

Town of Lewis
Regular Town Board Meeting
June 10, 2025
Lewis Town Hall

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

Public Present: Darren Dickerson, Glen and Donna Crowningshield, Mary Reynolds, Jeff Scott, Shari Morris and Tim Pierce

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 Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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

a. Budget Transfer: \$20,000.00

\$20,000.00 – To Allocate Funds for EMS Contract with the Elizabethtown-Lewis Emergency Squad. Final payment to EMS that was approved last fall for this year's budget.

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

b. To Date Budget – In Packet

Public Commentary: Jeff Scott asked if there will be a vote on the EMS District. Counselor Canavan stated, after the last meeting, they would vote on whether or not to proceed with the vote. Supervisor Monty stated the majority of the people were against the vote.

Jeff Scott asked to speak before it goes to the Board. He read the Public Notice for the last meeting, 6-4-25 (Public Hearing for the consideration of formation of EMS District).

Shari Morris concerned the road she lives on is not being taken care of. Supervisor Monty said Kevin Denton, Highway Superintendent is the one she needs to talk to. She has tried with no response.

DPW/Water Report: Supervisor Monty would like a motion from the Board to sign for Kevin's CHIPS plan for 2025. His plan is to pave 2.1 miles of the Ray Woods Road. A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Counselor Denton is worried about paving the Ray Woods Road. Afraid it'll turn into a speedway. Supervisor Monty stated they can request speed limit signs.

Water Rent Report – All samples came back normal. A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

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.

Correspondence:

1. Essex County Auditor's Report – In Packet
2. County Calendar – In Packet
3. Landfill Report - A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. NYSEG – In Packet
5. DEC Permitting – In packet
6. NCSPCA – In Packet
7. Brief Coalition – In Packet
8. Essex County Office of the Aging – In Packet
9. Cornell Cooperative Extension – In Packet
10. NYSERDA – In Packet
11. Essex County Health Department – In Packet
12. Arcadis – In Packet

New Business:

1. Youth Commission – Moved meeting to Elizabethtown only. They have a full Board. Softball/Baseball off to a good start. They are taking applications for the Summer Youth Program.
2. Animal Control – One (1) call to Wells Hill Road. Sheriff's Department took over. A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. Codes Report – Four (4) permits were issued and two (2) applications were handed out. \$740.00 total collected. The Town will hire Gordon Costin as a contract employee at a salary of \$850.00/month. A motion was made to hire Gordon by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

4. Transfer our.com to a .gov domain – State of New York recommends that all Towns change to .gov. IT Department will help navigate to the .gov domain but the Town will keep the .com domain for 9 months while they transition to the .gov.
5. Speed Reduction Plan for Lewis – The Town was awarded \$50,000.00 to study the speed limit in the Town of Lewis to reduce the speed limit from 45 mph to 40 mph.
6. Town Owned Cell Phones – Recommended, by the Auditor, that certain Officers should have a Town owned cell phone. Supervisor Monty contacted Verizon for a quote, he is still negotiating with them. Supervisor Monty is asking the Board permission to continue the conversation with them. A motion was made by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Resolutions:

25-6-1 Cemetery Maintenance Agreement – A motion was made to accept the resolution by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
Lanita Canavan – Abstained

25-6-2 Cell Phone Agreement – A motion was made to accept the resolution by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty asked the Board if they had any comments or concerns.

Lanita Canavan stated the “Crowningshield Dam” sign is missing from the Crossett Cemetery again. Counselor Canavan has a group of kids to help clean the Deer Head Cemetery.

Terry Pulsifer stated as far as the possibility of the formation of the EMS District, the Public Hearing from June 4, 2025, feels that it is not feasible and feels the Board should continue to contractually sign with whoever can provide service on a yearly basis. John Blades and Steve Denton agree with Counselor Pulsifer.

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	\$10,980.22
General Fund – A	\$45,313.23
Highway Fund	\$10,216.66
Highway Fund – DA	\$23,698.92
Trust & Agency – TA	\$285,892.75
Water Fund SW	\$255.00
Water Fund	\$1,346.30

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 PM by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk