

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

August 10 ,2022

The regular meeting of the Town of Watson was called to order on August 10,2022 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeffrey Hoch.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons: Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Councilperson Absent: Mike Hanno

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens Present: Mary Misek & Bill Hunt, Bill and Judi Houppert, and Scott Lawrence

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jeffrey Hoch.

Town Business

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept July 13, 2022 minutes.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mike Hanno

Motion so carried.

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

New Business: Resolution for Budget transfers required.

Lowville Fire Department asking about tax money.

Justice – Donald Regetz brought to the board new bids for the work to be done using the JCAP monies. The Town Board accepted/agreed on Shawn Tiffany’s bid. He will be contacted to start the work.

Zoning Board – New members were brought to the Town for approval. Rebecca Kelly and James Pawlowski were appointed for a 1 year term.

Water – Resolution # 8 - Setting status under SEQR and assuming lead agency status – Town of Watson WD #4 Ext #1 – Additional User – accepted by the Town Board. Discussion/explanation with citizens present on not expanding the water district but adding an outside water user.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept Resolution #8.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mike Hanno

Motion so carried.

Highway – Steve Skiff – Moving forward with the Bailey Road Bridge project.

Finished Stillwater drainage pipes, road does need blacktop yet.

CHIPS money will be used for sealing roads.

There is still no new pick up truck for the highway department.
The new mower has arrived and is working well.

Dog Control – Ed Johnson has requested a map/list of all residential property in the Town of Watson for the enumeration that needs to be completed. A list will be obtained from the County Treasurer as soon as possible.

Water System – Copenhagen Fire Department – has settled their water bill. There was a water leak at Turck's trailer park which was fixed with the help of NCC. Dave Wood's water sample tested good. Steve spoke with him in regards to the current situation and testing.

Planning Board – Member Dean Oakes has completed his term. The planning board has decided to not fill that spot and continue with the current members. Judi Houppert stated that are working on a Town Law for regulating communication tower placement within the Town of Watson. They are also putting together, with the help of Lewis County, an up to date and organized list of local laws for the Town of Watson.

Motion was made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept the abstracts for August 2022.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mike Hanno

Motion so carried.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mike Hanno

Motion so carried.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mike Hanno

Motion so carried.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2022

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk