

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 11:50am on Monday, February 18, 2019 at the Town Offices by Supervisor Dennis 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: Ray Meier

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Foster.

Minutes of January Meeting stand approved as read.

Peggy Halladay is rescheduled for the March meeting. There is still a leak by the Lehosky's garage on the River Road, water is bubbling right up out of the ground.

Planning Board: Councilman Hoch reported that the Planning Board was inquiring about a decommissioning cost for an Internet Tower on the Snell Road. Mr. Meier stated that it may be to the owner's advantage to take it down themselves. Board is also inquiring again about the Solar.

Supervisor Foster informed the Board that he has not gotten a reply from Superintendent Dosztan on the offer they made on his Health Insurance. It hasn't been paid through payroll and the insurance company have said they cancelled it.

Chris discussed giving the Dog Control Officer, Larry Mellnitz a raise. He makes \$3500.00 right now, and she was looking at maybe a \$500.00 raise for the year. Supervisor Foster went on to explain that Chris had spoken with Scott at the CPA's, and he raised a concern about the amount of money that is in the Dog Fund. It was also brought up by Supervisor Foster that we give the Humane Society a donation also. Mr. Meier wasn't sure that we could give Dog Control a raise after the year has begun, he will check into it further. Also, Mr. Meier stated that Municipalities can not give donations. There has to be something written and signed by both parties stating the money is for goods/or services provided.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to give Larry Mellnitz a pay raise contingent upon Mr. Meier's finding out if it is possible.

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

Nays: None

Old Business: Supervisor Foster discussed the purchasing of at least one defibrillator that we can get reimbursed for through the Virkler Fund. He also said he thought he had read somewhere that it would be a law that all public places would have to have one. The cost of one defibrillator is about \$1,600.00. A motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch to purchase one defibrillator at this time.

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

Nays: None

Schaab Property: Mr. Meier stated that to sell this property, there needs to be a resolution passed

stating that the property is surplus, and of no use to the Town at this time. The Board approved putting the property up for sale.

A Resolution stating that the Schaab Property is a surplus, and that the property is no longer of use to the Town, and therefore can be put up for sale was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch.

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

Nays: None

The property will be listed with Good Morning Realty with their commission being 6%. Starting price will be \$50,000.00.

Supervisor Foster passed to the Board a paper with suggestions/changes for the upcoming Highway Contract. He would like the Board to go over these and add their suggestions/changes.

Monthly bills were passed for audit/payment approval.

Water Fund: Vouchers # 4-5 - \$345.78

General Fund: Vouchers #28 -56 - \$12,424.44

Highway Fund: Vouchers # 10-22 - \$30,898.58

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

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

Nays: None

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

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

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

Nays: None

Supervisor Foster brought up the Halladay's. He asked the Board if they wanted to keep the original option – the Halladay's pay Brown's, and the Town would forego the one water bill. He feels that is what she wants to discuss at the next meeting. The Board was all in favor of staying with the original option.

Motion to adjourn at 1:55pm was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Offices.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk