

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

August 13, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order on August 13, 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: Jayen Coiwehl, Karen Giroux, Bill Hunt, Mary Misek

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

#### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from July 9, 2025 was submitted for approval.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept July 2025 meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Privilege of the floor opened

Karen Giroux addressed the Town Board with a concern about the increase in ATV/UTV traffic on/around the McPhilmily Rd area. She asked if the Town of Watson is open to ATV/UTV traffic. She was told that the Town of Watson is not open to this traffic. She asked if signage could be put up. She also asked how/who to make a complaint with. To make a complaint about the ATV/UTV traffic the police department needs to be contacted by the complainant.

The Roads in the Town of Watson are not open to ATV traffic.

#### RACOG

Jayen Ciowehl was here for an update about RACOG events. He asked if the Town of Watson was interested in the diamond mapping. Highway Superintendent stated that we use DANC for this. He asked if the Town was interested in the RACOG Student Council helping with the town park. We declined the help at this time.

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

#### Financials

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

#### Resolution #29-2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to transfer \$2,500.00 from A1420.4 – Attorney – Contractual to A1410.2 – Deputy Clerk Payroll.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Resolution #30-2025 Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to transfer \$139,650 from A5132.411 – Garage – Improvements – ARPA to DA5130.2 – Equipment.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Supervisors Report

July 2025

Total in Community Bank - \$123,094.59

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,755,035.18

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,878,274.27

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### New Business

Highway contract is up for renewal. Discussions with highway union, highway department and Town Board in the future.

Public hearing for Local Law #4 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 will be set for September 10, 2025 at 6:30PM – regular Town Board meeting.

#### Hydrostor

Final draft for supplemental regulation has been drafted. No decision has been made on what Town this project will be offered to.

#### Highway

Highway department has been and will be paving.

CHIPS report was submitted for \$49,000.00.

Highway garage project has been completed.

Highway Superintendent approached the Town Board about purchasing a bull dozer. The board discussed this, with further discussion to follow.

Gravel the Town received from National Grid has been crushed to useable sizes.

#### Water

Water leak found and fixed.

#### Justice - Resolution #31-2025 – JCAP Grant

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Vicki Roy the Board of Watson authorizes the Town of Watson Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Dog Control

There was a dog control meeting held on July 31 in which many towns were present. The Town of Watson Dog Control Officer – Jeremy Kelly, Town Supervisor – Jeffrey Hoch, Town Justice – Donald Regetz were present. There was much discussion on what to do if a dog is picked up after hours of the vet/humane society and needs emergency care. More discussion to follow.

Lewis County Humane Society did present a budget proposal to all Towns. Further review of this to come.

### Park

The playground equipment has been painted.

Pratt Northern grant has been submitted.

### Budget Workshop

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

### Planning Board

Planning Board meeting for August was cancelled.

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

[www.townofwatsonny.com](http://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 Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to pay July 2025 abstracts.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Monthly Reports

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

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

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill 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 Jeff Lyng to adjourn meeting at 8:55 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



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Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: September 10, 2025

\*To see the full resolution go to [townofwatsonny.com](http://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.