in this past summer (2025). There was discussion regarding how popular the Mt. Inez trail has been and what a fabulous view it is. Supervisor Pierce stated that Councilperson Blades and

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himself took a tour of the site last week and Councilperson Canavan has a tour scheduled. They will then try and determine how the board wants to go forward. Supervisor Pierce indicated that he thinks the project has a lot of promise to bring tourism to the town. Arin stated they are hoping to have an open house on July 16th and she would love to coordinate with the town on that and use some of this funding for that purpose to make sure the Town of Lewis residents, in particular, feel welcome there and come and give us their ideas as to what they would like to see there. She stated she would love for more people to see the facility as it is really fantastic and she thinks it will make a beautiful resource for the Town of Lewis. Supervisor Pierce stated he did have to sign the APA project that Arin sent to him and asked that Arin explain that. Arin stated that the Adirondack 46ers are putting in a wide accessible 90-foot-long bridge over a man-made pond in Twin Valleys. She stated that the bridge will be part of an accessible trail that will go all the way around the pond. She indicated that it might take a few more years for it to be completely accessible, but that is the goal – to make sure they have at least one accessible trail on the facility. She stated that it is a \$50,000.00 bridge going in this summer if the APA approves it. Supervisor Pierce asked about the observatory. Arin indicated it has one of the darkest skies in the northeast and they hope to have some programming moving forward. Arin stated they are having their biggest event of the year which will end at Twin Valleys, which is their Grand Hike. A flyer was included in the bottom of the packet.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

On a motion of Councilperson Denton, seconded by Councilperson Blades, the March 10, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes were ACCEPTED as follows,

AYES: 4 Supervisor Pierce
 Councilperson Blades
 Councilperson Canavan
 Councilperson Denton
 Councilperson Pulsifer

NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

Note: Councilperson Canavan stated this doesn't warrant an amendment, but she would like it noted, on page 5 when we discussed the Honor Flight, she stated that she thought the

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amount was \$500.00, but it is actually \$1,000.00.

SUPERVISOR’S FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion of Councilperson Canavan, seconded by Councilperson Pulsifer, the Supervisor’s Financial Report for the month of March 2026 was ACCEPTED as follows,

AYES: 5 Supervisor Pierce
 Councilperson Blades
 Councilperson Canavan
 Councilperson Denton
 Councilperson Pulsifer

NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

Discussion: Councilperson Canavan asked what PY Health Insurance is. Supervisor Pierce stated he will find out.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Before the start of the public commentary period, Supervisor Pierce mentioned to everyone that we try to keep the public comments to a minimum of 3 minutes, a timer is not set, but there is a large crowd so if you wish to speak he asked that you please try and bear this in mind.

Mike Hopmeier greeted everyone and stated he wished to say a few words about patriotism. Mr. Hopmeier mentioned that it is the 250th anniversary of our country, he mentioned there were veterans present tonight at the meeting and he mentioned the Veteran’s Park located in town. Mr. Hopmeier mentioned the news, and in particular an F-15 that went down in Iran with a pilot and a weapons system officer, which were both saved. He indicated that the weapons system officer was saved by units that included National Guard Units from the State of New York; some of which have been trained at the Silo. He indicated that he does not want to imply that they were trained specifically for that mission, but he said we did support them. He stated that this is an example of how The Town of Lewis participated in events all throughout the world and he thinks it’s very important. Mr. Hopmeier went on to read prepared remarks regarding patriotism to those present. One part of Mr. Hopmeier’s

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prepared statement explained that teams carry out real rescue recovery training that includes working with helicopters, running full-scale simulations designed to prepare them for critical life-threatening situations and a variety of other events that are based on real world needs and requirements. Mr. Hopmeier stated that when we talk about patriotism, we should be clear about what a task asks of us. He stated it calls of us to support efforts not only when it is easy, but when it requires understanding, patience, and trust. Mr. Hopmeier went on to explain how this work provides meaningful support to our local community and supports small businesses. Mr. Hopmeier stated he has made numerous attempts to address concerns and find a path forward that supports both the community and the mission of protecting those who serve. He stated, to date those efforts have not been met with a willingness to engage in a constructive dialogue. Mr. Hopmeier ended his prepared statement with saying this effort is about people, about safety, and about doing our part together in a way that is steady, responsible and unified. It is about respect and meeting our responsibilities to our neighbors, our military, and our country.

Jeff Scott stated he wanted to address the issue of property laws that came up at the last meeting. Mr. Scott stated that he thinks Terry mentioned Willsboro zoning, planning and regulations. Mr. Scott stated that he understands that people don't want to be told how their property can be used. He stated that when the issue of lowering the speed limit through town was brought up when he was on the board there was opposition to that. He went on to state that property laws enable the majority of people to benefit. Mr. Scott stated he has a draft copy of the Town of Lewis Comprehensive Plan. He said a letter was sent from the APA to Supervisor at the time, David Blades, in May of 2014 concerning this draft copy. Mr. Scott read the following excerpt from the letter, *"In a Town such as Lewis, which does not have local land use controls, any type of commercial use (adult use, gas station, tavern, etc.) could be located in the Hamlet area without any Agency review or permit."* Mr. Scott indicted that his point is we don't have any property laws in the Hamlet, so anything goes – that is something to think about. Mr. Scott went on to read an excerpt from the draft comprehensive plan regarding property maintenance, *"Property maintenance and investment in home improvements benefits individuals, families, neighborhoods, and the town as a whole. The lack of maintenance and upkeep can negatively affect the value of neighboring properties and perceptions of the entire community. While a few properties are not kept up because owners are physically or financially unable to do the work, this is not the case for most poorly maintained properties. Property maintenance was the most commonly expressed concerns by Lewis residences who responded to the community*

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opinions survey in 2012.” Jeff Scott stated that when Mike Flynn was the Code Enforcement Officer there was great effort and progress made in some of the properties that are habitually a problem. Mr. Scott stated that now, where he lives, there are two places he sees junk cars, debris and garbage. He stated that he is hoping that the town can agree that this is an issue that we can manage whether it’s through a formal law or through encouraging the current Code Enforcement Officer to take action. Councilperson Canavan stated that she thinks they should have Code Enforcement Officer Gordon attend a meeting. Supervisor Pierce stated he will follow up with Code Enforcement Officer Gordon, as well as review and look into junk law.

April Guilder stated she gets a little offended about the talks about patriotism. She stated she has several family members who were wounded in the war and her whole family has worked hard along with everyone else in the military. Ms. Guilder stated she is here about building a relationship with the town board and about trust, honesty and transparency. April Guilder inquired about the board’s support for the town’s people as discussed at the last meeting. Supervisor Pierce stated what we are having is a public hearing. Ms. Guilder asked when that decision happens, whichever way it goes, what is the town board going to do. Supervisor Pierce stated they are going to have the public hearing and then decide. Ms. Guilder passed out a document to the board and asked Supervisor Pierce a question regarding him being a witness for Michael Hopmeier. She asked how he can be neutral if he is a witness for Mr. Hopmeier. Supervisor Pierce stated that he was not aware that he was a witness, he is not disputing this, and sees his name on the document, but was not aware until now. Supervisor Pierce went on to state he is not sure what will be asked of him. Ms. Guilder asked the board about their feelings regarding this. Councilperson Blades had no comments without further information. Further information regarding this was requested by Ms. Guilder. Supervisor Pierce indicated he did not have further information but hopes to report it at the time of the meeting. Councilperson Canavan inquired to Supervisor Pierce if he knew how his name got on the list. April Guilder inquired about video and allowing outside people being part of meetings because a lot of people don’t live here all year round. She stated that there are a lot of people that want to be a part of this and want to know what is going on. She is wondering about getting outside people to be able to be a part of these meetings and if we can act on this and get an answer on this. Councilperson Canavan stated that during COVID we did Go To Meeting. Councilperson Pulsifer stated another option instead of using the Lewis Firehouse might be using the Public Safety Building. He stated they have the meeting room where they might be able to do a live feed, and they

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have more technology than the fire house. Supervisor Pierce stated that getting people in might be an issue. Councilperson Blades asked Ms. Guilder if she was addressing the general meetings or just the public hearing. Ms. Guilder stated that anything that town people want to be a part of, we need to open that up for people. Supervisor Pierce stated he does not have a lot of those answers right now. He will check with other towns. Councilperson Canavan indicated that Jim Monty (Former Supervisor) might be able to help with this as they did this during COVID.

Glen Delk, the new owner of Magic Pines Campground, spoke about his plans for campground. Mr. Delk stated they are all about revenue. He stated that every penny goes right back into the campground because he wants the campground to grow. He talked about the growth of the campground and the upcoming car show on 8/8/2026, for which all proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House. The idea for the car show is for everyone to see the campground. He plans to park cars throughout the entire campground. He stated there is a camper on site that he donates – if you have a child with a disability they can come in and camp for free. Mr. Delk stated that he has Army guys throughout the campground and he does not want to lose any of them. He talked about the concern for loss of revenue for himself and local businesses if the Army guys leave. Mr. Delk bought the campground 5/1/2025. He plans to put 100 more sites into the Campground. He has 2 Cabins, 2 RVS – mostly seasonals.

Brian Dominick stated he has worked with Mike Hopmeier for about 10 years. Mr. Dominick spoke about Mr. Hopmeier's integrity, honor and economy. He stated that Mr. Hopmeier always asks first and does things right. He talked about the Silo clean up and how things were done right and corners were not cut. He goes on to talk about how the door was left open for 20 + years and a hole was cut in the fence and truck loads of garbage was thrown into the Silo. Another example was given of the proper measures taken regarding water cleanup. Mr. Dominick stated that there are so many instances where Mr. Hopmeier could have cut corners, but he wanted the town board to know that he did not cut corners, and he spent a lot of money and there were a lot of messes all over the property inside and out. He stated everything was cleaned. Mr. Dominick stated in regard to honor there was a huge amount of time, money and resources – Mike's very resourceful and he has a lot of connections; he helped with the Air Park (Town of Lewis Veteran's Park), he donated different guns and such. He indicated that Mr. Hopmeier has donated parts of the Silo to the Plattsburgh Airforce Base as well. He stated anytime anyone from the military wants to take

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a tour of the Silo they can come see it with Mike's permission. Mr. Dominick indicated that he touches a lot of businesses and mentions Doug Kerr, Dentons and Magic Pines Campground. He also stated that they always try to pick local. Mr. Dominick stated that Mr. Hopmeier is a very fair guy and he thinks there is a lot of miscommunication, not proper information that is out there. He asked that people have a conversation and talk to him in detail about the particulars.

Charmaine Flynn stated that she has worked at the Silo for 3 years now. She indicated that what she does at the Silo is housekeeping, carpentry and landscaping. She stated that before she stepped foot on the property when she first started working there, she had to take safety courses along with everyone else that worked there. She indicated she took not only the training for OSHA and Bloodborne pathogens, but she is also certified in being able to run large forklifts and Lockout/Tagout (electricity). She stated that Mr. Hopmeier is all about safety.

John Tibbetts, former Zone Commander for NYSP – SP Lewis, spoke about his specialization while he was with NYSP, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives and his various trainings and duties. As a follow up to what Charmaine said, Mr. Tibbetts stated that everyone on the Silo site is a safety officer. He stated that there is nothing that has been reported in social media that should lead anyone to believe that anything chemical, biological or radiological is happening there. Mr. Tibbetts stated that probably 80% of the rumor and innuendo of what he sees on the internet, on social media and hears in conversations is false. Mr. Tibbetts indicated that if there was a safety issue at the Silo that not only he would know it, but everyone that works at the Silo would know it. He stated if something is unsafe and somebody gets hurt there is not only a problem at that level there is a problem at the local level. Mr. Tibbetts stated that they have not had a real lost time work incident since the Director broke his wrist years ago. Mr. Tibbetts wrapped up by stating that you really have to take what you are hearing from the vocal minority with a grain of salt because some of it just is not true.

DPW/WATER REPORT

a. WATER REPORT

On a motion of Councilperson Canavan, seconded by Councilperson Blades, the Water

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NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

Discussion: None

b. HIGHWAY/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Highway Superintendent Denton stated that about a year and a half ago they started looking for a used plow truck to replace the 1996 International single axel. Superintendent Denton stated the truck he found that he has been waiting for is now available. It is a 2017 Volvo single axel complete with plow. He indicated that last year it had 37,000 miles on it and this year it has 43,000 miles on it. Superintendent Denton stated it has been in the Village of Saranac Lake and it is up for sale and he would like to purchase it and get rid of the 1996 that we have. Superintendent Denton stated if we were to order a brand-new plow truck it would take 2 years to get and be \$241,000.00. Councilperson Canavan asked if Superintendent Denton has gone to look at this truck. Superintendent Denton said yes, twice. Councilperson Pulsifer asked if it was automatic or standard. Superintendent Denton said it was automatic. Councilperson Denton asked if the funds were available. Supervisor Pierce stated yes, that we budgeted for this. Supervisor Pierce stated there is a resolution for the purchase of this.

RESOLUTION 26-4-3
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A USED PLOW TRUCK

The Town Board of Lewis hereby authorizes the Lewis Town Supervisor to purchase a 2017 Volvo single axle plow truck for \$40000 from the Village of Saranac Lake utilizing budgeted funds from Highway Appropriations Account DA 5130.2.

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On a motion of Councilperson Denton, seconded by Councilperson Pulsifer, the following resolution was ADOPTED as follows,

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NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

Discussion: Supervisor Pierce clarified with Superintendent Denton as to when the truck would be made available. Superintendent Denton stated they (The Village of Saranac Lake) were supposed to surplus it last night at their town board meeting.

Superintendent Denton said that they are starting their spring cleanup. Councilperson Canavan asked if there is a bill from Sheehan's yet. Superintendent Denton said he has not seen a bill from Sheehan's. Councilperson Denton asked if he is still a go for Hale Hill. Superintendent Denton stated Hale Hill is still slated for a June 26th start date depending on the spring weather. Supervisor Pierce stated that they are hoping to get started there because they have the streetlights that are being lent to us from Lake Placid. Councilperson Denton asked that Ausable Valley Fuels be notified. Superintendent Denton said there is going to be a bypass road put in before they do that to keep everyone going. Supervisor Pierce said they are looking at about 2-3 week time frame to get that in place. Superintendent Denton indicated a minimum of 3, but it depends on the weather. Councilperson Denton asked if the bridge would handle those transports. Superintendent Denton said yes.

Supervisor Pierce pointed out, in an effort to prevent waste, he did not make a bunch copies of inserts and documents this time, but all the inserts and documents are available and will be online at the end of next month – but if anyone wanted a copy they are welcome to have one, just stop by the office and they can be printed out.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. Essex County Agricultural Society
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated that he hoped to have Dan here as he was probably going to address this as well. He may bring this back again next month for the board members to think about. There has been discussion at the Youth Commission about approaching the towns to buy a set of these and then they will give them out to the families. Councilperson Pulsifer asked if he means including it in the summer program. Supervisor Pierce stated yes, the summer program is not going to be bringing them to the fair like they have in years past – they will instead offer tickets to the campers and their parents to go. Supervisor Pierce indicated that maybe they can make a determination next month as to if they want to do that.
2. Magic Pines Campground Car Show
 - a. Discussion: Glen spoke in more detail about car show during the public commentary period. The car show will be held at Campground on Saturday August 8 2026. Supervisor Pierce stated he sent Glen a contact for ROOST – they will list certain events on their calendar, so he is going to look into that.
3. Lake Champlain Basin Program Notice
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated he tried to get a quick grant for the Johnson Lane Bridge. Supervisor Pierce indicated it got turned down. They want to see more money in place. Highway Superintendent Denton said they (Todd – Essex County Highway Department) are working to try and combine jobs for a bigger grant – he is pretty sure it is around a \$10 million grant that he was still trying to apply for. He indicated that Todd was trying to combine a couple of these jobs up on Wells Hill, Seventy Lane, Johnson Lane which would give him a bigger opportunity for a grant. Superintendent Denton has not heard from Todd regarding this in about 2 weeks now. Supervisor Pierce stated that we have double culvert bridges (one on Seventy and one on Johnson) that are high risk of floods. We are trying to get those two replaced. Superintendent Denton stated one will be a bridge and the other one will be a pre-molded three-sided box tubing for the fish. Superintendent Denton stated when these are done they will probably end up being over length anyway and being owned by the county. He stated if they are over 20ft long they belong to the county. Councilperson Pulsifer asked for clarification on the ownership of the 20ft bridge if it's on a Town Rd. Superintendent Denton believes it would be the

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- ownership of the county even on a Town Rd.
4. DEC Land Purchase
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce asked the board to review and let him know if the board has any response.
 5. Mountain Lake Services Annual Membership Meeting
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce indicated he will put a few of these on the website tomorrow as well.
 6. Vape Problem
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated there was a presentation at the county last week about the vaping problem. He noted that there is also concerns about hazardous waste in connection to the disposal of the vapes.
 7. Adirondack Roots
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated he met with them here last week. Councilperson Canavan asked if we still have a list going. Supervisor Pierce said yes. There is a list for people who want to sign up. They have completed all their on-going projects in Lewis.
 8. Essex County Public Transit Survey
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated he will have this on the website by tomorrow.
 9. Oak Hill Wollastonite Mine
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated this is an addition to the original agenda as he received it at the last moment. Two DEC letters regarding the Mine permit are attached.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Capital Reserve Funds – Building Upgrade Discussion
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated he sent out some information recently for the board to review to try and determine the best way to move forward with the capital buildings project. He stated we have \$248,000.00 in NYCLASS funds gaining a fair amount of interest. That was put aside 12 years ago to be used for a capital project. It could be used to build a new building, to refurbish or repair an existing building or buy a new building. Supervisor Pierce would like the board to look over the options and come back with some thoughts on that. Superintendent Pierce said he does need to report back to the county. He indicated that back in October/November we passed a resolution stating we

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would consider the purchase of the old Cornell Cooperative Extension building. Supervisor Pierce stated that the county is trying to decide what they are going to do with that building and they are waiting to hear from the Town of Lewis. Councilperson Denton said he would love nothing better than a nice, new town hall, but he is against it at this point. Councilperson Denton stated he doesn't think we can manage three buildings. Councilperson Blades agreed. Councilperson Canavan agreed. Councilperson Pulsifer agreed. All councilmembers are in agreement to not move forward with the purchase of the old Cornell Cooperate Extension building. Councilperson Denton asked if anything formal is needed. Supervisor Pierce stated no because our resolution was only just to consider it. Supervisor Pierce will relay to the county the board's decision.

2. Jay Mountain FEMA Project Update
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated he put in for an extension that expired on 2/28/2026. On 3/13/2026 it was approved through 10/15/2026. Supervisor Pierce said there are seven culvert changes. Highway Superintendent Denton confirmed there were seven culvert changes.
3. Tourism Funds Update
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated this was already discussed at the beginning of the meeting. He stated again that out of the funds, \$5,000.00 was allocated to BRASS and they are waiting on a contract
4. Town Website Update – Potential Roost involvement
 - a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce said he met with Roost last week to go over everything they offer. Supervisor Pierce indicated he does not have a lot of information yet, but they are going to follow up with him.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Youth Commission Report – In Packet
On a motion of Councilperson Blades, seconded by Councilperson Pulsifer, the Youth Commission Report for the month of March 2026 was ACCEPTED as follows,
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NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

a. Discussion: Councilperson Denton asked about the current balance of \$61,000.00. Supervisor Pierce stated that he thinks a lot of it goes to the summer program. Councilperson Pulsifer stated that most of it goes to the summer program, but we had that large payout because Westport had to catch up to what Lewis had contributed. Councilperson Pulsifer stated he believes they gave them about a \$10,000.00 check in November. Councilperson Pulsifer indicated that they are expecting over 130 campers for the summer program, which they are only allowed 9 campers per council member, so they will have to hire 15 other employees. Supervisor Pierce said in years past they have had 100 campers. Councilperson Pulsifer said the last year the county provided two council members and this year they are talking about providing four. Councilperson Pulsifer also stated that they increased their rate for their out-of-town campers because they were getting them from all over.

2. Water Rent Report – In Packet

On a motion of Councilperson Denton, seconded by Councilperson Blades, the Water Rent Report for the month of March 2026 was ACCEPTED as follows,

AYES: 5 Supervisor Pierce
Councilperson Blades
Councilperson Canavan
Councilperson Denton
Councilperson Pulsifer

NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated we collected \$17,469.90 in February 2026.

3. Landfill Report – In Packet

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On a motion of Councilperson Canavan, seconded by Councilperson Pulsifer, the Landfill Report for the month of March 2026 was ACCEPTED as follows,

AYES: 5 Supervisor Pierce
 Councilperson Blades
 Councilperson Canavan
 Councilperson Denton
 Councilperson Pulsifer

NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

- a. Discussion: \$4,803.00 revenue this month. Supervisor Pierce stated the increase made a difference.
- 4. Animal Control – verbal report
 - a. Discussion: None.
- 5. Codes Report – In Packet

On a motion of Councilperson Canavan, seconded by Councilperson Pulsifer, the Codes Report for the month of March 2026 was ACCEPTED as follows,

AYES: 5 Supervisor Pierce
 Councilperson Blades
 Councilperson Canavan
 Councilperson Denton
 Councilperson Pulsifer

NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

- a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated that Gordon has his reports for two months because he did not have his report in last month. This is a summary of some of the work that he has been doing. Supervisor Pierce stated that Gordon had to do a year-end report to the state. Councilperson Canavan asked for a copy of the report. Supervisor Pierce will get a copy of the report to the board. Councilperson Denton stated that he is kind of in agreement with Jeff Scott in regards to what was mentioned about property

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maintenance. Councilperson Denton stated that we have some properties that we have dealt with before and it's tough to deal with, but it would be great if we could get Code Enforcement Officer Gordon to come to a meeting so that we could discuss it. Supervisor Pierce will ask Code Enforcement Officer Gordon. There is discussion about citations and how these were handled in the past. Former Code Enforcement Officer Flynn asked to address the board. Mr. Flynn stated around 2014 the state switched it - you used to be able to get 6 months for an owner to remedy the citation, then they went to 30 days, around 2014-2015. He stated if he went to a certain property and said you need to clean this up they get 30 days, if they don't do it, they get an appearance ticket, and then it's in the judge's hands. Mr. Flynn said it's sort of like a traffic ticket - the Code Officer can't adjudicate it, the local Magistrate has to. He stated that there are local laws, town laws and state code that can be enforced. Supervisor Pierce indicated that there were issues with the local laws. It is discussed that maybe the local laws need to be updated. Mr. Flynn said that it was a \$200/day fine that could be imposed for a violation. It is stated that the name of the local law is Junk Car Law. Mr. Flynn stated that the property maintenance code is pretty straight forward. Supervisor Pierce said he will forward that out to everyone.

6. Annual Financial Report

- a. Discussion: Supervisor Pierce stated that this is a notice that our Annual Financial Report for the Town of Lewis was certified and filed successfully. It had to be in by April 30, 2026.

RESOLUTION 26-4-1

RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING APA PROJECT NO. 2021-0276

The Town Board authorizes a public hearing to be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of determining whether the Lewis Town Board should issue a Resolution either in favor or opposed to a weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to post an official notice of this meeting.

On a motion of Councilperson Canavan, seconded by Councilperson Denton, the following

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resolution was ADOPTED as follows,

AYES: 5 Supervisor Pierce
 Councilperson Blades
 Councilperson Canavan
 Councilperson Denton
 Councilperson Pulsifer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

Discussion: *None*

RESOLUTION 26-4-2

APPROVING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING GUIDELINES FOR THE TOWN OF LEWIS

The Lewis Town Board recognizes the importance of public interest and involvement in the activities and proceedings of its Town Board; and the Lewis Town Board encourages civil public participation in the Board proceedings with a need for reasonable rules and regulations governing input from the public to ensure fair and orderly conduct during these proceedings; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Lewis hereby approves the attached Town of Lewis Guidelines for Public Comment Period and Public Hearings.

On a motion of Councilperson Canavan, seconded by Councilperson Blades, the following resolution was ADOPTED as follows,

AYES: 5 Supervisor Pierce
 Councilperson Blades
 Councilperson Canavan
 Councilperson Denton
 Councilperson Pulsifer

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

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Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 26-4-3

FOR THE PURCHASE OF A USED PLOW TRUCK

This was addressed earlier in the meeting under Highway/Buildings and Grounds.

AUDIT AND PAY BILLS

On a motion of Councilperson Canavan, seconded by Councilperson Denton; motion was approved as follows,

AYES: 5 Supervisor Pierce
 Councilperson Blades
 Councilperson Canavan
 Councilperson Denton
 Councilperson Pulsifer

NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried 5:0

The bills contained on Abstract #3 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund A	Claim No. 23 through 33	\$31,507.76
Trust & Agency - TA	Claim No. 24 through 32	\$75,659.74
Water Fund SW	Claim No. 6 through 8	\$4,225.23
Highway-DA	Claim No. 7 through 8	\$20,943.94
Youth Commission - A	Claim No. 2	\$228.75

The bills contained on Abstract #4 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	Claim No. 52 through 69	\$63,866.98
Highway Fund	Claim No. 19 through 23	\$6,624.30

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Water Fund	Claim No. 9 through 13	\$966.22
Youth Commission	Claim No. 2	\$2,412.40

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, on a motion of Councilperson Pulsifer, seconded by Councilperson Canavan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianne Drummond
Town Clerk