

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

December 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town of Watson was called to order on December 14, 2022 at 6:32pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons: Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Councilperson Absent: None

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens Present: Bill and Judi Houppert, Mary Miseck & Will Hunt, Roger Burriss, Sharon Sauer

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jeffrey Hoch.

Town Business

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept November 9, 2022 & November 15, 2022 minutes.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Town Accountant: Scott Lawrence was present and reviewed the monthly financials – no questions or concerns for the board members after review.

Resolution #14-2022 – Transferring funds within a department from one budget classification to another, this would give the CPA the authority to move funds within accounts to balance the budget, was suggested.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept Resolution #14-2022.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Highway – Steve Skiff – Has the opportunity to order a Pickup Truck to replace the F250. It was stated that \$40,000 was in the budget for 2022 but with the increase in costs, he stated that another \$13,330.00 is needed for it.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to approve the additional cost for that truck.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Also requested by Steve, ordering an additional replacement truck for the 2008, to keep on his replacement schedule list. A F350 cab, chassis and dump box with a plow is what was requested. After board member's discussion, the replacement truck is approved with no plow.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Mike Hanno to approve the ordering of the truck.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

CHIPS money will be getting reimbursed 12/20/2022.

Next reimbursement, after submitting next week, will be March 2023.

There will be some roll over from CHIPS budget for 2022 to 2023, he will be using that for pavement of roads, Stillwater and McPhilimy.

Bridge NY Grant was requested to replace the box culvert on the Kotel Road, paperwork will be sent to see if it meets their approval.

Steve was able to sell some scrap steel for \$2,632.00 and is going to buy tools with the money for the garage.

Eye wash station has been installed in the highway garage.

New Business: UniFirst - First Aide has been told we no longer require their services.

Vicki Roy has written a letter to the DEC to address the issues and concerns that the Town currently has with individuals who are misusing the water, roads and woodlands with their horses. These concerns were addressed on the Town Board Meeting on the October 12, 2022. The letter was given to the Town Board members for approval and was tabled until next town meeting.

Starting 2023 - Watson Town Park will now have an application, use and deposit fee which will be required to be completed and paid to the Town Clerk prior to your reservation. You can get a copy of this on the website, www.townofwatsonny.com or come to the office and pick it up.

Paperwork was completed so the fire tax money will go directly to the fire department.

Organizational Meeting January 3, 2023 at 9:00am.

Discussion: Looking for grants to make park improvements.

Planning Board: They have been working on updating forms.

Working with ZBA on a moratorium on section 410 and 420 regarding the number of dwellings that can be on one property parcel.

They have been given an increase in wages starting 2023.

Zoning Board: At their meeting on November 21, 2022 it was decided that they will hold a regular scheduled meeting on the second Monday of every month starting December 12, 2022, If there is no agenda or hearing the chair will cancel the meeting and notify board members.

They have been given an increase in wages starting in 2023.

Water System – The Watson Water system has been mapped with DANC. In the spring a verification of all curb stops will need to be completed to complete this mapping.

Blower on water tank is not working correctly, an electrician is coming Friday to address it.

Steve has put together a list of spare parts and tools for the water system to use some of the BOND monies that were approved at the beginning of the water project.

Abstracts - Abstracts for December 2022 were submitted by Town Clerk.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Mike Hanno to accept abstracts for payment.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Reports - Justice report for November 2022 submitted by Justice Donald Regetz, were reviewed and accepted by the board members.

Town Clerk and Dog Fund reports for November 2022 were submitted by Town Clerk Michelle Ward, were reviewed and accepted by the board members.

Motion was made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept monthly reports.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Executive Session was called at 8:57pm to discuss personnel.

Motion made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Vicki Roy to go into executive session.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Motion made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Vicki Roy to come out of executive session at 9:49pm.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Next Meeting: January 3, 2023 at 9am

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk