

Town of Lewis

Regular Town Board Meeting

July 8, 2025

Lewis Town Hall - 7:00 PM

**Present:** Counselors Lanita Canavan, John Blades, Steven Denton, Supervisor James Monty and Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton  
Terry Pulsifer Jr. - Excused

**Public Present:** Tim Pierce, Gerald Spooner, Glen Crowningshield and Luke McNally

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Regular Board Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the June 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, Regular Town Board meeting minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- a. **\*Special Meeting Minutes - Public Hearing for the Consideration of Formation of EMS District:** A motion was made to accept the June 4<sup>th</sup> 2025, Public Hearing meeting minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**\*Counselor Canavan stated the EMS Minutes for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 has Connie Lewis's name spelled wrong. It should be Charli Lewis. A motion was made to accept the EMS minutes' correction by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.**

**Guests: Luke McNally**

Supervisor Monty stated Luke would like to give an overview of the potential for developing Thrall with Grouse habitat and trail work. Luke has put together a proposal. See attached proposal prepared by Luke McNally, Ruffed Grouse Society & Boquet River Association (Boards of Directors). Luke stated the Town has money from ROOST for Tourism and Economic Development. He would like to do habitat projects to improve wildlife such as: Controlling Invasive Species, Improve Trail work and Fishery and Hunting Habitat. Luke asked the Board to look at the proposal and let him know what they think. Supervisor Monty would like to move forward with this and discuss it at the next Board Meeting.

**Supervisor's Financial Report:** A motion was made to accept the June 2025 Supervisor's Financial report by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

a. **To Date Budget** – In Packet

**Public Commentary:** Gerald Spooner stated he went through the re-assessment process (grievance) with Ben Goff, Town Assessor. Gerald said he added nothing to his property and his assessment went up a lot. The Grievance Board did lower his assessment some. He is still upset about how much the assessments have gone up. Counselor Canavan thought maybe Ben could give a handout that explains why this is happening. Counselor Denton thought that was a good idea too. Supervisor Monty stated they will invite Ben to a meeting to talk about the assessments.

**DPW/Water Report:** All samples came back normal. A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- a. **Water Rent Collection Report:** Exactly the same as last month. Did not collect any money. It will be placed in the Tax Roll.

**Correspondence:**

1. Essex County Auditor's Report – In Packet
2. County Calendar – None
3. Landfill Report – Tonnage was down. A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. NYSEG – In Packet
5. APA Notice – In Packet
6. Charter Notifications – In Packet
7. Hazardous Waste Days Collection Events – In Packet
8. National Weather Service – Supervisor Monty went to the National Weather Service program at the public safety building. Flyer is in the packet.

**New Business:**

1. Youth Commission Report – No report. Summer program has started. Have maxed out with 125 kids. They have a waiting list.
2. Animal Control Report – None – quiet month.
3. Codes Report – Gordon has been busy with the codes. He will have a report at the next meeting. Supervisor Monty stated he is doing a great job.

**Resolutions:**

**25-7-1 Response to OSC Audit** – A motion was made to accept the Resolution by Stephen Denton Jr. and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Excused (Has read it and approves)
James Monty	Yes

**25-7-2 Resolution of the Town of Lewis of Essex County, accepting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).** A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Stephen Denton Jr., 0 opposed, motion carried.

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Excused
James Monty	Yes

Counselor Canavan asked about the Crowningshield Dam sign. Supervisor Monty said it has been replaced and will be put up soon.

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

General Fund	\$27,257.14
General Fund – A	\$29,181.29
Highway Fund	\$16,751.81
Highway Fund – DA	\$16,077.99
Trust & Agency – TA	\$43,966.51
Youth Commission	\$3,219.78
Water Fund	\$885.80
Water Fund SW	\$5,291.65

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 7:35 PM by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams  
Town Clerk