

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

The Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order at 7:06pm on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 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: Robert Dosztan
Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee
Justice: Greg Burker

Citizens present: Vicki Roy, Bill & Judi Houppert, Gloria Dosztan

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Foster.

Minutes to the December meeting stand approved as read.

Organizational:

Oath of Offices were passed and signed.

Building Committee: Jim Freeman & Mike Hanno

Equipment Committee: Jeff Hoch & Ron Pominville

Highway Committee (newly added): Mike Hanno & Jeff Hoch

Deputy Supervisor: Mike Hanno

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar: Michele Burke

Health Officer: Dr. Root

Town Historian: Charles Bunke

Meeting Night: 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Town Newspapers: Journal & Watertown Times

Town Bank: Community

Town Attorney: Ray Meier

Town CPA's: Lawrence, Croniser & Phillippe

Dog Control Officer: Larry Mellnitz

A motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Freeman to allow Supervisor Foster to invest Town Monies.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to appoint Christina Merry as Registrar and Records Manager.

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

Nays: None

The Volunteer Transportation Contract is up for renewal. This provides transportation to persons that need a way to get to Dr. appointments and stores that have no other way to get there.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to allow Dennis to sign the Contract.

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

Nays: None

Committee Reports:

Highway Dept: Replacement for the damaged snow plow blade came in today. The men have gone down two times to the River Road to fix a leak at Haggerty's, and there is another leak behind Lehosky's garage.

Planning Board: They have discussed yearly permits for campgrounds, fines, inspections. Wanted to know if we had a disc of the comprehensive plan, and are looking for a current census.

Zoning: Not available

Code Enforcement Officer: Nothing to report.

Dog Control Officer: Not present

Water System: Still in Flux

County Legislator: Not present

Town Attorney: Not present.

Supervisor Foster stated that we need to do something down on the River Road, regarding the current water.

Supervisor Foster explained that he has stopped the drilling on the River Road at this time, until he can get some better answers. He has told C2AE Ray Meier, and talked with Claude Cormier about this.

Councilman Hoch asked Bob if there has been anything done regarding the rain suits for the men.

Superintendent Dosztan said they need the gear, not prices, especially when the men are working with the water on the River Road. Supervisor Foster said it is being worked on to be added to the Contract, like the boots and gloves, and would the Board be willing to come up with a figure now, and let them know it would be for one time, and then it will be added into the Contract.

Mike Mahoney fell, bruised a rib. Was told he may be back to work on Monday. Greg Burkner goes back to the Doctor on Monday.

Monthly Bills: For Audit and Payment Approval:

Water Fund: Vouchers # 1 – 3 - \$497.57

General Fund – Vouchers # 1 - 27 - \$7,453.33

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 1-9 - \$29,165.11

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

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

Nays: None

Superintendent Dosztan said they are going to need a new Diesel Pump, approximately \$1,100.00

Recieved appraisal from Abbey on Schaab Property of about \$42,000, it's no use to us now, what would the Board like to do? Go ahead and sell it, and if so, what starting price?

It was discussed before, regarding combining services, (ie: phones, internet, alarm system, cameras), Creg Systems handles our Mitel Phones, gave us a quote for upgrade/and or upgrading to IP connectivity. Councilman Hanno stated to go for the upgrade. Board was in agreement.

Supervisor Foster received a copy of a bill from Brown's from the Halladay's on the River Road, for some work that was done at their residence because she was told the water problem they were having was her problem. The Halladay's are asking if the Town would be willing to pay this bill, since she was misinformed as to who was responsible. Councilman Freeman had suggested that since they have had a problem for almost 2 years, the Town should pay the bill. Discussion followed, and it was determined that the Town will let their water bill slide, and the Halladay's will pay the bill to Brown's.

Bob was excused from the meeting due to getting up early.

Year-End report from the Town Justice was passed and audited by the Board.

Motion made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to accept the Justice's Year-End Report.

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

Nays: None

Year-End Report from Chris for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and Dog Fund were passed for audit by the Board.

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Freeman to accept these Year-End Reports from Chris.

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

Nays: None

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

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

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

Nays: None

Supervisor Foster said he had talked with Attorney Meier, and if the Board wanted to remove Superintendent Dosztan from the insurance, it was suggested it be done by a resolution, and passed by motion and seconded. The reason the Board wants to remove Bob from the insurance is due to his age of "67" and he is eligible for Medicare Part "B".

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman to pass a resolution to remove Robert Dosztan from the insurance.

Councilman Pominville offered a suggestion of taking Gloria Dosztan off the insurance and leaving Bob on under single policy.

Councilman Freeman rescinded his previous motion for removing Bob from the insurance.

Motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to offer Superintendent Dosztan individual coverage, and if he chooses to include Gloria (his wife) on the policy, he would have to pay the difference between an individual and two person policy. The difference would then be calculated and deducted from Superintendent Dosztan's paycheck every two weeks for the year. This would be renegotiated at the end of his term, or whenever the Superintendent leaves the position.

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

Nays: None

A letter will be sent Certified Mail to Bob stating this proposal.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch at 9:56pm. All in Favor.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 113, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Offices.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk