

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 5:30pm on Wednesday, July 10, 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
Citizens Present: Kevin Feuka (C2ae), Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy
Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Foster.

Minutes to June meeting stand approved as read.

Fevin Feuka from C2ae was given the floor. Mr. Feuka discussed the water project, that it is progressing, ready to do the second well next Tues. July 16th. Also stated that the Full Environmental Assessment Form has to be amended, and that a new Resolution for Setting Status (SEQR) and lead agency needs to be done. Mr. Feuka went over the Full Environmental Assessment Form, basically no changes to it. Questions and Answers followed.

Resolution was read by Chris and duly adopted by the following:

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

Nays: None

There was some discussion regarding Town property coming out on the Kotel Road, which would make access to the Well Site easier. Dennis is going to look into this further.

The Cemetery By-Laws were looked over and discussion followed. Changes were made to the By-Laws and Chris will retype these for next month. Passing the By-Laws was tabled until next month after the corrections are made.

The Town never had an official written Fire Contract with the Town of Croghan, so Supervisor Foster gave them a copy of Lowville's Fire Contract to use as a guide, and we now have a written Contract.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept this Fire Contract with Croghan.

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

Nays: None

Jeff Lyng was given the floor to discuss the "Chips" Program. Mr. Lyng passed out papers that show what Chips money can be used for, all of which has to pertain to the highway. Also, Superintendent Dosztan received a letter regarding new funding for the Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR). Questions and answers followed.

The Board talked with Superintendent Dosztan regarding a new pickup truck. The Board needs Bob to convince them that a third pickup is needed. Superintendent Dosztan explained his feelings about it, that they have a back-up, should one break down, and if needed, three men can go in three different directions at the same time. Further discussion followed.

Councilman Freeman informed the Board that he has contacted Senator Griffo's office again, regarding the money we were told we could get towards the water project. The money is tied into USDA somehow, but if we can't get this money, USDA may not approve us or release their money to us.

Planning Board: Councilman Hoch reported that they had a short meeting, didn't really have anything new. Discussion followed regarding the campgrounds.

Code Enforcemnt: Tim asked about the cell phones.

Zoning: Not available

Dog Control Officer: Not present

County Legislator: Not present

Town Attorney: Not present

Old Business: Discussed the Lowville Recreation Program. Randy Schell was going to send us a letter, but have not received anything.

Supervisor Foster told the Board that he needs approval from the Board to “Loan” money to the Water Fund to cover expenses paid out for repairs on the River Road. The Water Fund has little to no extra money for maintenance at this time.

Tim Everson came in about 7:30pm, and he was asked if he had a question. Mr. Everson explained about the problem he and neighbor Jeff Norton have regarding in his basement, and his and Jeff’s backyard. Discussion followed to try to come up with a solution to this water issue.

Reappointments for the Planning Board and ZBA are needed.

A motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to reappoint Janet Cook to the Planning Board.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded bby Councilman Freeman to reappoint Cathy Dosztan to the ZBA.

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

Nays: None

Monthly bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund:-Voucher # 15 - \$22.05

General Fund – Vouchers # 164-183 - \$6,723.67

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 76 -84 -\$7,232.21

Motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno to approve these bills for payment.

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

Nays: None

The monthly reports of the Code Enforcement Officer, Town Justice, Supervisor and Town Clerk were submitted 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, Dennis Foster

Nays: None

Motion to adjourn at 8:12pm made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hanno. All in favor.

Next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 5:30pm at the Town Offices.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk