Town of Lewis Monthly meeting minutes April 20, 2026

In attendance Mike Gluck, Dan Cihocki, John Race, Anthony Nellenback, Karl Rauscher, Chuck Rosencranz, Christine Healt, Elizabeth Beyel, Sue Loguidice, Heather MacDougall, Philippe Loguidice, Jeff Nellenback, Charline Cole, Carrie Dolan, Joe Dolan, Martha Poccharri, Kari Dutch, Joe Cullings, Zachary MacDougall, and Phill Platt.

Pledge of allegiance was recited at 7pm.

February and March monthly meeting minutes were read by Deputy Clerk Heidi Gerrard.

Resolution #17

Karl Rauscher made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction – Anthony Nellenback was appointed animal control officer, not dog control officer. Seconded by Dawn Zagurski, all ayes.

Chris Healt – Tug Hill Council

April announcements were read and can be found on file in the clerk's office.

Jeff Nellenback – Legislature

Update on school is moving forward. No public water is an issue. The school, Naturally Lewis and the town need to do a water study and are all on the same page to move the project forward. Draft report should be received soon. CRG is the name of the company. Municipal training application moved to April 27 5-7pm at the Croghan Fire Hall. Need to register for that. Saturday, attended Garret Lewis Foundation NYSERDA representative was geared toward municipalities, Battery Energy Storage systems, sites of energy products. The website has a lot of information and contact information.

Public Forum

Sue Loguidice called building codes and is wondering if there are any ordinances for town clean up. The eyesore next door has been bad for years. She is waiting for a call back.

Dawn Zagurski states the county handles the zoning.

Jeff Nellenback states private property has the right to have their property the way they want it. It is a fine line to judge someone else's property. When there is a danger, they can intervene.

Can the town pass a law and the county enforce the law.

Dawn will look into that and check what the current ordinances are.

Is there a junk yard board. Dave Brown should be contacted about these issues.

If the county cleans up a property the cost goes on the tax bill.

Kari Dutch – Zeigler Road is lacking maintenance. This year is the worst, it has been bad for years. Please lower the culvert, it needs to be fixed, it has washed out my driveway. The culvert is not big enough, all the stone was level in the ditch, this has been going on for 5 years. Craig helped me keep it down. The culvert needs to be lowered. It was fine for 25 years. This culvert is insufficient. I have dumped too much money and time. John Race said Joe asked if he could put in the pipe.

John Race stated he didn't ask about the town, just if he could do it. He says the road has many issues since it was put in, it is locked in for 10 years, it has only been 6 years. The state will not allow redoing it. It should not have been resurfaced.

Dawn Zagurski asks if we can take the repairs out of CHIPS.

Karl Rauscher says no.

Dawn Zagurski asks how much would it cost? It could go under road maintenance.

John states he has the materials on hand. He states he has been short staffed and only has 1 worker.

Martha Pocchari - Could the town go from hourly to salary, that might look more beneficial to potential workers.

The problem is you can't underpay overtime. People don't like to be on call.

Dawn Zagurski state we have a great benefit package.

Workers must obtain a CDL within 6 months of gaining employment.

Minutes of the meeting should be posted on the website in a timely manner and would like a hard copy posted at the store, Milk Plant and the Post Office. Clerk should look into it. It should be within 2 weeks of the meeting. The agenda should be posted 24 hours prior to

the meeting. People have not been able to open the meeting minutes that were sent in the emails.

NY State Public Officers law section 103 e state the standard for posting meeting minutes and agendas.

Dawn Zagurski states that she would like to see a committee formed (Committee of Comprehensive review for the Town of Lewis Land Use Law) with a couple from the public, a couple of board members and a couple of from the zoning board to review the land use laws. Jamie Deins, Martha Pocchari, Mike Gluck, Anthony Nellenback. Possibly Jerry King and Norman Fey.

Dawn is going to the Renewable energy conference.

Mike Gluck - Town of Leyden had a 10-month moratorium, the sooner we get this accomplished the better. Ava just redid their moratorium. Croghan's plan is the most comprehensive that I have found. We will get a text chain to post meeting.

The Zoning Board of Appeals needs a member, they are down one member. Kari Dolan would like to join the ZBA.

Martha asks if it is true the WIFI was $191.59. The wifi hotspot rate went up.

Joe asks what are we going to do if John leaves? Are we all going to be screwed?

We don't know, the county would have to step in and help.

Mike Gluck states years ago you could support a family on the salary for a town worker, today you can not.

CDL is expensive to acquire somewhere between 5-10 thousand dollars.

There is a question if the local law has been filed, Mike Gluck states it is not posted on the county website yet. John states the 2 way radio and fire alarm systems are back up. The repairs cost between $8,000 and $8,500 so far.

Resolution #18 – Funds transfer

Karl Rausher made the motion to approve moving 100,000.00 to NYCLASS. $50,000.00 from General and $50,000.00 from Highway. Seconded by Anthony Nellenback, all ayes.

Resolution #19 Bills

Anthony Nellenback made the motion at 8:55pm to approve General bills 63-76 for $14,393.45 and Highway bills 21-29 for $8,921.24 . seconded by Dawn Zagurski, all ayes

Resolution #20 – Executive Session

Dawn Zagurski made the motion to enter into executive session at 9:10pm to discuss a legal matter, seconded by Karl Rauscher, all ayes.

Resolution #21 – Exit Executive Session

Dawn Zagurski made the motion to exit executive session at 9:35 pm seconded by Mike Gluck, all ayes.

Resolution #22 – Adjourn

Anthony Nellenback made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 Seconded by Mike Gluck, all ayes.

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