

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

The regular meeting of the Town of Watson Town Board was called to order at 6:28pm on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell

Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman – Absent

Town Clerk: Christina Merry

Highway Superintendent: Robert Dosztan – Absent

Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee

Citizens Present: Vicki Roy, Kevin Feuka, Bill & Judi Houppert, Andrea Moroughan, Jeff Lyng, Greg Burkner, Ann Pominville.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept the January Minutes as read.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Kevin Feuka from C2ae was given the floor. He reported that wells are still being developed. Permanent well #2 is getting a lot of sand out, which is good, they are doing pump & surge, still within budget and expect to move to Permanent Well #1 later in the week. Review from Claude Cormier is good. Dept. of Health needs to sign off before we are allowed to go out for bid. Also need some final easements signed before going out to bid. Administrative issue is the height of the Storage Tank, hoping to get a variance within the next week or so. So far, there are now 162 connections to the new system. To meet demand, we need 42 gals./minute, currently at 45gals./minute, hoping to get up to 85gal/minute. Residents can still sign up for the water until just before bidding.

Scott Lawrence, CPA was given the floor to go over the Town's financials. General Fund & Highway Fund had less expenditures last year. Discussion followed regarding the Highway Dept. needing a new tractor & mower. Scott discussed that the overtime currently was much higher than the previous year. Councilman Hoch stated that the Highway Superintendent is elected and the Board essentially has no say regarding the hours the men work.

Jake from Wells Communication was given the floor to discuss the cost of the repeater and antenna on the Erie Canal Road Tower. There were concerns about the expenditures with regard to the repeater, antenna and testing. Further discussion followed, would like different scenarios in regards to changing the equipment out. Also, concerns about charges if this doesn't work.

Supervisor Crowell brought up the Local Law Amending the Zoning Law of the Town of Watson Regarding the Regulation of Campgrounds. We need a motion to establish the Town of Watson as Lead Agency.

A motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to Establish the Town of Watson as lead agency.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Also, discussed was the status of the regulations being Unclassified.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to make the status:

Unclassified Status.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch to set a Public Hearing for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 for the Local Law.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Committe Reports:

Highway: Not present

Planning Board: Danc can assist with the Comprehensive planning, do charge for helping. Also, many Towns are combining Planning Boards and Zoning Boards into a Land Use Board.

Zoning: Not present.

Code Enforcement: Tim Lee said they are having a meeting either Feb. 26 or Mar. 2 to discuss the Storage Tank Height.

Dog Control Officer: Not present.

County Legislator: Nothing to report

Town Attorney: Nothing to report.

Chris explained about the CPR/Defibrillator Training, and also, that she spoke with Scott Virkler and they are willing to pay about \$800 towards another defibrillator for the Highway Garage.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to purchase a second defibrillator for the Garage.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

The abstracts for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Water Fund, and Bond Anticipation Note Fund had been emailed to all Board members prior to the meeting. Supervisor Crowell asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding any of the bills.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Chris received a Release of Mortgage from Snowbelt Housing for Mark & Tina Tuttle on Crestview Drive, to be signed by the Town Supervisor.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Release of Mortgage.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Bill Houppert brought up the County Junkyard Law. He suggested the Town adopt their own Junkyard Law, and it would supersede the County's. He stated that under the County Junkyard Law, you cannot have more than one unlicensed vehicle on your property, or you can be fined. This isn't fair to people that belong to Car Clubs, and have more than one. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hanno to go into Executive Session at 8:32pm. All in favor. Executive Session ended at 9:26pm. No minutes.

Justice Greg Burkner spoke up regarding the overtime that the Highway guys were getting, and he said that the Board should get together with Superintendent Dosztan and discuss it.

Monthly reports of the Clerk/Tax Collector, the Justice, Code Enforcement Officer & 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.

There was some discussion regarding talking with Bob regarding the overtime.

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hanno to adjourn at 9:39pm. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:30pm. This will also be a Public Hearing.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk