

Town of Lewis  
Regular Town Board Meeting

May 13, 2025 7:00 PM

Lewis Town Hall

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

**Public Present:** Luke McNalley, Glen Crowningshield 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 April Regular Town Board meeting minutes as corrected, by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried. (Counselor Canavan opposed the motion to revisit the Ambulance District, 4 in favor, 1 opposed.)

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

1. Town of Lewis Financial Management Plan - A motion was made to accept the Financial Management Plan by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried. Steve Denton - Abstained.

**Public Commentary: None**

**DPW/Water Report:** Kevin said the new pickups are here and would like to surplus the old ones. He asked the Board if he should put the old pickups out to bid or take to junkyard. Board stated to put them out to bid. Advertise them to be sold for a couple weeks. A motion was made to accept the motion to put out for bid by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Hale Hill project is moving along. The Lewis quarry is giving the Town a good deal on gravel for the project.

Jay Road needs a lot of work to be fixed properly. FEMA is willing to cover it and have the Town devise the project, get all the estimates and put a number on it. FEMA will review it and potentially give the Town the money before the project is finished.

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

- a. Water Rent Collection Report - March 2025 Water Rent to be collected: \$4,459.50

A motion was made to accept the Water Rent Collection Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 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. Charter Changes - In packet
6. Free Tire Collection - In Packet
7. Essex County Office of the Aging - In Packet
8. Cornell Cooperative Extension - In Packet
9. Town of Newcomb Celebration - In Packet
10. Essex County Board of Elections Schedule - In Packet
11. One Work Source - In Packet
12. Plus One ADU Program - In Packet
13. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for ALS - In Packet

### **Old Business:**

1. Public Hearing for the potential EMS District will be held June 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Town of Lewis.

Supervisor Monty said at the last board meeting it was discussed to bring Luke McNalley on as Water Plant Operator Trainee. Luke has agreed to come on and has been approved as the Water Plant Operator Trainee. The Town will pay for his classes.

### **New Business:**

1. Youth Commission Report - Preparing for the summer program. A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

2. Animal Control – A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. Codes Report – 2 permits were issued; 3 applications were given out.  
Collected - \$194.00  
A motion was made to accept by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. Thrall Dam Habitat and Restoration Project – Luke McNalley spoke on the rehabilitation of Thrall Dam and improving the rough grouse, turkey, deer habitat, etc. as well as doing trail work. The Town receives \$75,000.00 from ROOST a year. Supervisor Monty’s suggestion is to spread it out over 3 years putting \$25,000.00 per year into the project. Supervisor Monty would like the Board to give permission to take the next step to look further into this project. A motion was made to take the next step for the project by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
5. Potential Dog Park – Supervisor Monty has been approached by people from Elizabethtown to start a doggy park. They have raised money for the park. Advised them he will have to talk to the Board and the Town’s Insurance carrier to find out what it will entail. Lanita Canavan asked, who will monitor the park and the dogs coming in and out of the park. Supervisor Monty said they would have to sign in with the Town Office. He will be getting more information.

**Resolutions:**

**25-5-1 Approving Town Fiscal Management Plan**

Town Board of the Town of Lewis approves the 2025 Fiscal Management Plan.

A motion was made to accept Resolution 25-5-1 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**25-5-2 Approving payment using ARPA Funds**

The Town Board of the Town of Lewis approves utilizing ARPA funds to pay for the Mt Fish & Game Club Bathroom Restoration (Handicap Accessible) in the amount of \$24,538.07. A motion was made by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

General Fund	\$12,081.40
General Fund - A	\$37,424.12
Highway Fund	\$51,816.45
Highway Fund - DA	\$17,698.78
Trust & Agency - TA	\$34,841.04
Youth Commission	\$326.10
Water Fund SW	\$2,364.31
Water Fund	\$62,377.36
H-Storm Damage July 2024	\$4,000.00

A motion was made to go into Executive session at 7:40 by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to return from Executive session at 7:50 by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty would like to negotiate a contract with Gordon Costin as Code Enforcement Officer. A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 7:56 PM by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams  
Town Clerk