

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

July 9, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order on July 9, 2025 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

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

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens present: Jane Toomey, Wanda Turck, Terry & Joann Mostyn, Mickey Dietrich

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

Public Hearing for Local Law #3-2025 – A Local Law repealing Local Law#2-2010 with regard to a residency requirement for Highway Department Employees

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to open the public hearing at 6:31PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion included: Town of Watson residents getting precedence for the position, best candidate for the job, time it takes for the employee to get to the highway garage and requirements for the job.

With no further discussion

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to close the public hearing at 9:00PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

LOCAL LAW #3-2025

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept Local Law #3-2025.

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

Nays: Vicki Roy

Motion Carried

The Town Clerk will submit it to the State for approval.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from June 11, 2025 was submitted for approval.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept June 2025 meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Highway

Steve received FEMA reports on 9 sites within the Town that were effected by last year's flood.
Paperwork was received about the Baily Road Bridge not being considered historical.
Highway Department has been working on the Baldwin Road.
A part time employee has been mowing the roadsides.
Highway building project improvements almost complete.

Water

Water testing to be completed this month.

Privilege of the floor opened

Terry and Joanne Mostyn addressed the Town Board asking to have an extended speed zone on the North Chases Lake Road. They are concerned for the safety of those residents on the road. They would like the speed zone of 40mph extended. There was discussion about the process of changing/adding a speed zone. First step is that the interested parties need to get a petition together and return it to the town.

Park

There was discussion about improvements for the town park. One of the past renter stated that they bathrooms need to cleaned and stocked better. They would also like to see more outlets in the pavilion.
Board discussion about moving forward with the bathroom renovations.
Vicki addressed the board with a grant that she would like the Town to apply for to make further improvements with the landscape/equipment for the park, which the grant will need a money amount that the town is willing to contribute.

Resolution # 24 – 2025 – Park Money

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to contribute \$10,000 from appropriated fund balance to go toward park improvement expenses.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Thank You card was received from Wanda Turck about the Town purchasing a pickle ball net for public use.

Financials

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

Resolution #25-2025 – Emergency Repairs

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to change DA 962N – Budget Provisions for other use to DA 5130.41 – Machinery – Contractual.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #26- Budget Transfer

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng for a transfer of \$114.41 from DA 5110.4 – Maintenance of Roads to DA 9055.8 – Employee Benefits.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #27 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng for a transfer of \$500.00 from SW2 8340.4 – Contractual – Water Transmission & Distribution to SW2 9030.8 – Employee Benefits – Social Security & Medicare.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report

June 2025

Total in Community Bank - \$105,099.82

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,833,610.92

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,938,855.24

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Budget Workshop

First budget workshop public meeting will be August 20, 2025.

Resolution #28-2025

Resolution calling on Governor Kathy Hochul to veto S.8012/A.8332 Relating to the assessment of solar and wind energy systems

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept Resolution #25-2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RACOG

Mickey Dietrich was here for an update about RACOG events.

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

Hydrostor

Update on the meeting that was held at the county building. No decisions have been made with Hydrostor as where/what to do next.

JCAP Grant

Town Justice approached the Town Board with the option to apply for a JCAP grant for improvements within the common area of the Municipal office. He was asking for suggestions about any improvements.

Planning Board

The Board was addressed with the issue with Kovach Land Surveying.

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: July 2025

General Fund – Voucher – 31, 175-196 - \$13,756.36

Highway – Voucher – 77-89 - \$75,090.59

Water District – Voucher – 12 - \$23.00

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 49-56 - \$12,777.88

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Shawn Freeman to pay June 2025 abstracts.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to adjourn meeting at 9:27 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: August 13, 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.