State of New York County of Lewis Town of Watson

The special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order at 9:10am on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Official Present:

Supervisor:

Jeff Hoch

Councilmen:

Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy, Shawn Freeman

Town Clerk:

Michelle Ward

Hwy Superintendent:

Steve Skiff

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Hoch.

Motion was made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept Christina Merry's Regisnation.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Watson Water - Discussion regarding the transfer of administrative fee from the Lowville Water to the Watson O&M account. Further decisions to be made.

Town Clerk- Motion made by Mike Hanno and seconded Shaun Freeman to appoint Michelle Ward as Town Clerk/Water Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Truck Financing – New truck financing was brought up for discussion. Getting a legal opinion from lawyers. Vicki asked about payment options, Yearly Payments of monthly payment and second loan option. Mike asked about an automatic withdrawal payment option. Jeff stated using a local bank. Using monies from the Equipment/Highway Contractual Fund \$40,000. – Tabled until 3/9/2022

Replacement of Equipment t Schedule- For Highway new replacement plan set up by Steve Skiff in regards to replacing equipment on a schedule. Pick Up Truck to be replaced this year (on schedule) if truck arrives at dealership.

ARPA Funds- It was discussed that the funds be used for truck replacement plan and put on the new equipment cycle plan. Also brought up that water district pay a portion of the truck replacement.

Vicki Roy questioned if the highway Fund has been repaid by the water fund for the installation of the water lines. Answer: From CPA –Not yet

Some discussion regarding monies from the water project to the general fund.

Shaun asked Steve about where the highway is at with getting/ordering the radios for the highway trucks.

Board Member questioning overpayment of health insurance and also receipts for money intake. Further discussion to follow.

Board tabled to approve \$10,500 for a loader for the highway department.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:35am by Mike Hanno and seconded by Vicki Roy – Personnel Discussion

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

Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:13am by Mike Hanno and seconded by Vicki Roy.

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

Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng for the board to appoint Christina Merry as a consultant at \$20.00/hr to the Town Clerk.

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

Nays: None Motion carried.

Board stated to advertise for deputy clerk. To advertised on website, linking lewis county and Watertown Daily Times and Journal. Applications to be taken until March 28,2002.

Tom Turck - Update that he took a water test to Converse.

Motion to adjourn Meeting at 11:25am - Vicki Roy and Mike Hanno and all in favor

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk