

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

July 13 ,2022

The regular meeting of the Town of Watson was called to order on July 13 ,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: Harold Keefer, Christina Meagher, Neil Pepper, Mike Leviker, 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 Shawn Freeman to accept June 8 ,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 June, no questions or concerns voiced.

Scott also brought to the town a possible change with banking, NYCLASS, he will look further into it and get more information.

New Business:

ATV Access - Neil Pepper and Mke Leviker approached the Town requesting consideration to open some roads in the Town of Watson for ATV access to connect Town of Greig or Martinsburg to the Town of New Bremen. There suggestion was to open the East Martinsburg Road, Number Four, Snell Road and Olmstead Road bringing them to the Town of New Bremen. They also stated that if there would be different roads to connect that they would be interested in what ever the town would offer. They stated that ATV's increase the economy in the areas they pass through, whether buying of gas, snacks, meals or overnight lodging.

Discussion about this included: Opening roads for ATV and snowmobile could open up Watson for access to outside townships so it benefits our residents. Whether it's businesses or local people who enjoy the sport. Not only as a town to pass through.

Watson Water:

Outside water user agreement application was discussed. Further details to follow.

Resolution #5-2022 – Town of Watson – Regarding the sale of water was adopted by the town board, pending DEC approval.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Mike Hanno.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Resolution #6-2022 – Town of Watson – Regarding Statewide Aquastore Proposal to replace damage dome roof and otherwise repair water tower was adopted by the town board.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Mike Hanno.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Resolution #7-2022 – Town of Watson – Regarding the authorizing the agreement between the NYSDOT and the Town of Watson for implementation and funding of 100% of the costs of Bailey Road Bridge over Independence River Project, of which qualified costs may be reimbursed from bridge NY funds – Contract # D040462/PIN 7754.10 was adopted by the town board.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Mike Hanno.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Highway – Steve Skiff – Town employees worked the primary election day to complete the first paving. First paving has been completed on the River Road, Hoch Road, and McPhelimy Road from the Baldwin Road to the Erie Canal Road. Road sides have not been completed at this time, but will be as time/weather allows.

Culvert on the Stillwater Road is to be put in next week. All necessary permits/instructions have been obtained for the trout stream interference.

No pickup truck still available to The Town.

New swings have been installed at the Town of Watson playground. Cement step, by the bathroom, and around the cement slab near the bathroom have been painted, for safety.

Town of Greig has purchased the old plow truck, transaction has been completed.

Steve Skiff suggested to the town board that they look into extra summer help or outside sourcing mowing of lawns at the town/park and cemeteries.

Water System

Water leak on the Hodge Road 07/05/2022 – was fixed by NCC under contract.

Water sample for Mr. Wood has come back satisfactory for bacteria levels.

Dog Control -The clerk and dog control officer have put together a warning letter to give as proof when they are not complying with the dog laws. Edward Johnson has them and will start to use them when necessary

Monthly Bills

Motion was made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept the abstracts for July 2022.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Shawn Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Next Meeting: August 10 ,2022

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk