

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

The Budget meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 9:00am by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell
Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Absent-Jim Freeman
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Absent

Also present were Scott Lawrence, CPA, Vicki Roy.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Budget talk began with Councilman Pominville stating that he feels the Town should be paying for the flags distributed in Beaches Bridge Cemetery as it is in the Town, and there are many residents buried there. This was in regards to the Town being billed by the American Legion for flags placed on service-men's graves every year. Board members all were in favor.

Scott Lawrence discussed the Fringe Benefits and what it included. What was budgeted for this year was very high. Discussion followed.

There was some discussion regarding the corrections to Chris's coding for bills, adding more of an itemized billing, will make the Budget easier to read in the future and give a better outlook on future Budgets.

Supervisor Crowell also mentioned he spoke with Jarrod Radley of NYSDOT in Watertown regarding any unused CHIPS money, if it is rolled over. Mr. Radley clarified that it does roll over to the next year and we are not penalized.

Budget meeting ended at 11:40am.

The meeting continued with discussion on the water project, and with Board appointments.

Chris stated that the following people needed to be reappointed to their Boards:

Nettie Prusinowski – Planning Board, Dean Oakes – Planning Board, Maryann Vargulick – ZBA, Ross Phelps – ZBA, Cathy Dosztan – ZBA, and Cathy Dosztan – BAR.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to reappoint these members to their respective Boards.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the Water Fee Schedule. Discussion followed regarding the interest rate for late payments. Will check with the CPA and talk with one of the other Town Clerks to see how they do their billing. Discussion also followed regarding the Water District.

Supervisor Crowell discussed Chris needing a Deputy Clerk, especially during the month of January.

Chris will put an ad in the newspaper.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno at 1:15pm. All in favor. Next Budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk