

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

The Public Hearing/Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order at 6:55pm on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 by Supervisor Foster.

Town Officials Present:

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

Citizens Present: Bill & Judi Houppert, Peggy & Doug Halladay, Ann Pominville.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Foster.

The Minutes to the November meeting stand approved as read after a question by Councilman Freeman.

The floor was given to Peggy Halladay. Mrs. Halladay addressed the Board regarding the water on the River Road, pertaining to her residence. She has little to no water, and this has been going on for about a year and a half. She had spoken with Virgil last year and was told there was nothing that could be done at that time. She has called and spoken with the Village of Lowville also. The Village did come over today and told her that someone would be over on the 17<sup>th</sup> to start digging. Supervisor Foster told Mrs. Halladay that he has a crew that will be coming on Monday, so he will call the Village and see what's going on, and if need be, will cancel his crew. Discussion followed, with the Board stating that they want to get this issue resolved. The Board thanked Mrs. Halladay for coming.

The Public Hearing for Local Law #3 "Imposing a Moratorium on Establishing or Expanding Campgrounds began at 7:15pm. The Local Law was read aloud by Town Clerk Christina Merry. A motion was made by Councilman Pominville,, seconded by Councilman Hoch to extend the Moratorium from 6 months to one (1) year.

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

Nays: None

There was discussion regarding regulations that would be updated and applied to protect the residents of the Town as well as the Campground Owners.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to pass this Local Law.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to go into Executive Session at 7:44pm. Executive Session ended at 7:55pm. No minutes to report.

Supervisor Foster reported that he spoke with Claude Cormier earlier in the day, and he is hoping to get their equipment here to begin on the production wells by mid-week.

### **Old Business:**

Councilman Freeman asked about the logging. Supervisor Foster reported that so far we have been paid about \$40,000. Also stated that we have to allocate money for cemetery maintenance next year when the budget is done.

Supervisor Foster reported that our phones have been transferred over through Spectrum. The phones are working, but there is an issue with the Fire Alarm over to at the Garage. When S.T.A.T. Tries to dial in, the modem kicks it back out rather than complete the call.

Wells Communication will be coming Thursday to put a repeater up on the Fire Tower at Number Four to give it a try to see if reception is better.

Monthly bills were passed for Audit and payment approval.

Water Fund: Voucher # 12 - \$ 1,870.93

General Fund – Vouchers # 269 – 299 - \$13,755.29

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 148 -156 - \$16,175.01

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to pay the bills.

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

Nays: None

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

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Pominville to adjourn at 8:45pm. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on January 9, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Town Offices. This is the Organizational Meeting.

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Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk