

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order on February 9, 2022 at 6:32pm by Supervisor Jeffrey Hoch.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch
Council: Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy, Shawn Freeman
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens Present: Bill & Judi Houppert, Thomas Turck, Mary Misek, William Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hoch.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to accept the January minutes with corrections.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Thomas Turck was given the floor to discuss his water issues. Mr. Turck brought in pictures of his water from his point, and water from the Watson system. Some color differences. He has contacted the Board of Health and Claude Curley said he would contact Steve Skiff. More testing may need to be done. Discussion followed.

Organizational: Councilwoman Roy brought up posting things on Linking Lewis County website. The Municipalities don't get charged for some things, and others are about 1/2 price. Tabled discussion for now regarding the newspapers.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilwoman Roy to add Linking Lewis County as a media resource.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Building Committee – Mike Hanno & Vicki Roy

Equipment Committee – Jeff Lyng & Shawn Freeman

Highway: Superintendent Skiff discussed the County Radio System. Our radios are failing more, especially up towards Stillwater. Can get on the County System, we have to purchase our own radios, he has a quote from Castner Communications for \$37,551.96 (State Contract Price) which includes a base for the garage, 12 vehicle radios and portables. We can also have 2 lines dedicated to the Town of Watson. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Roy, seconded by Councilman Freeman to accept this quote.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Water Issue: William Allen has a 1 1/2" line and the compression sleeve came apart and flooded his finished cellar. The Allen's feel they shouldn't have to pay for the extra water that went through the meter, as it was no fault of theirs. Board agreed to forgive the water bill of \$35.30 water usage as it was not the Allen's fault.

Superintendent Skiff said the truck is at transfer company, will be going to Viking, and once it gets there the financing should be worked on. Doesn't know what is going on with the Pickup, Nick Nortz hasn't ordered it yet, and it was voted on back in December.

IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) with the County, gives the County all responsibility of designing the

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Wilson Bridge in 2022 & Construction in 2023. Supervisor Hoch stated he sent the Agreement to Ray Meier to review.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to approve & sign the IMA pending Attorney Meier's approval.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Superintendent Skiff also commented for the upcoming future, he's looking to purchase a wheeled excavator to replace the 2 gradalls which are 1985's. This is just for discussion & thoughts for the future.

Planning Board: Holding a Virtual Public Hearing on February 15, 2022 at 6:30pm regarding Mary Lou Guignard's Ice Cream Shop.

There was some discussion regarding the County Water Project, which Jeff Hoch & Mike Hanno were present. Supervisor Hoch wasn't impressed.

Justice Regetz received a letter of approval from the Grant he applied for. Most of which is for the Justice's Office area, some items for the Meeting/Courtroom were not granted.

Councilman Hanno made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Freeman at 8:05pm to discuss personnel.

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman at 9:17pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Hanno to appoint Michelle Ward as Town Clerk upon current Town Clerk's resignation and contingent upon Michelle's acceptance of terms.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Bills:

BAN – No Bills

Water Fund – No Bills

Water O & M – Vouchers # 11 – 19 - \$2,175.10

General Fund – Vouchers # 39 – 62 - \$17,121.75

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 11 – 20 - \$24,009.26

Motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilwoman Roy.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Reports: Town Clerk, Justice were passed for audit and approval. Justice also submitted his check for December, after locating the missing check which had been filed with other paperwork.

Motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Hanno to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to adjourn at 9:43pm.

All in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk