

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, May 12, 2021 by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell

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

Town Clerk: Christina Merry

Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens Present: Will Hunt, Mary Misek, Judi Houppert, Vicki Roy, Joe Kuhta, Ann Pominville.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Crowell.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to accept the minutes from the April 14th, and April 21st meetings.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Financials: Board members received a copy of the most recent Financials, were advised to look them over and if a special meeting was required, to let Supervisor know and one would be scheduled. Scott, CPA should be at the June meeting.

Fiscal Advisory Services Agreement Amendment: This has been tabled until the June meeting, as there was a question raised regarding the way the Amendment reads. Question if it is an increase or a decrease. Supervisor Crowell will contact John Shedhadi.

Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for Town of Watson: This pertains to the recent Covid-19 Pandemic, as well as any other emergency situations that may occur, to take care of Employees, and at home working.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept this Plan.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Construction Meeting: At the last construction meeting it was brought up about PRV's (Pressure Reducing Valves) at each residence. This would protect the homeowners as well as the Town, and Jeff Proulx, from North Country Contractors, gave an estimate of \$27,000.

Motion to accept this tentative cost per change order was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Pominville..

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell read a letter he wrote up to send to residents regarding the PRV's, and also letting people know they have until June 30,2021 to sign up for water if they choose.

Judge Northrup – submitted letter of resignation effective as of May 13, 2021, her last day of mentoring Justice Requetz.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept her letter of resignation.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell would like to take this opportunity to thank Justice Northrup for stepping in as

Justice until Justice Regetz completed his course.

Discussion regarding the Assessor position.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the closing of the project, and how it will proceed. Expected closing will be around the 24th or 25th of June.

Discussion regarding the Wi-Fi upgrade followed.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the update on the Project submitted from Don DuPrey.

Highway: Superintendent Skiff passed out logs of three plow trucks use. #21 – Chase Lake Road, #22- Upper Number Four road, #23- lower end of Town, for 2020 & 2021 to date, with estimated costs for Cost/hr, Man Hrs/regular, Man Hrs/OT, Salt/Sand, Loader Time, P/U w/Plow. Superintendent stated he's all set with the Trac-Hoe. John Westburg & Superintendent will be attending Morrisville for four(4) days the first of June for Water Training. Superintendent & Mike Pleskach will be at the Well site at 7:30am Thursday.

Planning Board: Jeff Hoch & Judi Houppert stated that the connections for ZOOM were not available for their meeting. Chris apologized, she forgot to set them out. Planning Board currently has four(4) members, but also have a couple of applications.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the Justice Audit, and possibility of the Firm Stackel & Navarra to do this. Supervisor and Chris spoke with Bowers & Company about how our financials are handled. Superintendent Skiff also noted that the Grant paperwork has been submitted for the Bailey Bridge.

Monthly Bills:

BAN: Vouchers # 21- 29 - \$1,141,478.08

Water Fund – Vouchers #11-12 - \$16,824.67

Watson O & M – Vouchers # 4 -5 - \$268.34

General Fund – Vouchers # 99 – 126 - \$33,720.31

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 48 – 59 - \$49,239.07

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Reports: Town Clerk & Justice Monthly reports were passed for Audit & Approval. CPA's office hasn't sent Supervisor's reports.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Comprehensive Plan: Supervisor Crowell stated we now have the SEQR Long Form to replace the short form. The Board agreed to it's contents.

This has a negative Environmental Impact on the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Crowell will sign and then it will be sent to the County, as they already have a copy of the Comprehensive Plan and the short SEQR form.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Lyng. All in favor.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk