

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

June 8,2022

The regular meeting of the Town of Watson was called to order on May 11,2022 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeffrey Hoch.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

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

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens Present: Mary Misek & Bill Hunt, Jim & Eileen Fitzgerald, and Scott Lawrence

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jeffrey Hoch.

Town Business

Motion made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept May 11,2022 minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Town Accountant: Scott Lawrence reviewed the monthly financials for May, no questions or concerns voiced.

New Business: Town of Watson Park Use application brought to the board. It was approved that any person/persons reserving the park sign the agreement/application prior to use. The user would return signed application when deposit is dropped off with the clerk. This will come into effect as of now for anyone reserving from here on.

Discussion about offering a pool fill service to those in the Town of Watson, as there is now municipal water here.

Further information will be gathered on this in regards to a hydrant meter or a fill station at the Town Barn.

Motion made to table this made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng.

Discussion about an emergency dog contract between the town and Countryside Veterinary Clinic. This contract would put a dollar amount on the bill the Town is willing to cover if a dog had to be taken for an emergency visit to the clinic and the owner could not be found/contacted. Further details to follow.

Discussion was brought up about an Outside Water Use Agreement/Contract. Details about easements, who pays for what portions of installment, meter installment and EDU payments were discussed, Further information is needed to make any decisions at this point.

Nettie Prusinowski has brought to the town a request for a Resolution authorizing Lewis County to apply for 2022-2023 smart growth community planning and zoning grant program funds to advance the preparation and adoption of updated zoning regulations on behalf of the Town of Watson.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Swings have been ordered for the Town of Watson playground.

Discussion was brought to the town about requesting a sign for the Pine Grove Historical Church. It was suggested that the request go to the County as it is on a County road and the Town does not put signage on the County roads.

Highway – Steve Skiff – Update given on the amount of CHIPS that have been received - \$426,953. Some have been spent - \$30,00 for the road side mower and \$10,000 on road side tree cutting. A request to use the rest for paving with a breakdown with each road and amount was reviewed (depending on weather and time).

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Update on previous discussions: New plow truck was registered. Radio's working and bill will be coming. Town of Greig has been contacted and they are going to take the request for them to purchase the truck from the Town of Watson to the next board meeting, if it is denied the truck will be placed on the auction site.

Justice – Don Regetz stated that he has had several tickets come to the court with the wrong court date on them. He will be reaching out to the appropriate police departments to make changes.

Dog Control – Dog Control officer has requested that a warning letter be drawn up so that he can have something to give the individuals that are not complying with the law and getting their dog's registered. The clerk will put it together and contact the dog control officer after.

Water System – Steve has attempted to contact David Wood with no response as of yet, in regards to his water sample. Copenhagen Fire Department accessed a Town of Watson Fire hydrant without permission or notification in which set off a low water level alarm that Steve Skiff was notified of. A bill will be sent to the Village of Copenhagen for the water use \$0.03/gal x 10,000 and \$112.50 for the emergency alarm call. It will be sent this week.

Lead samples have been completed and submitted with no return response as of yet.

Meeting on May 25,2022 in regards to the meter operation issues has resolved the meter issues to this point, will see if all are completed after next read.

Motion was made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept the abstracts for June 2022.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Justice report for May 2022 submitted by Justice Donald Regetz, were reviewed and accepted by the board members. Town Clerk and Dog Fund reports for May 2022 were submitted by Town Clerk Michelle Ward, were reviewed and accepted by the board members.

Motion was made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Mike Hanno to accept monthly reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Mike Hanno to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Next Meeting : July 13,2022

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk