

Town of Lewis  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
12/09/2025 @ 7:00  
Lewis Town Hall

**Present:** Counselors Lanita Canavan, John Blades and Deputy Supervisor Steven Denton.  
Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton.  
Supervisor James Monty – Excused for Justice School  
Terry Pulsifer - Excused

**Public Present:** Arin Burdo, Samantha Beck, Tony Thomas, Peter Gernsheimer, Tim Pierce, Jeff and Kathy Scott, Barry Goldstein

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Guests:** Arin Burdo, with Champlain Area Trails, gave a presentation. She handed a packet out for the Board to look over, discussed what was in the packet and what the CAT Trails entailed. She discussed Twin Valleys and Mt. Inez and how the public can utilize the trails and possible buildings at Twin Valleys. She would like to propose to the Town of Lewis Town Board, to use \$60,000.00 per year for the next 3 years, of Bed Tax Revenue, toward the project discussed. Tim Pierce asked if any other Towns would be interested. Arin stated she will go to the other Towns once the Town of Lewis is on board with the project. Deputy Supervisor Denton said the Board will take time to discuss as there's a lot to digest. There will be more discussion of the proposal in the new year.

**Approve Regular Board Minutes**

- a. **Regular Board:** Counselor Canavan would like a change in the wording to the November 12, 2025 "To Date Budget (October)" to read: Counselor Canavan had a question under the Trust and Agency line - OTHER reads, \$46,646.62. Supervisor Monty stated it is for the FEMA Revenue for Moss Rd. A motion was made to accept, as amended, by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- b. **Budget Hearing** – A motion was made to accept the November 6, 2025, Budget Hearing meeting minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried. John Blades – abstained.

Lanita  
Steve ✓

## **Supervisor's Financial Report:**

a. **To Date Budget** – A motion was made to accept by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

b. **Budget Transfer:**

\$1,523.84 – To offset high dollar value items earlier in the year.

A motion was made to accept the Budget Transfer by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Public Commentary:** Jeff Scott was concerned about the consideration of the purchase of the Cornell Cooperative Extension building (Resolution 25-10-1). The Resolution, was worded on the October 14, 2025 minutes, as the Town of Lewis would like to purchase the Cornell Cooperative Extension building from Essex County for the purpose of a new Town Hall. Whereas, it should've read "For the consideration of" not purchase of. October 14, 2025 minutes were corrected and approved to read "for the consideration of the purchase of the Cornell Cooperative Extension building. Deputy Supervisor Denton stated it was an offer from the County. That's basically as far as it has gone. Tim Pierce (elected Town Supervisor 2026) mentioned the reason the Town did the resolution was to get it out there while the current board members are in Office, as a hold in the event that the offer becomes viable as an option.

**DPW/Water Report:** All came back good.

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

Highway Superintendent Denton stated he received a call from the Essex County Engineer. There will be culvert replacement work done, Wells Hill Rd and Seventy Lane, possibly next summer, if the funding stays.

## **Correspondence:**

1. **Landfill Report** – A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. **NSPCA** – In Packet
3. **Adirondack Museum** – In Packet
4. **Tax Cap Confirmation** – In Packet

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Youth Commission Minutes- A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

2. Animal Control - No report

3. Codes Report for 08/14/2025 - 11/24/2025.

11 - Building Permits issued.

2 - Certificates of Completion issued.

Amount collected - \$1,643.00

A motion was made to accept Gordon's Codes report by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

4. 2026 Wage Plan - In Packet

5. 2026 Holidays - In Packet

6. Closeout Meeting will be December 30, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

**Resolutions:** None

**Audit and Pay Bills:** A motion was made to Audit and Pay Bills by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

General Fund	\$14,786.79
General Fund - A	\$48,379.49
Highway Fund	\$2,571.79
Highway Fund - DA	\$51,927.91
Trust & Agency - TA	\$103,541.17
Youth Commission	\$444.00
Youth Commission - A	\$4,668.00
Water Fund SW	\$4,612.48
Water Fund	\$525.30

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 8:06 PM by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams  
Town Clerk

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