

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

June 11, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order on June 11, 2025 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Councilperson absent: Jeff Lyng

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff - absent

Citizens present: Bill Hunt, Mary Misek, Mackenzie Judd – RACOG, Jessica Baker, Joe Virkler

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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from May 14, 2025 was submitted for approval.

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Privilege of the floor opened

Joe Virkler and Jessica Baker addressed the board in regards to a subdivision they would like to complete. They were given contact information for the Planning Board Chairperson.

RACOG

Mackenzie Judd was here for an update about RACOG events.

An intermunicipal agreement with RACOG and the Town of Watson, was sent to the Town Board for approval. The agreement was discussed and signed by the Town Supervisor, Jeff Hoch and returned to RACOG.

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

Financials

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

Resolution #23 – 2025 – Account Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to make an cash transfer between Highway Fund and General Fund in the amount of \$143,572.62.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report

May 2025

Total in Community Bank - \$152,494.58

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,830,429.49

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,983,068.57

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept the Supervisor's Report for May 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence

The Town of Watson has been awarded an \$8,000.00 grant from Iroquois Pipeline for the Town Park bathroom update.

Hydrostor

There will be a meeting at the Lewis County Courthouse on Monday June 16, 2025 at 11:00AM for further discussion.

The County Manager, Deputy County Manager, Watson Town Supervisor and Croghan Town Supervisor were invited to attend.

Highway

Steve submitted the 284 Agreement for 2025. It states that road improvements will include parts of Hodge Rd, Stewart Lane, Crestview Drive, Kuntz Road, Wetmore Road and Loson Road. CHIPS Funding will be used to pay for this.

Motion was made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to approve the 284 agreement for 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Town Board signed the agreement.

The Cab and chassis have been delivered to Viking.

The highway has been changing culverts on the Hodge Road.

V. S. Virkler & Son, INC will be coming to crush the stone, still unsure of when.

Old Business

Assessor: The Town Board had 3 applicants for the Assessor position. They held interviews with the eligible potential candidates.

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to appoint Allen Mace as Town of Watson Assessor, starting at \$10.00/parcel within the Town of Watson for a 6-year term starting October 1, 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Data Collector: There will be further discussion about a data collector for the Town of Watson.

Highway Garage: Garage improvements have been underway. Waiting on window replacements.

Petries Corner Church: Board discussion about church repairs. Ad for the improvements was placed with no returns back at this point.

Town Park

Board was given an update on some suggested improvements, replacing some picnic tables, painting the pavilion roof, making a walking path and making the bathroom handicap accessible.

Further discussion upcoming.

Planning Board

Next meeting date for is scheduled for June 25, 2025 at 6:30PM, this will replace the July 2025 meeting.

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

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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Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: June 2025

General Fund – Voucher – 149-174 - \$67,495.74

Highway – Voucher – 63-75 - \$167,978.73

Water District – Voucher – 11 - \$23.00

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 40-48 - \$4,797.00

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

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

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

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept reports.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, 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 8:51 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: July 9, 2025

*To see the full resolution go to 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.