

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 7:03pm by Supervisor Dennis Foster on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Dennis Foster
Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Absent

Citizens present: Andrea Moroughan, Bill and Judi Houppert, Don Regetz, Vicki Roy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Dennis Foster.

Minutes to the January Meeting stand approved as read with one correction, Virgil Taylor was appointed as Deputy Supervisor by Dennis.

Planning Board Meeting was canceled due to the weather.
No report from Highway Superintendent, as Bob is absent.
Nothing available from Zoning.
Code Enforcement Officer not present to report.
Dog Control Officer not present to report.

Water: Drillers have been here since last Tuesday, 2/06/18. There were some trees that were in the way, Dennis spoke with Olmstead with an option that if he wants to cut it, he can keep the wood. One well was very murky, not good. The drillers had some machinery trouble, but all is going good now.

County Legislator Andrea Moroughan gave an update on the Committees she is on, as well as Chairman of Transportation. The Hodge Road intersection will be worked on this spring.

New Business:

Dennis discussed adopting the County's building code fees. They have very complete Code Rules, and they enforce the Worker's Compensation Waiver. Tim will work on the Fee Schedule. A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Local Law #1, 2018: To opt out of the Solar and Wind Energy or Farm Waste Energy Exemption in Section 487(8) of the Real Property Tax Law. A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday March 14th, 2018 at 8:00pm to discuss and pass this "Local Law Number 1, 2018.

Pilot Agreement: Inter-Municipal Agreement Expense Sharing Maple Ridge Wind Farm-to be included in major decisions and sharing expenses of legal fees. The Town's share is .40% of revenues received under the PILOT Agreement for 2017.

A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Jim to allow Dennis to sign this agreement.

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

Nays: None

Dennis also discussed a letter asking for support of an increase in Conservation Forest Ranger Staffing to a statewide total of 175. A Resolution was included with the letter to be passed by the Board.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Jim to pass this Resolution of Support.

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

The office of E911 received a letter requesting a name change to a private road that runs through both the Town of New Bremen and the Town of Watson. The current name of this Road is Baker Rd., but as there is another Baker Rd in the Town of New Bremen, they would like to rename the Road Lomber Rd. Ext. It will continue to be a private road.

A motion was made by Jeff, seconded by Ron to accept this name change for the road.

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

John Helgren from the USDA sent a letter of completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) on our financial assistance proposal. The letter stated "Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact".

There will be a Public Hearing on Additions/Corrections to the Employee Handbook held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 8:30pm.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Jeff to set this Public Hearing.

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

Bob's door down at the Garage was totally rotted out, has been fixed and replaced. Discussed having 2 doormen put over Bob's Office door and the Election Room Door. Dennis has one quote of this, the Board suggested getting a couple more quotes.

Greg Burkner would like to have another Court Clerk. Has a few people in mind, just wanted the Board's approval. Board so approved.

Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Jim to accept the resignation of Donald Regetz from the BAR.

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

Motion was made by Jim, seconded by Mike to appoint Donald Regetz to the Planning Board.

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

Brought up the need for a cleaning person. Suggested to be advertised, resume with references and applications due by March 7, 2018. Jim, Mike and Ron will head a committee to go over applications.

Utility Training Quote – for water billing, Webinar training, \$600.00. This is for training Joann on the program. Everything is updated. All checks pertaining to the Water District to be done by the CPA's.

Chris let the Board know that Todd Waugh would like use of the Park again, on June 21st for an ice cream social, and July 8th through July 12th for Bible School again this year. He also stated if there was anything they could do, like painting, etc. they would be more than happy to help out.

Discussed trash pickup dilemma. Chris called around to get pricing, discussion followed. Was decided to contact Casella and go with them. Chris will get a copy of stated pricing and pickup information.

Monthly bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund: Voucher # 2 - \$19.93

General Fund: Voucher #24 - 44 - \$10,625.32

Highway Fund: Voucher# 16 – 30 - \$26,794.75

Motion was made by Jim, seconded by Ron to pay the bills.

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

Nays: None

Monthly reports of the Town Justice, Town Clerk/Tax Collector were submitted for audit and approval.

Motion was made by Jeff, seconded by Mike to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion was made by Jeff at 9:20pm to go into Executive Session.

Executive session ended at 9:40pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron, seconded by Mike at 9:41pm. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk