

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 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 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
Citizens Present: Virgil Taylor, Bill & Judi Houppert, Ann Pominville, Vicki Roy

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to accept the Minutes to the Meetings of July 8, July 24, and July 30.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to appoint Robert O'Brian as permanent Code Enforcement Officer until December 31, 2020 at \$20.00 per hour.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell explained the Quote the Board had from Brown's regarding the furnaces. He discussed his conversation with the repair man regarding UV lighting in where the furnaces are (this light kills germs/bacteria).

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hanno to go ahead and purchase the UV lights.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

The SEQR and Lead Agency Resolutions for the Horse Law are on hold until next month.

Supervisor Crowell explained the email from James Buono regarding LED Lighting to finish the Garage and the Office Building. We have had some installed already, and there was money available to pass on incentives to Municipalities and others to help with the cost. This has been tabled until more research can be done.

Highway: Bob wanted to know about his men working on things regarding the water, asking what is going to happen during the winter time. Discussion followed regarding this and plowing hydrants.

Councilman Hanno stated that this will be looked into as time goes on and if another man is needed to be hired, then that's what will need to happen.

Planning Board: Councilman Hoch stated the Board was looking for Animal regulations, the Town Board has to come up with a fee schedule for Lot Line Adjustments. Judi Houppert stated that Martinsburg has a schedule, and maybe we can get a copy to go by. Also, discussion about what DANC is doing in regards to the Comprehensive Plan.

Board was given copies of the Inter-Municipal Agreements with the County. This has to do with our turning over the Code Enforcement to the County. These agreements are tabled until the August 27, 2020 Budget Meeting so that the Board has a chance to read them over.

Supervisor Crowell did mention that if there is any litigation regarding the Code Enforcement, it will come back to the Town to be handled, as well as any Zoning changes will also be taken care of by our Zoning and Planning

Boards.

Water: Supervisor Crowell gave an update on how things are proceeding on the River Road, and the Number Four Road. Discussed the financial payments, and due dates. He is planning to send a letter to the residents explaining what has been done, and that we will be beginning EDU billing. Councilman Hanno asked if we could legally charge before the residents have water, and Gerry explained the conversation we had with Fiscal Advisors, Kevin and others, and the need to begin EDU billing.

Chris discussed the three quotes she received for shredding, She also commented that the old records that are not needed anymore should be shredded, and with the room where they are being very warm, it could be a fire hazard.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to accept the quote from ProShred.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Old Business: Councilman Hoch asked the status of the equipment to do Zoom meetings. Supervisor Crowell stated that he was not impressed with Zoom meetings. But he was leaving the choice up to the Board.

Councilman Hoch also asked about the Repeater for the Highway. They can't give us a guarantee if we purchase the equipment and have it installed, that it will work any better than what we have now. Supervisor Crowell stated he will follow up with this and he's also going to check into Satellite phones

Monthly Bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

BAN : Vouchers # 26 – 29 - \$50,200.21

Water Fund: Vouchers # 16-17 - \$40.18

General Fund: Vouchers # 153 -180- \$16,205.94

Highway Fund: Vouchers # 97 -109 - \$44,080.00

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

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

Motion by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to go into Executive Session at 8:16pm All in favor. Executive session ended at 8:37pm. Motion made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to end Executive Session. No minutes. All in favor.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, Seconded by Councilman Freeman to adjourn at 8:39pm.

All in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 8:00 am. This is Budget meeting Number 2.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk