

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

January 2, 2024

The special meeting was called to order on January 2, 2024 at 10:00am by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Matt Fuller was present with a proposal for the highway garage renovations. He is from Barton and Loguidice.

Motion made by Gerald Crowell and seconded by Jeff Lyng to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 10:25am.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Vicki Roy to come out of executive session at 11:20am.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion made by Gerald Crowell and seconded by Vicki Roy to appoint Barbara Emery as Deputy Town Clerk.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to appoint Christina Merry as Deputy Town Clerk.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Gerald Crowell to appoint Jeffrey Hoch as Supervisor _ Authority to invest Town monies.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Oaths of office for:

Jeffrey Hoch – Town Supervisor - \$22,880.00/Budget Officer - \$2,080.00

Michelle Ward – Town Clerk/Tax Collector - \$21,840.00

Registrar - \$998.00

Water Clerk(s) - \$2,101.00 (X2)

Steve Skiff – Town Highway Superintendent/Water System(s) Operator of Record - \$54,000.00

Gerald Crowell – Town Board - \$4,680.00

Jeffrey Lyng – Town Board - \$4,680.00

Barbara Emery – Deputy Town Clerk - \$17.00/hr.

Christina Merry – Deputy Town Clerk - \$17.00/hr.

Nettie Prusinowski – Planning Board

Cathy Dosztan – Zoning Board

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Gerald Crowell to accept the following designated positions...

Deputy Supervisor – Gerald Crowell

Deputy Highway Superintendent – Neil Mahoney

Building Committee – Gerald Crowell and Vicki Roy

Equipment Committee – Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Meeting Night – 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm

Town Newspaper – Watertown Daily Times

Town Bank – Community Bank

Eligible Depository – NYCLASS

Justice Clerk – Erin Murphy @ \$16.93/hr

Town Attorney(s) – Candace Randall and Ray Meier

Town Assessor – Rebecca Trudell @ \$23,920.00

Assessor Staff – Carroll Owens @ \$16.07

Town CPA – North Country Certified Public Accountants

Records Manager – Michelle Ward

Cemetery Sexton – Edward Chapman @ \$500.00

Dog Control Officer – Edward Johnson @ \$4,264.00

Custodian – Sheryl Virkler

Town Historian – Charles Bunke

After board discussion, a motion was made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Gerald Crowell to accept the proposal from Barton & Loguidice. They will be contacted to start the beginning stages of their proposal.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 11:35am

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next regular meeting January 10, 2023

