

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

May 14, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order on May 14, 2025 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff - absent

Citizens present: Bill Hunt, Mary Misek

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

#### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from April 9, 2025 with amendments were submitted for approval.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept meeting minutes.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Privilege of the floor opened

No comments

#### Petries Corner Church

Ad for the improvements has been placed with no returns back at this point.

#### Financials

CPA Scott Lawrence was present at the meeting to review Town financials.

#### Resolution # 17 – 2025 – Account Transfers

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to transfer amounts per resolution.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Resolution # 18 – 2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to transfer \$161,583.53 from A 5031 to A 5132.2.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution # 19– 2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to transfer \$100,000.00 from A 5031 to A 5132.2.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution # 20 – 2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to transfer \$175,811.73 from SW2 559N to SW2 9901.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution # 21– 2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to transfer \$100,000.00 from H 3089 to H 9901.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report

April 2025

Total in Community Bank - \$155,368.10

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,802,010.64

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,957,523.24

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept the Supervisor's Report for April 2025.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RACOG

Mickey Detritch was present to give the Town an update on RACOG upcoming meetings and events.

To see monthly RACOG newsletter go to <http://racog.org>

New Business

The Town Clerk received several phone calls this week asking about scholarships for a summer rec program through Double Play Sports that is offered to school aged children through the summer. Those that called stated that they were informed/advised to contact their local township and ask about a scholarship for the program.

After Town Board discussion, the Town does not have any scholarships available nor has it been made aware of any monies available (from County or State) that would be available for this program.

There was Town Board discussion about making some Town Park improvements. Many ideas were discussed; however, more information is needed. Suggestions were made by RACOG and Bill Hunt as to the possibility of receiving grant monies or help/money from other sources as well.

### Highway

More FEMA money has been deposited.

V. S. Virkler & Son, INC will be coming to crush the stone that the Town acquired from National Grid last year.

Garage improvements are underway.

Paving plans will be next month with the CHIPS allotment as well.

### Resolution # 22 – 2025 – Budget Transfer

For dump body for new truck that was previously budgeted in 2024.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Vicki Roy to transfer \$12,947.00 from DA599N to DA5130.2.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Water

Hydrant flushing was completed the week of April 21-25.

Highway department was fixing a fire hydrant that was damaged in a vehicle accident.

Watson Water Quality Report has been completed.

Lowville water quality report posted to the website.

### Planning Board

The County Planning Board reviewed the Temporary Moratorium of U.S.E.S.S Systems.

### Local Law #2 – 2025 – Temporary Moratorium on utility-scale energy storage systems

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept Local Law #2 – 2025.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Meeting held first Wednesday of each month. Meeting minutes posted to the town website:

[www.townofwatsonny.com](http://www.townofwatsonny.com) Quick Links, Departments, Planning Board

### Zoning Board

Meeting held the second Monday of each month. Meeting minutes posted to the town website:

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### Old Business

**DASNY Grant:** Grant monies has arrived after 8 years.

### Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: May 2025

General Fund – Voucher – 118-148 - \$171,694.14

Highway – Voucher – 49-62 - \$42,393.95

Water District – Voucher – 8-10 - \$12,606.01

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 32-39 - \$2,786.45

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to pay May 2025 abstracts.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Monthly Reports

Monthly report for April 2025 for Town Clerk & Dog Fund & Tax Collection was submitted by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Monthly Justice report for April 2025 was submitted by Donald Regetz, Town Justice.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept reports.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Adjourn

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to adjourn meeting at 9:35 PM.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried



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Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: June 11, 2025

\*To see the full resolution go to [townofwatsonny.com](http://townofwatsonny.com), Quick Links, Departments, Town Board, scroll down below Town Meeting Minutes and see Resolutions.

\* Local Law will be posted to website after acceptance from the State.