

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell  
Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch, Ronald Pominville – Absent  
Town Clerk: Christina Merry  
Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens Present: Judi Houppert, Mary Misek, Bill Hunt, Shawn Freeman.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Hanno to accept the July Minutes as read.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Town Justice, Don Regetz was given the floor to go over his monthly report for the Board. He explained what each report was and what it reflected.

Justice Regetz also explained that there is a Grant Program (JCAP) which is funding for Justices, & Court. Explained what can be purchased with this money, and if the room is a shared room (such as our meeting room), this Grant will reimburse 50% of expenditures.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to authorize Justice Don Regetz to apply for a Grant through the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP).

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell.

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the Water District 4, Extension # 1 Emergency Response Plan, stating this is something we need in place for the closing of the project. Had been emailed to Board members, and there were no changes to be made.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to approve this Emergency Plan.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell.

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell introduced the Zoning Adoption Checklist showing the order to follow when passing new/amended Zoning Laws.

Chris discussed Muncipay, to take payments in the Office and Online for Water, & EDU payments with credit/debit cards. Was discussed that more & more people only use cards, don't use cash or checks.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to allow Chris to go ahead with getting this set up.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell.

Nays: None

Motion so carried, with the percentage rate users will pay posted on the Website.

Superintendent Skiff said that the Bailey Bridge is taken care of. There is a Highway Superintendent Association Conference at the end of September that he would like to attend. He will get more information on cost.

**Planning Board:** Judi Houppert's position was changed to Alternate. Two meetings a month has been suggested, one regular meeting and one to work on the Zoning Laws. Nettie would like her computer set up to our printer. The Village of Lowville Water Project is coming back to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing.

**Water:** Discussed the paperwork sent by Kevin, and Supervisor Crowell would like Kevin to attend a meeting to further explain. Doesn't look as though the DASNY Grant is likely at this time. The Town can use the ARPA funds and money from the General Fund to make up what the DASNY Grant was to be. And should the Grant come through in the future, the money can be put back in the Funds.

**Don DuPrey:** Reviewed Don's update on the Project.

Judi Houppert brought up that the Planning Board would like to be a 7 member Board. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to increase the Planning Board to 7 members.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell.

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Monthly Bills:**

BAN: Vouchers # 40-43 - \$818,998.73

Water Fund: Voucher # 17 - \$21.86

Watson O & M – Vouchers # 14 – 17 - \$699.73

General Fund – Vouchers # 177 – 196 - \$\$4,555.25

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 83 – 103 - \$276,900.65

Motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Monthly Reports:** Town Clerk, Justice and Town Supervisor's monthly reports were passed for audit and approval.

Motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Hanno to approve the monthly reports.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to go into Executive Session at 8:45pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Hoch to close Executive Session at 9:47pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to adjourn at 9:48pm. All in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Town Offices at 6::30pm. This will also be a Public Hearing. There will also be a meeting on Friday, August 20, 2021 at 7:30am to work on the Budget and other Town Business.

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Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk