

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 February 10, 2021 by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell

Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng

Town Clerk: Christina Merry

Deputy Clerk: Lori Darling-Johnson

Hwy Superintendent: Stephen Skiff

Citizens Present: Scott Lawrence, CPA, Bill & Judi Houppert, Shaun Freeman, Vicki Roy, William Hunt, Mary Misek.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to accept the minutes to the January 13<sup>th</sup>, and Special Meeting January 20<sup>th</sup>, as read.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Scott Lawrence, CPA** was given the floor. Financial's were through February 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussed talking with Supervisor & Chris – items that need to be moved around, and coding. Suggested the Board take home the financial report and write down any questions for a special meeting to go over them. Discussed the Plow Truck and financing- any type of scenario can be worked up. Banks will not do anything now because truck delivery won't be for 13 months. Discussed 1 truck or 2 at this time. Superintendent Skiff mentioned we need one right now, and cycling out would be quicker if we got 2, but they would go with one right now. Down Payment of \$100,000.00 for one truck would leave a yearly payment of around \$35,000, which is less than the last truck purchase. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to go ahead and purchase one truck from Stadium with plow and putting \$100,000.00 down.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Shared Services Emergency Agreement** with the NYS Dept. of Transportation. This was discussed, and it is only in an Emergency situation. This agreement can be for 2 years or 4 years.

Motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept this Agreement for a term of 4 years.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the quote from Tim Munn, our Computer Manager & Technician, for upgrading some of our equipment and increase speed. Asked if he would come in and do a presentation, and will schedule it for March meeting.

**Creg Systems: Quote:** Steve Willard, Rodger from Creg Systems, Gerry and Jeff Hoch, went up to the well site and tank site. Steve Willard stated he felt we didn't need a camera on the tank. A keypad will be on both doors at the well site. Will get a revised quote.

**Covid Plan:** Supervisor Crowell & Superintendent Skiff watched a Webinar. Superintendent Skiff has a plan in place, but it needs to be approved by the Teamsters.

Supervisor Crowell stated that Hon. Lacey Northrup recommended by Judge Merrell to act as interim Justice. Supervisor Crowell met with Lacey, along with Court Clerk Erin Murphy and appointed Justice Donald Regetz. Lacey is a Justice in the Town of Martinsburg, has requested \$25/hr. And will need to open

a bank account until Mr. Regetz can take over.

Motion to appoint Hon. Lacey Northrup as Acting Justice at \$25.00 was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Maintenance:** Supervisor Crowell discussed maintenance on equipment in the office and at the garage.

Heating issue in the office, the back furnace. Garage hanging units - \$500.00/year, Office fuel carrier units - \$200.00/year. Suggested looking into maintenance on a regular basis.

**Construction Contract #2** – Resolution to Adjust. This is in regards to a change in the fencing gate, a sliding gate rather than a swing gate.

Motion made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Lyng to approve & accept this change order adjustment.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Highway:** Superintendent Skiff has a quote from Midstate for radios, monthly charges. Also, they will do a survey for \$1,500.00 to locate dead spots. Discussion followed. Was decided to do a survey.

Has 1 paving quote – 2 ½ miles culverts, & overlay - \$195,000.00. Top of Chase Lake Road hill to Pine Grove Road, Hodge Road, & Gyore Road.

**Planning Board:** Solar Law Public Hearing was changed to the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Water:** Currently at a stand still, Tank should be constructed soon. North Country Constructors hope to come in by March to finish to Memories, and up the Pine Grove Road. Fuel tanks are at the well site.

**Monthly Bills:**

Bond Fund: Voucher #6 - \$51,143.06

Water Fund: Voucher # 3 - \$ 22.05

General Fund: Vouchers # 33 – 51 - \$59,976.34

Highway Fund – Voucher # 11 – 22 - \$27,834.31

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Monthly reports:** of the Town Clerk & Supervisor were passed for audit and approval.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Iroquois Gas** – has grants \$2,500 - \$10,000 available, can be used to improve, upgrade park. Watson is eligible.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Lyng to adjourn at 8:37pm. All in favor.

Next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:30pm.

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Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk