

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

August 14, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on August 14, 2024 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

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

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Not Present

Citizens present: Bill Hunt, Mary Misek, Andrea Moroughan, Micky Detrich, Scott Lawrence

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

#### Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept July 22, 2024 meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Financials

Scott Lawrence, CPA was present to review July financial reports and answer questions pertaining to it.

Budget Workshops date will be August 21, 2024 6pm, August 28, 2024 6pm and September 3, 2024 6pm if needed to compose the Town budget for 2025.

\* Resolution #12 - 2024 – Transfer of monies from A1410.12 – Deputy Clerk Payroll to A9055.8 Disability Insurance was proposed.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept fund transfer.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Supervisors Report

July 2024

Total in Community Bank - \$75,414.11

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,295,769.37

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,371,327.98

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept the Supervisor's Report for July 2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## RACOG

Micky Detrich was present to update Board on upcoming meeting 9/26/24 and new information.

To view RACOG monthly newsletter: <http://racog.org>

## New Business

Town of Watson policy with regard to taking photographs or making audio and video recordings of Town Government activities and proceedings was given to the Board for discussion.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept policy.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Hearing will be scheduled for purposes of overriding Tax Cap for 2025.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to pay Town portion of Bridge NY bill when it arrives.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## County Legislator

Andrea Moroughan was present to update the Town on meetings that have transpired because of the recent flooding and damage to Town of Watson and County roads. She stated that the County will be paying for the engineer from Barton and Logituice to survey damage and design the structures that are needed to permanently fix the Town of Watson culverts and bridges. There has been a meeting with FEMA as well – Currently proposed that FEMA would pay 75%, State 12.5% and Town 12.5%. Reimbursement could take up to 5 years. Further updates as discussion continues.

## Highway

All Town of Watson roads are passable from the recent flooding washouts.

Highway contract negotiations are ongoing.

## Water

Water Rate Fee Schedule for 2025 will be reviewed and discussed at future meeting.

## Town Park

Reservation for the Town park can be made by contacting Michelle Ward, Town Clerk for availability. There is \$50.00 refundable deposit fee and a \$25.00 use fee that are both due upon reservation contract completion and submission to reserve date requested. Park application and rules are posted at [www.townofwatsonny.com](http://www.townofwatsonny.com). Go to Quick Links, All Boards and Watson Town Park.

### Planning Board

Planning Board Chairperson has provided a copy of current application fees to the Town Board and will provide new rates to the board when they are agreed upon.

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

[www.townofwatsonny.com](http://www.townofwatsonny.com)

### Zoning Board

Zoning Board Chairperson was contacted with regards to application fees. Implementing Zoning application fees will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

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

[www.townofwatsonny.com](http://www.townofwatsonny.com)

### Old Business

**Highway Garage:** Tables for future discussion

**Bailey Rd. Bridge:** Currently waiting on the State for further instruction.

**Petries Corner Church Cemetery Building:** Renovations/fixes – tabled.

**Bradish Road:** Tabled

**Zoning Officer:** Will be discussed with fee application changes.

**Planning Board:** Future discussion of application fees

**Zoning Board:** Future discussion of application fees

### Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: August 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 153, 160, 205-229 - \$22,213.99

Highway – Voucher – 68-79 - \$114,356.78

Water District – Voucher – 15-17 - \$1,078.57

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 52-61 - \$4,488.8

Motion made by Town Board to pay abstracts.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Monthly Reports

Monthly report for July 2024 for Town Clerk, Dog Fund and Tax Collector was submitted by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk.

Monthly Justice report for July 2024 was submitted by Donald Regetz, Town Justice.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Citizen Comments

Citizen would like the outside office bulletin board updated. - Clerk will update

Citizen would like to have a welcome boucher for the Town of Watson available to new residents. Possible information to be included: Public Relations, History of the Town and Administrative, etc.

Adjourn

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to adjourn meeting at 8:40pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



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Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: September 11, 2024

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