

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

The Organizational Meeting was called to order at 6:27pm by Supervisor Gerald Crowell on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell
Town Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Absent
Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee
Water Clerk: Joann Mostyn
Town Justice: Greg Burker

Public Citizens Present: Jeff Lyng, Bill & Judi Houppert, Ann Pominville, David Zapotoski

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Minutes to December meeting: Motion made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to accept December's minutes as read.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Lee was given the floor. He has nothing to report, other than he has all his training done. He was able to do a lot of it online.

Organizational:

Oaths of Office were passed for signatures of Town Officials.

The following positions were designated:

Deputy Supervisor: Mike Hanno

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Michele Burke

Deputy Highway Superintendent: Neil Mahoney

Deputy Registrar: Michele Burke

Building Committee: Mike Hanno & Jim Freeman

Equipment Committee: Ronald Pominville & Jeff Hoch

Health Officer: Will need to run an ad in newspaper. Dr. Root has declined another term.

Town Historian: Charles Bunke

Meeting Night: Second Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm

Town Newspaper(s): Journal & Republican & Watertown Times

Town Bank: Community Bank

Town Attorney: Ray Meier

Town CPA's: Croniser, Lawrence & Philippe

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept these positions/appointments.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jim Freeman, Gerald Crowell.

Nays: Jeff Hoch

Motion so carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to allow the Supervisor to invest Town Monies.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to appoint Christina Merry as Registrar.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Freeman to appoint Christina Merry as Records Manager.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys of \$557,000.00 for a distance of 4 miles of Town Roads. Chris is going to talk with Superintendent Dosztan to get a better clarification of this.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the Repeater for the Highway Radios. Received a quote for \$10,666.23 from Mike Ricci of Wells Communication. He is willing to put up equipment for testing at no cost to us, to be sure this will work. Will need a certified climber, which will cost about \$2,000, although he has a friend that is certified, who he may be able to get to do it for less. Discussion followed, and it was decided to talk more with Mr. Ricci.

A Time Clock for the Highway Men was discussed. Further research is needed, and must check with the Union before any action.

The use of Purchase Orders was discussed for large purchases. Also discussed was the purchase of multiples of an item that is frequently used so there is items on hand. Discussion regarding an Amazon Account – prime account is \$169.00/year. Supervisor Crowell will discuss this with the Highway Dept.

Discussion about Inventory of the Highway Garage followed. This has been discussed before, and there is no inventory, and it raises concerns should there be a fire.

Committee Reports:

Highway: Not present

Planning Board: No meeting

Zoning: Not present

Dog Control: Chris stated that Larry would like a new/updated phone so he has better access to maps when going on a call. Also, Roger Burriss, former Dog Control, has live traps that he is giving to Larry to use. Larry has also dropped Town of Pinckney because of the mileage, and has picked up the Town of Croghan.

Old Business:

Supervisor Crowell discussed the copier. Was thinking, that rather than purchase a copier through Symquest or another place, (Chris has not gotten any other responses), he asked the Board about purchasing a copier from Staples or W.B. Mason. For the amount of copying we have, one of these should do what we want. Setting a price not to exceed \$500.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to purchase a copier not to exceed \$500.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Water: Have been awarded and accepted a “not to exceed” \$3,000,000.00 Grant from the WIIA (Water Infrastructure Improvement Act.) About 150 people have signed up for the water. HydroSource reports that the new screens should be in later this month with the rescreening soon after. Fiscal Advisors are preparing to issue a \$250,000 Bond Anticipation Note(BAN) to cover primarily further Hydrosorce well development, C2ae bidding, Fiscal Advisors BAN administration and BSK legal services to continue.

Monthly Bills were passed for Audit and payment Approval.

Water Fund: Voucher # 1 - \$22.00

General Fund: Vouchers # 1-18 - \$11,614.43

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 1 – 18 - \$19,899.86

Motion made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch to pay the bills with the exception of Voucher # 12, being disputed. Supervisor Crowell will talk with Superintendent Dosztan regarding this.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Year End Reports:

Town Justice – Motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept this report.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Town Clerk, Supervisor – Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to go into Executive Session at 8:37pm

All in favor.

Executive session ended at 10:20pm. No minutes to report.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to appoint Joann Mostyn as Water Clerk with duties as designated by the Supervisor.

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

Nays: None

Motion so passed.

Motion to adjourn at 10:34pm made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hoch.

All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Town Offices.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk