

Town of Lewis
2026 Public Budget Hearing
November 6, 2025
Lewis Town Hall – 6:30 PM

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Terry Pulsifer, Steve Denton, Supervisor James Monty and Town Secretary Susie Ewald. John Blades - Excused

Public Present: Gerald Spooner, Glen Crowningshield, Brianne Drummond, Tim Pierce, Dan Canavan, Charli Lewis, Jeff & Cathy Scott, Sheri Morris

Called to Order: The Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Monty at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Monty opened the Public Hearing by presenting the 2026 Town Budget. **See attached Budget.** There will be a 3% raise for all the Town Employees. He stated there is one change to the proposed Budget. He's working on a shared agreement with the Town of Elizabethtown, to share the Animal Control Officer position. He increased the line on the Budget for Animal Control Officer from \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00. Town of Elizabethtown will handle the billing; the Town of Lewis will pay the Town of Elizabethtown the \$3,000.00.

Councilwoman Canavan said at the last meeting the Board decided to go line by line with the Budget so the Public can have a better understanding. Her one concern on the Budget is the Ambulance Squad. Last year we gave them \$80,000.00, this year their initial request is \$173,830.50. In the tentative budget we have \$135,000.00 and the Board has requested their 2026 budget, the Board has not been given their 2026 budget.

Councilman Pulsifer had the same concern also, prefers a slower increase to the EMS Squad.

Councilman Denton stated it is a good budget, has same concerns about the EMS Squad.

Supervisor Monty asked the Town Board for any questions or concerns they may have. There were no other concerns or comments from the Town Board. The Board agrees to the preliminary budget with moving the Town Clerk from \$6,500.00 to \$6,684.00. Can make the change and will be approved at the Regular Board meeting. Councilman Pulsifer recommended to move the \$184.00, Councilwoman Canavan seconded the recommendation. The Budget will be adopted at the Regular Board meeting November 12, 2025.

Supervisor Monty asked for public comment. Public had some comments pertaining to the EMS Squad.

Next Town Board meeting will be Wednesday November 12, 2025 with the Informational Meeting starting at 6:30 PM, followed by the Regular Town Board meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM was made by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk