

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, July 8, 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  
Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee  
Hwy Superintendent: Robert Dosztan – Absent

**Citizens Present:** Bill & Judi Houppert, Virgil Taylor, Ann Pominville, Howard Lyndaker

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

A motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept the June 10<sup>th</sup> minutes as read.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Lowville Water Contracts:** Questions and discussion followed.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to table accepting the Contracts until further information can be obtained.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**DANC Technical Services Agreement** – assisting the Planning Board with the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno pass Resolution #6, 2020 accepting this Service Agreement.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Inter-Municipal Agreement:** Between the Town of Watson Planning Board and the Lewis County Planning Department regarding Contributions to assist in the Town of Watson Town-Wide Comprehensive Plan cost with assistance from DANC.

Motion was made to pass Resolution # 7, 2020, accepting this Inter-Municipal Agreement by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Resolution #8, 2020 – To Adopt NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Lateral Restrictions.**

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville to pass this resolution.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Highway:** Superintendent not present, nothing reported.

**Planning Board:** Secretary's computer is old and not much good, interested in getting a new one, also the Chairman is using her own personal computer, and would like one for just Town Business. Chris stated that there were a couple of laptops here that may be able to be used. Supervisor Crowell said he would get in touch with Tim and have him check them out.

**Zoning:** N/A

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Nothing to report.

**Dog Control:** N/A

**Water System:** Supervisor Crowell discussed the E-Col i levels, weren't very high to have the drillers return, told to continue with the project, then if needed can be treated after pumps are installed.

**County Legislator:** N/A

**Town Attorney:** N/A

Supervisor Crowell spoke of the letter of resignation from Tim Lee, Code Enforcement Officer effective July 1,

2020.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept Tim's resignation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell stated that Tim has agreed to assist his replacement, and act as a Consultant if needed.

Supervisor Crowell discussed hiring Tim as a Consultant at \$20.00/hour. There were a few questions to Tim regarding certification needed for replacement.

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hanno to hire Tim Lee back as a Consultant at \$20.00/hour.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Applications for Code Enforcement Officer:** Chris put it in the paper for 2 weeks, and we have only had one application so far. This applicant is willing to act as Interim Code Enforcement until someone else applies, or until we decide if we will turn it over to the County. We have to pass a Resolution before July 1<sup>st</sup>, to opt out of having a Code Officer, and then the County will have to take it over as of the first of January. We weren't in time to do it now, will have to be done by next July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to hire Robert O'Brian as Interim Code Enforcement Officer, until the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, then as permanent if no other applicants.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Zoom Quote:** Supervisor Crowell discussed the quote for a webcam, set up and training for Virtual Meetings. Stated that he has been to a few, over to Lowville, and should the need arise, we should have the ability to do so. The only computer monitor that has a camera in it is Chris's. Also, advised that several Board members could join in with these virtual meetings, also could do Board meetings that way.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to purchase the Webcam.

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

Nays: None

Supervisor Crowell stated that the first budget meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 10:00am. This will be advertised in the Journal as a Special Meeting.

Water Project is progressing along. Hopefully pre-construction meeting will be soon.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the Auditing Process, that will begin next year, due to the Water Project. He also made up a new mileage form, that requires his signature before it is submitted for payment.

**Monthly Bills:**

Bond Anticipation Note: Voucher # 24-25- \$8,003.00

Water Fund: Voucher # 15 - \$22.03

General Fund: Vouchers # 132 -152 - \$3,508.28

Highway Fund: Vouchers #81 - 96 - \$28,101.04

Motion was 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.

**Monthly reports:** Town Clerk, Justice (reports March, April & May), Code Enforcement Officer.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch.

All in favor.

A special meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 10:00am to begin the budget process

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Town Offices.