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Lewiston appoints environment officer

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LEWISTON — The Lewiston Town Board Monday appointed a Niagara Falls man to the newly created position of environmental enforcement officer.

The appointment of Kenneth J. Shipman of Elderberry Place was approved unanimously by the board during its regular meeting. The appointment is subject to approval by the Niagara County Civil Service Commission.

Shipman has already agreed to be-

come a town resident, said Council member William E. Geiben.

Shipman will be acting as a police officer with special training in environmental laws. His responsibilities will include monitoring truck traffic, landfills and emergencies. He will also act as separation and recycling administrator and deputy zoning officer, Geiben said.

"His experience with regulations at the federal level will be a lift to the town so that we can speak one on one with government agencies on environmental issues," said Town Super-

visor Robert L. Wadlinger.

The board set a public hearing for 7 p.m. April 5 to amend a local law that would give Shipman the authority to issue appearance tickets.

Geiben has said that the position is important because Lewiston is the main truck route for traffic to the Chemical Waste Management and Modern Landfill facilities.

In a written statement to the board last August, Geiben said the position is necessary "due to the negative impact sanitary and hazardous waste haulers and handlers are having on the town."