

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

The Organizational Meeting of the Town of Watson Town Board was called to order at 7:03pm on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the Town Offices.

Town Officials Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Supervisor Dennis Foster.
Minutes to the November meeting stand approved as read.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Ron to accept Mike Hanno's resignation from the Planning Board.

Ayes: Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Dennis Foster.
Nays: None

A motion was made by Jeff , seconded by Jim to appoint Mike Hanno as Councilman to fill the vacancy of Dennis Foster until election in November 2018.

Ayes: Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Dennis Foster
Nays: None

Mike Hanno then sat on the Board.

Resolution #1 of 2018:

Resolution Number 1 of 2018 of the Town Board of the Town of Watson Authorizing the Supervisor to Invest Funds Not Immediately needed for Expenditure Including Highway 457B Contributions, Water System Bills.

Resolution also needed to authorize payments for Water District #4, Ext. 1 before Audit.

Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Mike to pass these Resolutions.

Ayes: Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Mike Hanno
Nays: None

Resolutions so passed.

The Oath of Offices were passed for signatures.

A motion was made to create a Deputy Supervisor Position by Jeff, seconded by Ron.

Ayes: Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Mike Hanno
Nays: None

The following appointments were made:

Appointed Virgil Taylor as Water System Project Coordinator for 1 year at \$20.00/hour – Motion made by Jim, seconded by Mike.

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

Joann Mostyn was appointed as Water Clerk, for 1 year at \$20.00/hour responsible for all Water Project issues and billing. Wages paid thru Water Project grants.

Motion by Ron, seconded by Jeff.

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

Nays: None

Virgil Taylor appointed as Deputy Supervisor by Dennis.

Michele Burke appointed by Chris as her Town Clerk Deputy.

Neil Mahoney appointed by Bob as Highway Superintendent Deputy.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Jim to appoint Chris as Registrar, and Records Manager.

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

Nays: None

Motion to appoint Charles Bunke as Town Historian was made by Jim, seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Motion to appoint Dr. Root as Town Health Officer made by Jeff seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Motion to appoint Ray Meier as Town Attorney made by Mike, seconded by Jim. All in favor.

Motion to make Journal & Republican Town Newspaper made by Ron, seconded by Jeff. All in favor.

Motion for Croniser, Lawrence & Phillepe as the Town's CPA's made by Mike, seconded by Jim. All in favor.

Motion to use Community Bank & Key Bank as Town Banks made by Mike, seconded by Jeff. All in favor.

Motion to keep 2nd Wednesday of the month as Meeting Night made by Ron, seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Committes were set as:

Buildings: Mike and Jim

Equipment: Ron and Jeff

Motion was made by Jeff, seconded by Mike to accept these committees.

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

Town Justice Year-End Report was audited and accepted by a motion made by Jim, seconded by Jeff.

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

Planning Board Report: Need another member due to Mike Hanno's Resignation.

CEO has nothing to report at this time.

DCO not present.

Water System: Have 90 days after notice in paper to come up with rules of new water system, services.

Highway Dept: Bob has nothing to report.

New Business:

Dennis explained that the Highway Trucks were almost out of fuel and the Garage was also low on fuel, Bob and Dennis tried reaching Christman's and the lines were constantly busy and website was down. Dennis called Simpson's Fuel and made the decision to switch everything over to Simpson's. Dennis received a call from Chris this pm, keyboard quit working. Worked about ½ hour to finally get it back up and working. Said he's afraid her computer is going to crash, she's had it since 2009. Gave Board paperwork on a computer he was looking at for her. Asking for permission from the Board to order this.

Board gave their approval.

Monthly Bills passed for Audit and Approval:

Water Fund: Voucher # 1 - \$20.21

Water District #4 Ext. 1 – Voucher # 1 - \$71.95

General Fund – Voucher #1 – 23 - \$14,672.43

Highway Fund – Voucher # 1- 15 - \$33,649.72

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Ron to pay the bills.

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

Nays: None

Dennis welcomed Tim Lee and Mike Hanno to the Town Officials.

Discussed Building Code Fees, haven't been upgraded in a long time. Virgil Taylor suggested adding Solar to the Fees. Further discussion regarding fees at a later time.

A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Jeff to accept the Ambulance Contract.

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

Nays: None

The monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Supervisor, Justice and Code Enforcement were submitted for audit.

Motion by Jeff, seconded by Mike to accept these monthly reports.

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

Nays: None

The Year-End Reports were submitted by the Justice, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement, and Supervisor for Audit and approval.

A motion was made by Jeff, seconded by Mike to accept these year-end reports.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Jim to accept the Fire Contracts with the Village of Lowville and Town of Croghan.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Jim, seconded by Mike to adjourn at 9:20pm. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Town Offices.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk