

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 6:56pm on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by Supervisor Dennis Foster.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Dennis Foster  
Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman  
Town Clerk: Christina Merry  
Highway Superintendent: Robert Dosztan Code  
Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee

Citizens Present: Bill & Judy Houppert, Erin Gratch, Ann Pominville, Virgil Taylor.  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Foster. Minutes of July Meeting stand approved as read.

Assessor Erin Gratch was given the floor to discuss Assessment News. The State says that the Town needs to do a reappraisal. According to the State we are not at 100%, only about 94%. The Board needs to pass a Resolution Authorizing Reassessment Project. Erin gave a copy of a Resolution she made for the Town of Lowville back in 2014.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to adopt the Resolution to Authorize a Reassessment Project for 2019.

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

Nays: None

Resolution was duly adopted. Resolution follows Minutes.

Erin also told the Board that she is leaving one of her Townships due to WorkPlace Violence. And upon searching and doing some figuring, she added that she is currently the lowest paid Assessor per parcel in the County. She is not looking for a pay increase, but told the Board that she is not going to be Assessor forever, and wanted to give the Board a heads up, when the time comes that we need a new Assessor.

Some packets were delivered to Chris this morning, that have to do with the Flat Rock Windpower suing all the Townships over the Assessments. Erin said this is their way of getting what they want for the new PILOT. Chris is to forward her copy to Attorney Ray Meier, and he will handle it.

Hwy Superintendent Dosztan reported that someone helped themselves to stone. They have been identified, ticketed and will be appearing in Court. Superintendent Dosztan also commented about a new mower tractor he would like to add to the fleet. Board members were given paperwork showing the tractor he is looking at. Discussion followed and Supervisor Foster stated he would look at the budget, to see what was still available.

Water: Waiting for the sizing of the wells and pumps needed. Dennis did give the OK to start canvassing to see who wants water and where the pipes would be positioned. There was some

further discussion as how the progress has seemed to slow, Dennis will be contacting Kevin or Steve to see about pushing things along.

Planning Board: Reported by Councilman Hoch: Still waiting to hear from Ray about the Solar, Lot Lines. Concerns about the Web Site not being updated. Also, Nettie Prusinowski wanted to be referred to as Chairperson.

Councilman Hoch was also inquiring about the report of the Vendors and what we paid them for the year 2017. Chris had the report all ready for him.

Councilman Freeman discussed the list of repairs he and Councilman Hanno had come up with and how to proceed. Should the major repairs go out for bid. Discussion followed. Supervisor Foster told the Board that Keith Steria had stopped in earlier and had some old folding tables from the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Farm donated to the Park. The Heritage Farm has purchased new lighter tables. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a storage shed for these tables.

Councilman Hoch inquired if there was anything new regarding the Stony Lake/Erie Canal Road Intersection. Just waiting for a report from the engineers who looked the area over.

Monthly Bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund: Voucher # 8 - \$20.48

General Fund: Vouchers # 169 -191 - \$5,185.33

Highway Fund – Vouchers #96 -103 - \$9,133.76

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

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Dennis Foster. Nays: None

Monthly reports for the CEO, Justice (June & July Reports) Town Clerk, and Supervisor and DCO were passed for audit and approval.

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

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Dennis Foster. Nays: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville. All in favor.

Next regular meeting of the Town Board will be on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm.

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Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WATSON TOWN BOARD  
AUGUST 8, 2018  
RESOLUTION #4 FOR 2018  
Authorizing the 2019 Reassessment Project

WHEREAS, Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law requires that the Town maintain a practice of uniform assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Town of Watson has made a presentation to the Town Board concerning the benefits and necessity of conducting town wide reassessment and has recommended that the Town Board authorize such a town wide reassessment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Town of Watson to conduct a town wide reassessment;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Watson authorizes and directs the Town Assessor to conduct a town wide reassessment of all properties located within the Town of Watson for the 2019 tax roll and to expend funds within her budget or such state grants as may be obtained to support the reassessment as provided for hereinafter to accomplish such reassessment; and be it further

RESOLVED that the appropriation of any town funds above money presently budgeted for the Assessor's office or entering into contracts with any third party vendors in connection with such reassessment shall require the further approval of the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Watson hereby requests State assistance, specifically from the Office of Real Property Services (ORPS), to carry out the town wide reassessment; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Supervisor of the Town of Watson is authorized and directed to make application to ORPS for financial assistance concerning the reappraisal project pursuant to Section 1573 of the Real Property Tax Law and to further enter into and execute such agreements and/or memoranda of understanding between the Town of Watson and ORPS as may be necessary.

MOTION By Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno, to Adopt Resolution #4 of 2018, Authorizing the 2019 Resassessment Project.

ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES – Hanno, Pominville, Hoch, Freeman, Foster  
NAYES – 0

The Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

Attest:

Christina M. Merry  
Town Clerk

Dated: August 10, 2018