

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 opened at 5:31pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell
Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Ronald Pominville – Absent
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee
Hwy Superintendent: Robert Dosztan
Water Clerk: Joann Mostyn
Citizens present: Chris Boulio- Union Negotiator, Jeff Lyng, Bill & Judi Houppert, Virgil Taylor, Roger & Lindsey Burriss

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept the November minutes as read.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Motion so moved..

Chris Boulio was present for any questions regarding the Contract for the Highway Employees.

Resolution # 11-Accepting Teamsters Agreement between Teamsters Local 687 and the Town of Watson.

Motion made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept the Highway Contract.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Resolution so passed.

Public Hearing: Local Law # 2 – Extending a Moratorium on Establishing or Expanding Campgrounds was opened at 5:34pm for questions and discussion.

Chris gave a rundown regarding our big copier, didn't work right and when she called about repair, they told her that they can't get parts for it. We have had this copier for at least 10 years, and we no longer have a maintenance agreement for it. Received a quote from Symquest (used to be Office Systems) where we purchased this copier, and their Sales Rep came up and talked with Chris & Supervisor, and sent a quote. They were granted the County's contract and that Contract includes all the Townships in the County, to get the same pricing on Copiers/printers as the County. Chris is going to get some other quotes, also, for comparison.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway: Superintendent Dosztan has nothing to report, but did request to go into Executive Session.

Planning Board: Campground Moratorium, hoping to have everything done sooner than 3 months.

Zoning: Not Present

Code Enforcement Officer: Nothing to report.

Dog Control Officer: Not present, but Chris asked for approval to purchase live traps for Dog Control.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to approve purchase of live traps.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Motion so passed.

Water: Joann reported that 30+ more residents have signed up for the water. Also, there was a problem with the screens purchased for the wells. They are not large enough, and aren't working. Larger screens will be more money, but we've been told that we could possibly sell the other ones. Claude Cormier needs to know what we are doing about the screens and Supervisor Crowell told him he needed to speak with the Board first. The Board members were all in agreement to go with the larger screens.

Councilman Freeman gave a rundown regarding the money from Joe Griffo's office, and Joann stated that when she calls, she is told it is in the Real Property office and we should be hearing soon.

Councilman Hoch asked about the status on the Grant, Joann stated we should be hearing about the Grant by the end of the month.

Legislator: Not present

Town Attorney: Not present

Public Hearing was closed at 6:04pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to pass the Local Law #2 – Extending the Moratorium on Campgrounds until March 31, 2020.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Local Law #2 passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to pass the Resolution # 12 – Approving Agreement with the County for Snow and Ice Control from the County Road System and the Town of Watson.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Resolution so passed.

Chris asked for permission to schedule Defibrillator Training, as the Board didn't give a response at the last meeting. Supervisor Crowell stated that if even one life is saved, it is worth the money and training. Discussion followed regarding a second defibrillator for the garage, and to check with Virkler's to see if it's possible for reimbursement in whole or even part, for a second.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to purchase a second defibrillator & to contact Virkler's regarding possible reimbursement.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

Board recognized Roger & Lindsey Burriss to speak. They were looking for information regarding the water, and Joann was able to answer their questions.

Jeff Lyng was recognized to speak and he commented that the Board meetings are too early.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hoch to change the meeting time to 6:30pm.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell

Nays: Mike Hanno
Motion so moved.

Motion by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to go into Executive Session with Superintendent Dosztan at 6:36pm. Executive Session ended at 7:39pm.

Monthly bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund – Vouchers #20-22 - \$11,810.06

General Fund – Vouchers # 267-293 - \$4,458.40

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 138-151 - \$22,197..87

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

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

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

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

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

Councilman Freeman made a motion to adjourn at 9:28pm All in favor.

Next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Town Offices. This will be the Organizational Meeting.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk