

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

Special Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gerald Crowell on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell
Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens present – Ann Pominville, Vicki Roy, Scott Lawrence, CPA.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Scott Lawrence, CPA was given the floor to go over the Financials, from January through April 20, 2021. Went over accounts and some budget transfers will be needed to be done. Questions & answers followed regarding some expenses, and what some accounts are. Financials are complete.

Water Rates for the new District were discussed, as well as an estimate of expenses, and whether or not we will have enough money in the O & M account to cover expenses. Further discussion followed.

Ida Ridgeway has requested a conference call with the Board to discuss the water and the EDU's she is being charged. Ida expressed her opposition to the water issue, and said we are not giving her anything more than what she already has, being on the Village water. Supervisor Crowell stated that nothing can be changed this year, she will have to talk with the Assessor before March 1, 2022 to see if anything can be changed, and that the Assessor has to go by the Law.

Supervisor Crowell stated they will have a conference call on Tuesday with Laird Petrie from the Comptroller's Office, Ray Meier and Scott Lawrence. Supervisor Crowell wants a clear yes or no answer as to if any excess EDU money can be put into the O & M Account, at least for a start for expenses.

Superintendent Skiff stated that he has one other person who is interested in taking the course for the water certification. The course is \$500.00/person. He is leaving it up to the Board if they want to pay for one person (himself) or for two. Discussion followed and the Board agreed the more men certified, the better.

Supervisor Crowell spoke about the Highway Contract and it states that the 10 hour days begin on June 1st – September 1. He has spoke with the Union about it, and they are fine with them starting earlier. The Highway men are also okay with starting earlier.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Lyng by Mutual Agreement for 2021, to begin 4 – 10hr days on April 26, 2021 and end on or around October 1, 2021.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell spoke with Assessor Erin Gratch, she is retiring as of August 1st. 2021. Her resignation is only good for one month, so she will not be submitting it until around July 1, 2021.

Erin stated that the Board will have to consider raising the pay, as they get paid so much per parcel. The cost is now \$12.50/parcel and Watson has 2300 parcels. She suggested that we advertise for an Assessor with the possibility of an opening.

Superintendent Skiff said the new pickup is here. Cost is \$36,010.00. He would like to get another one in the fall if possible.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to adjourn at 9:10pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk