

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

October 11, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order on October 11, 2023 at 6:32pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Gerry Crowell

Councilwoman absent: Vicki Roy

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

CPA: Scott Lawrence

Citizens present: Mary Misek & Bill Hunt, Bill and Judi Houppert, Adam & Brook VanBrocklin, Linda Domagala

Meeting was started by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

New Business

Public Hearing

Public Hearing will be to hear all interested parties concerns regarding the proposed abandonment of the Bradish Road- Town of Watson-Lewis County-New York from a point just past the last (2) two residences (being: 6617 Bradish Road and 6620 Bradish Road) to the intersection of the Austin Road.

Motion made to open public hearing at 6:37pm for the abandonment by Gerry Crowell and seconded by Shawn Freeman.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Concerns discussed during the hearing were the road needing maintenance, amount of litter, amount of traffic, poachers, speed driven on the road, safety for children and fire department access. All parties were heard by the Town Board.

Motion made to close public hearing at 7:42pm by Gerry Crowell and seconded by Jeff Lyng.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

This has been tabled for further board discussion.

Linda Domagala approached the Town Board as a member of Singing Waters Senior Citizens Club asking for a donation from the Town towards there club. The Board will discuss this request.

Bill Hunt addressed the board stating that the Job Titles should be made more uniform. The Board will discuss this.

Micky Detritch was here from RACOG with a presentation on what services they provide for Towns. Some of the services include: IT consultant for website and e-mail services, staff resources and grant writing.

The Town Board will have a further discussion on whether to join with RACOG.

Financials

Scott Lawrence was here and reviewed the financials for September 2023. Any questions voiced were answered.

Minutes

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept the September 13, 2023 Town Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

BAR

Motion made to re-appoint Ronny Gingerich to the Board of Assessment Review for another term (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2028) was made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Gerry Crowell.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Budget

Budget Meeting will be October 27, 2023 at 5pm at the Town of Watson Office Building.

Highway

Update on Bailey Road Bridge Project: Design work has been currently put on hold. Information has been sent from the Watertown office to Albany structural department for further review. There have been yellow flags put on the bridge that will be addressed by the highway department.

Steve has been getting pricing a new snow plow and a snow plow for the new pick up truck that was purchased.

Water

Hydrant Flushing will be October 30 – November 3. There may be a change in water flow during this time.

Reviewing of the Edmunds Water Program, it was brought to the board for approval to purchase said program. The cost will be \$7,800 for the first year and \$2,400 for three years following that.

Motion made to purchase the program by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Gerry Crowell.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Planning Board

Meeting minutes from October 4, 2023 posted to the town website: www.townofwatsonny.com

Zoning Board

Next Meeting October 16,2023

Monthly Abstracts

Abstracts: October

General Fund – Voucher 241-266 - \$13,900.39

Highway – Voucher 100-109 - \$39,510.99

Water District – Voucher – 13 - \$21.82

Watson Water O & M – Voucher 52-62 - \$2,440.70

EDU – Voucher #1 - \$28,201.25

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept October abstracts.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

Monthly report for September 2023 for Town Clerk was submitted by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk.

Monthly Justice report for September 2023 was submitted by Justice Donald Regetz.

Motion made by Gerry Crowell and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept reports.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open Floor Discussion

Petries Corner Cemetery faucet was looked at by the water department and it was determined that it was put in when the water was initially installed, so it is a new faucet that does not need replacing at this time.

Mary Misek asked if there has been any further thought/plan to put in a water station at the Town Barn for public use at the cost of the user. Shawn Freeman is looking for pricing and supply cost at this time.

Executive Session

Motion made by Gerry Crowell and seconded by Jeff Lyng to go into executive session for personnel discussion at 8:17pm.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Gerry Crowell to come out of executive session at 8:46pm.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Gerry Crowell and seconded by Shawn Freeman to adjourn meeting at 8:47pm.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Absent: Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: November 8, 2023