

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, November 11, 2020 at 6:26pm 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

Citizens present: Ann Pominville, Vicki Roy, Bill & Judi Houppert, Jeff Lyng, Kevin Feuka, C2ae, Scott Lawrence, CPA.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Crowell.

Minutes to the following meetings: 10/14/20, 10/21/20, 10/30/20 & 11/05/20 – Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept all minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Kevin Feuka** was given the floor. Discussed and went over his proposed amendment agreement for increase. Sent a draft to Marcy Newman at Rural Development for her acceptance first. Went over the modifications (fencing, security cameras (pump & well sites), ½ towards a plow truck, from contingency money, spare parts, extra sign-ups after initial contract bids. Questions & answers followed. Supervisor Crowell stated he wanted Marcy's approval before the Board would agree to the Amended Agreement. Kevin stated he would sent letter of Marcy's approval when he received it, and then we can schedule a special meeting to accept the agreement.

**Final Budget:** Scott Lawrence stated the budget is about \$15,000 below the Tax Cap, expenses have been lower this year, partially due to the shut down from Covid.

Discussion followed regarding possible purchasing of new truck(s). Superintendent Skiff would like to see in the future, keeping pickups on a 3 year rotation. Looking into possibility of purchasing a new truck. Discussion with Scott regarding if there is money to do so, and his thoughts.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to pass the Final Budget for 2021.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Regulation of Solar Power:** Attorney Ray Meier was not able to attend this meeting, so it was decided to table this until next month.

**Combining Planning & Zoning Boards:** Attorney Meier will check with the Association of Towns, as he thinks that the Town has to have a Zoning Board.

**Supervisor Crowell** passed out a copy of the latest letter sent to Water District #4, Extension 1 residents. This letter will state how the EDU's will be billed. This was put together with help from Assessor Erin Gratch.

**Dog Control Officer(s):** Larry Mellnitz and his son, Larry have submitted their resignation as Dog Control Officers as of December 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept these resignations.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Quotes** from Tim Munn, IT for a TV for presentations, and a laptop computer for Superintendent Skiff were discussed. Questions were brought up regarding a projector & screen vs the TV. Supervisor Crowell stated that Tim said most companies go with the TV now.

The Board approved of the purchasing of the TV and the laptop.

**Supervisor Crowell** discussed an inquiry of a piece of property owned by the Town of Watson on the Lustyik Camp Road. Had someone interested in purchasing it. Discussion followed. This parcel is land locked.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to advertise this parcel for sale by bids. Bids will be due by November 30, 2020 at 2pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Highway:** Things going good so far. Getting pricing on a Plow Truck.

**Planning Board:** Comprehensive Plan should be completed next month.

**Monthly Bills:**

BAN: Vouchers # 39 -46 - \$1,460,492.73

Water Fund: Vouchers # 25- 28 - \$18,554.18

General Fund: Vouchers # 235-258 - \$49,688.60

Highway Fund: Vouchers # 138-150 - \$4,017.43

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Monthly Reports** of the Justice, Code Enforcement Officer, Town Clerk, and Supervisor were passed for audit and approval.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Executive Session:** Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to go into Executive Session at 9:14pm. All in favor. Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to come out of Executive Session at 9:45pm. All in favor.

**Advertising** for Councilman Position, will be accepting applications of interest until 12/31/2020.

Interviews of interested parties will be held on Jan. 4 or 5<sup>th</sup>, in Executive Session. Appointment will be made on January 13, 2021 at the Organizational Meeting.

It was also brought up, of possibly a plaque honoring Jim Freeman, with dates of his service.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to adjourn at 9:50pm. All in favor.

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Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk