

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 on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell
Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Robert Dosztan
Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee
Citizens Present: Vicki Roy
Guest: Kevin Feuka, C2ae

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to approve the April Minutes as read.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution #5, 2020 – To Award Construction Contracts for the Water Project. Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to award these contracts.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried. As follows:

Contract #1 – Water Distribution System and Water Storage Tank to North Country Contractors, LLC for the bid of \$5,563,449.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to award.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Contract #2 – General Construction to Henderson Bros. Contracting, Inc. for the bid of \$374,971.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to award.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Contract #3 – Mechanical to Henderson Bros. Contracting, Inc. for the bid of \$170,158.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville to award.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Contract #4 – Electrical to S. C. Spencer Electric, Inc. for the bid of \$289,400.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to award.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Kevin Feuka was given the floor. Said DOH hasn't given complete approval as yet, but did give a conditional approval so that the bids could be awarded. Waiting for results of second well testing before complete approval will be given. Construction cannot begin until we have final approval from the DOH. Discussion followed with questions and answers. Start date of construction may be around the first part of July.

Highway Dept. - Superintendent Dosztan stated that he was going to hold off on paving this year, as they are unsure about the CHIPS money this year, also going to go with the sand we have, and will be getting about 4,000 tons of stone from MJL Crushing, as it is a little cheaper. Bob also asked about purchasing a wand that will help in locating

water line leaks and shut offs. The less expensive one is between \$800 - \$1,000 and be a big help when there are water issues.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hoch to give Bob permission to purchase the less costly locating wand.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Superintendent Dosztan also stated that they aren't pleased with the mower on the new tractor, but will use it for a few more days, before deciding to exchange it for the other mower head. Bob also talked about him using his own vehicle and his own gas for doing town business, because there isn't always a town vehicle available. Discussion followed, and it was decided that this would be discussed further at budget time.

Someone has also cut the chains on the gate behind the highway garage and have been driving through and across the old dump.

Planning Board – Councilman Hoch reported the Board is wondering if Ray has found out anything regarding animals per acre (livestock) for zoning, anything further on the combining of Planning Board and Zoning Board, and questions regarding DANC assisting with the Comprehensive Plan.

Code Enforcement Officer – Would like to increase the price of renewing building permits to #25.00, hoping this will help jobs get finished sooner. There are some permit extensions that are 5 to 8 years old, and not finished, so he cannot sign off. Also, wondering if he can charge for searching for abstracts for customers, he has had some requests. Discussed a home up the Number Four Road, has garbage and debris all over. The owner had disappeared last fall, then recently came back and found out he had been locked out.

Monthly Bills:

Water Ban – Vouchers # 14 -21 - \$149,617.98

Water Fund – Vouchers # 5 – 8 - \$15,732.15

General Fund – Vouchers # 89 -107 - \$36,533.04

Highway Fund – 54 -63 - \$3,002.23

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept/pay monthly bills.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly reports of the Town Clerk/TaxCollector/Water Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer and Town Supervisor were passed for Audit and approval. Town Justice has not held Court since early March.

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

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman.

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell discussed talking with Scott Lawrence, CPA. Would like the Board to start the Budget process in July, due to sales tax revenue being down, CHIPS money which is not definite at this time. Will hold meetings, advertised as special meetings to discuss the Budget. Also, Supervisor discussed CPA's Bowers & Company, that had been contracted with for auditing large expenditures, such as what we will be doing now with this Water Project.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to adjourn at 8:33pm.

All in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk