

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 6:27pm on Wednesday, June 9, 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: Scott Lawrence, CPA, Mary Misek, Karl Muncy

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Scott Lawrence was given the floor to go over the Financials ending June 7, 2021. Most of everything is running about normal, a few items seem above normal, but not to extensive. Questions and answers followed. A question was asked as to when the water would be hooked up. It will begin being hooked up starting at the Tank and coming down the Number Four Road, within the next few weeks.

Superintendent Skiff had a question for the Board. He explained that the Chips money is about \$525,725.00 which includes what we didn't use from last year and with this year's allotment. He would like permission from the Board to add a couple more roads to what he already said he was going to do, Sperryville Road, and Sand Pond Road. Discussion followed. The Board was in agreement to allow Superintendent Skiff to add the two roads, as long as Scott Lawrence calculates the money is available until the Chips money comes in.

Resolution # 7 – to adjust the Legal Services from the original amount dated December 7, 2017 and an amendment to that amount dated September 10, 2020 to maximum not exceed \$23,000.00 for additional services not anticipated at start of project.

A motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Hanno to pass this Resolution #7.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Bond Counsel Resolution #8: To increase the amount by \$5,000.00 maximum not to exceed \$32,500.00 for additional services not anticipated at start of project.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to pass this Resolution #8.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Fiscal Advisors Resolution #9 : To increase their not-to-exceed fee by \$7,525 for increased time and cost for financial advisory for a maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$25,525.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to pass this Resolution #9.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Amendment Resolution to Owner-Engineer Agreement - Not acted on at this time.

North Country CPA's Resolution # 10: To increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$5,500.00 for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$10,500.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Hanno to pass this Resolution #10.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Audit Budget Resolution # 11: To decrease the cost of the Audit by \$10,000.00 from the original Single Audit Budget. The fee is now a not-to-exceed fee of \$19,000.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to pass this Resolution #11.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Change Order Resolution # 12: To increase the amount of Construction Contract #1 to include a cost of \$27,000.00, to include installation of PRV's with each water meter installed.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to pass this Resolution #12.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Comprehensive Plan: Has been returned from the County, some wording adjustments have been made. Will have a Public Hearing at the July 14th meeting at 6:30pm pass this Plan.

Opt-Out: This is in regards to the Marijuana Law recently passed. If we want to Opt-out of this, a Local Law will need to be passed with a Permissive Referendum. If we receive a Permissive Referendum, then it will go on the ballot in November.

Resignation: Lori Darling-Johnson submitted her resignation as Deputy Clerk effective immediately.

Motion to accept her resignation was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Highway: Superintendent Skiff stated John Westburg and himself attended Water Training last week.

Will be working on the Hodge Road tomorrow. And he signed the Grant paperwork on Monday for the Bailey Bridge. Also stated that we will be getting a bill from Groff Towing, as one of the trucks had a mishap and went off the shoulder of the road and they needed help getting it back on the road.

Planning Board: Councilman Hoch stated that the Solar Law SEQR was done wrong, sent back to the County. When it comes back, the Board will have to hold a Public Hearing.

The July meeting for the Planning Board will be held on Monday, July 19th instead of July 7th.

Water Project: Supervisor Crowell read the update by Donald DuPrey. Continuing to install services on River Road, crew working to complete services that were blasted. Once River Road is complete, will make their second pass at services that have come in late, Pine Grove Road mainline is almost complete, one small section to complete after blasting again, Punch lines are being generated and prepped to be sent to Contractors of Contract's 2,3, & 4, storage tank & all water main from tank to well site has been approved by Dept. of Health for use.. Testing & disinfecting from wellsite down Number Four Road to continue for use.

Monthly Bills:

Bond Anticipation Note: Vouchers 30 – 33 - \$57,710.99

Watson O & M: Vouchers # 6 – 9 - \$1,386.86

Water Fund – Vouchers # 13-14 – \$47.03

General Fund – Vouchers # 127 -155 - \$25,528.60

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 60 – 70 - \$4,359.64

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Reports:

The monthly reports of the Town Clerk, & Supervisor were passed for audit and approval. The Justice will submit his report for the next meeting.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Lyng to adjourn at 8:06pm. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:30pm. This will also be a Public Hearing.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk

