

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 6:29pm on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell
Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Stephen Skiff, Jr.
Code Enforcement Officer: Absent

Citizens Present: Judi & Bill Houppert, Nettie Prusinowski, Jeff Lyng, Kia & Ray Higby, Vicki Roy, Ann Pominville, Linda Shumway.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Supervisor Crowell.

Minutes to the Regular Meeting on Nov. 11, 2020, and Special Meeting held on Nov. 23, 2020:

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept these minutes as read.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Nettie Prusinowski – Chairperson of Planning Board, was given the floor to discuss the Comprehensive Plan, that is now finished.

Nettie went over briefly all the parts to the Comprehensive Plan, and explained certain areas more in depth.

Asked if there were any questions. SEQR is being done by Hartley, DANC and will go along with document.

Board thanked Nettie for her presentation.

Land Bid(s): Received only one (1) bid for the property on Lustyik Camp Road. Jessica & Michael Overton from Pulaski bid \$721.00. Some discussion followed.

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hanno to accept this bid.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried. Will have to advertise a Permissive Referendum and wait thirty (30) days before the purchase can be finalized.

Dog Control Officer: One application so far, have until December 31, 2020 to submit.

Highway: Superintendent Skiff discussed the Pickup Plow Truck. Pricing is still good. \$36,000.00 for the Truck & \$6,320 for installed plow.

Supervisor Crowell stated he had discussed financing this purchase and possible purchase of a Plow/Dump truck with Scott Lawrence, CPA. Mr. Lawrence stated financing is really the way to go for a Plow Truck. Steve is not ready to purchase Plow Truck, wants to do more shopping around, and still has salesmen coming around.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to purchase the Pickup Truck with Plow for \$42,320.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Steve also spoke of an Action Plan, meeting with a couple other Towns yet, but this is to have a plan in place should our Township, or another Township Highway Dept. goes down due to the Coronavirus. Swivelhead has been installed on the mower. Ordering new Culverts, and getting quotes for paving.

Planning Board: Need to know who to contact at the County after the first of January.

Chris said that Ward Dailey came by the other day, to look over how much they needed to pick up from the Code Enforcement. Will be in touch as to a date they will get the records.

Water: Easement for National Grid to run the poles.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Tank should be delivered December 14, 2020, Erected in mid January. Spencer Electric – waiting for the Electricity, Henderson Bros. - Exterior & interior 80% done. North Country Contractors – no more piping this year.

Supervisor Crowell asked Nettie Prusinowski about the Solar Law. Discussed the template we received from the County. Nettie replied that she has fixed a few things in the Law, and has a few more things to add, once completed she will send it to Gerry and he can pass it on to Ray Meier for approval.

Ray Higby was given the floor. Asked questions regarding the Local Law #2 of 2018 regarding the Water Regulations. Wanted to know what he needed to do to his trailer (that he said is storage) to remove it from an EDU. The Local Law does not clarify. Also, Linda Shumway asked why she has to pay EDU's on vacant property. Councilman Hoch replied to her question, that the vacant property can be developed. Further discussion followed regarding Ray's question and Linda's questions. Supervisor Crowell then made a announcement regarding the Water Rules and Regulations, and anything that transpired before he took office, and that anyone that had complaints or concerns should have submitted a Permissive Referendum back then, that we have to follow Rural Development's Rules now that they are involved, and what was done in the past, cannot be changed now.

Monthly Bills:

BAN – Vouchers # 47-48 - \$153,368.52

Water Fund – Vouchers # 29-33 - \$1,111.99

General Fund – Vouchers # 259-283-\$14,020.49

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 151-159 - \$2,297.68

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Reports: Town Clerk, Justice, Supervisor, & Code Enforcement Officer were submitted for audit and approval.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the Financial Report. Scott Lawrence, CPA said he would come to the January or February meeting to go over these. Board was in favor of going over them in a Special Meeting, so as not to take up a lot of time at Regular meeting.

Supervisor Crowell spoke with Ryan Piche, County Manager regarding Shared Services, they are looking for Grants for Lighting right now. This requires a majority vote- looking for 13 votes from the Townships.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to join in the Shared Services.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, 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 8:7pm.

All in Favor. Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville to end Executive Session at 8:43pm. All in favor.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville to adjourn at 8:45pm.

All in favor.

Next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at the Town Offices at 6:30pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk