

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

Town Board Meeting held on August 14, 2019 was called to order at 5:30pm by Supervisor Dennis Foster.

Town Officials Present:

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

Citizens Present: Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Foster.
Minutes to the July meeting stand approved as read.

Chris Boulio was given the floor. He introduced himself, explained his current abilities, and work experience. Stated he was reaching out to all the Townships, if they would like his assistance in various areas of Town Business. Questions and Answers Followed.

Kevin Feuka was given the floor. Went over the Full Environmental Assessment Form that needed to be redone, as the well location has changed. Passed out the following Resolution, that the Board needed to pass:

Resolution Determining that the Proposed Town of Watson Water District #4 Extension #1 Municipal Water Supply Project will not have a Significant Impact on the Environment.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to pass this Resolution.

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

Nays: None

Mr. Feuka also stated that the Grant potential for the Project through WEA (Water Improvement Act) could be near 2 million dollars.

Supervisor Foster stated he should be getting an update soon on the Wells.

Scott Lawrence , CPA, was given the floor to go over the quarterly financial report. All accounts are running close to the average for the point in time. Nothing is over extended. There were a few questions, and Scott is going to look into a couple of items. Scott will return in November for another report of the finances.

Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Lee gave report on phones at Walmart that he looked into. The Cost of the phone and the minute plans for each. Chris brought up a concern from the Assessor, regarding other members of the Town that also use their phones for work related calls. There was some discussion.

Councilman Hanno made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:45pm, seconded by Councilman Hoch. Executive Session ended at 7:19pm.

The Board looked over the Cemetery By-Laws, after corrections were made.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to pass these By-Laws.

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

Nays: None

The Resolution for a Speed Limit change to the Snell Road has to be revoked on, as a written Resolution is needed to be sent on to the State. The Resolution was typed up by Chris.
Motion by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to again pass this Resolution.
Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Dennis Foster.
Nays: None

Supervisor Foster explained a billing issue that happened with Spectrum, and asked the Board for a Resolution/motion to put this bill on Auto Pay.
Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to put Spectrum on AutoPay.
Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Dennis Foster.
Nays: None

Hwy Superintendent Dosztan was given the floor to discuss the mowing machine. He stated that the part that's needed will run around \$3,200. He can't see putting that into a machine that is around 30 years old. Jeff Lyng spoke up and said the Chips money can be used for machinery, and the money is deducted from the allotment the Town receives from Chips. Superintendent Dosztan said he was looking at a larger tractor/mower which runs around \$121,000.00. Delivery would be 60-90 days. Discussion followed, regarding the possibility of purchasing a snowblower, so that it could be used at the well site and around all the fire hydrants that will be installed. Further discussion followed.

Councilman Freeman asked to speak, to thank Councilman Hanno for building the new steps to the Office Building.

Supervisor Foster received a letter from Gymo, regarding the Village of Lowville Groundwater Project, Phase 1. Because of the Town of Watson being involved, they are asking for the Town's Consent to the Village Board of the Village of Lowville acting as Lead Agency in this project. Some discussion followed with the Board approval for Supervisor Foster to sign.

Chris gave an update on the Systems East Tax Program that the County wants the Towns to switch too. There was some discussion, and it was decided that we will stay with the BAS system we have.

Monthly bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund: Voucher # 16 -\$22.06

General Fund – Vouchers # 184-199 - \$6,112.81

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 86 -98 - \$136,543.06

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

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

Nays: None

Monthly reports of the Code Enforcement Officer, Town Justice, Town Supervisor, and Town Clerk were passed for audit and approval.

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

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman

Nays: None

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, Seconded by Councilman Hoch to adjourn at 8:45pm. All in favor.

Next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk