

Town of Lewis
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 12, 2025
Lewis Town Hall

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Terry Pulsifer, John Blades, Steven Denton, Supervisor James Monty and Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton

Public Present: Glen Crowningshield, Gerald Spooner

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: None

Regular Board: A motion was made to accept the Regular Town Board meeting minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial report by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

1. To Date Budget - In Packet

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Highway Superintendent Denton stated they have a 2017 International Tandem that is in Vermont at Allegiance. Trying to figure out why it won't run.

He said they are scheduled for the week of September 8, 2025 to blacktop Ray Woods Road. He would like to put a sign for the speed limit to be either 35 or 40 mph on that road.

Supervisor Monty talked to Jim Dougan, Essex County Highway Superintendent, about the change. There needs to be a resolution done to ask the NY State DOT to post a sign on there as there's never been a posted speed limit on there before.

There will be a notice posted on the Town of Lewis Website and on Facebook, that the road will be closed from the September 8, 2025 through September 12, 2025 for paving and will re-open Saturday September 13, 2025.

A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- a. Water Rent Collection Report - Water bill went out
- b. RAN for CHIPS Project -

Correspondence:

1. Essex County Auditor's Report for June & July 2025- In Packet
2. County Calendar - In Packet
3. Landfill Report - A motion was made to accept by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. Charter - In Packet
5. Essex County Health Department - In packet
6. NYS Parks & Recreation - In Packet
7. Essex County Office of the Aging - In Packet
8. NCSPCA - In Packet
9. Northern Forest Center - In Packet
10. NYSEG - In Packet
11. Cornell Cooperative Extension - In Packet
12. Essex County Mental Health - In Packet
13. Prevention Team Walk - In Packet

New Business:

1. Youth Commission - A motion was made to accept Kathleen DiBartolome's resignation from the Boquet Valley Youth Commission by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
 - a. Inspection Report - The Inspector found one of the refrigerators not functioning properly. Was corrected and working before they left the inspection. No other issues were found.
2. Animal Control - Glenn had a couple minor issues. Supervisor Monty stated the dog they had picked up earlier had cost the Town a total of \$535.00 in veterinary bills. The individual who owned the dog has a court date and is being charged with animal cruelty. Monty said he wants the Court to demand restitution as it was not in our budget for the year.
3. Codes Report - Total permits issued - 8 for a total of \$1,270.00.
A motion was made to accept the Codes Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
Gordon mentioned he would like to see the Town have a Local Law for property maintenance. Supervisor Monty will talk to Bill Tansey, Town Attorney.
4. NYSOT Dues - \$600.00 for the year. A motion was made to put that in our Budget for next year by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
5. NYMIR Inspection - The Inspection Report is attached. They recommend the Town of Lewis have a Daily Inspection sheet, a Snow removal log and a Sign Inventory and Inspection form. Supervisor Monty said we will need a Resolution. A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
6. Essex County Sheriff's Office
 - a. ATV, UTA Horse drawn buggy laws - In Packet
7. Exit 32 Closure - In Packet

Resolutions:

25-8-1 Response NYMIR Audit, Inspection Reports - A motion was made to accept the Resolution by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Stephen Denton Jr., 0 opposed, motion carried.

25-8-2 Internet Usage Policy - A motion was made to accept the Resolution by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

25-8-3 Posted Speed Limit - A motion was made to accept the Resolution by Stephen Denton Jr. and seconded by Terry Pulsifer Jr., 0 opposed, motion carried.

Lanita Canavan received a quote from Kyle Feeley for the work performed to remove old paint and rust from the Edgar P Wadhams Marker. He will also paint and prime the Sign and the Post. His quote is a fee of \$275.00. A motion was made to accept the quote by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Denton has 2 (two) vehicles he will surplus. The Town will accept sealed bids for:

2012 Ford 250 4x4 Regular cab/8ft box/auto transmission/Mileage-92049

2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 Regular cab/8ft box/auto transmission/Mileage-125261

Bids will be accepted by 3:00PM, September 5, 2025. Bids will be opened at 6:30PM on September 8, 2025 at the Town Hall Conference Room.

September 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting will be held Monday September 8th, 2025 at 7:00 PM. A motion was made to move the meeting date by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty handed the Board the Budget Timeline dates. A motion was made to accept the Budget Timeline by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty requested an Executive Session at 7:54. A motion was made by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer.

Returned from Executive Session at 8:03. A motion was made by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer.

No decisions were made or voted on in Executive Session.

Supervisor Monty asked the Town Board for any questions or concerns they may have.

Counselor Canavan looked at the playground. She suggested some things need to be

replaced and painted. On August 1, 2025 she stated there was negative feedback on the Missile Silo activity. A lot of shooting/testing at night that continued until after 11:00PM.

Counselor Pulsifer said that on August 24, 2025, the Fire Department will be hosting a free community BBQ. On August 30, 2025, the Fire Department and the Ambulance Squad were invited for a meet and greet with the Manager at Magic Pines Campground.

Counselor Denton asked about the Hale Hill project. No contractor has been awarded yet.

Audit and Pay Bills: A motion was made to Audit and Pay Bills by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

General Fund	\$7,300.51
General Fund - A	\$20,255.58
Highway Fund	\$9,783.73
Highway Fund - DA	\$15,870.96
Trust & Agency - TA	\$61,472.40
Youth Commission	\$30,283.03
Youth Commission - A	\$170.86
Water Fund SW	\$303.06
Water Fund	\$1,201.75

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 PM by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk