

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

The Public Hearings meeting was called to order at 6:58pm on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 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

Citizens Present: Bill and Judi Houppert, Don Regetz, David Flint, Virgil Taylor.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dennis Foster.

Minutes to February Meeting stand approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Bob discussed getting a portable unit for the garage, to save time, travel and money when a truck is broke down with broken hoses. This unit contains everything needed to repair broken hoses, right on the spot. He's looking at a Gates Unit - \$5,000 & \$7,000 Units. Bob said the cheaper unit will work fine for them. Bob likes to get the Board's opinion on purchases before going ahead. Board said as long as it was within his budget, they were fine with the purchase.

Bob was then excused from the meeting.

Public Hearing #1 was opened at 7:00pm. Local Law #2: Water District Regulations: Questions & Answers followed:

Q: If we sell water, will that reduce the cost of the Project.

A: The money will be applied toward the EDU charges for the Customers.

Q: Are they going to mail applications to residents to find out if they want to be hooked up?

A: They are actually going to go house to house doing a survey.

Q: Will there be back flow valves on the lines?

A: Yes

Q: Says any leak between the property line and the meter shall be owner/occupants responsibility.

A: Will check on that and have it verified.

Q: How often will billing be done?

A: Looking at quarterly, so it is easier on the customer.

Q: Is a year considered from January to December, or is it beginning when everything is hooked up and going?

A: Going to try and set it up that way, from January to December.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:30pm.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Jeff to pass Local Law #2.

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

Nays: None

Public Hearing # 2: Building Codes and Fees:

Postponed- more work needs to be done.

Monthly Bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund: Voucher # 3 - \$20.40

General Fund: Vouchers # 45 - 68 - \$14,380.28

Highway Fund: Vouchers # 31 - 42 - \$24,399.14

Motion was made by Jim, seconded by Jeff to pay the bills.

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

Nays: None

Chris explained the quote from Casella's.

Cleaning person applications were discussed. Thinking of every other week, spring cleaning, shampooing the rugs, maybe get a quote for steam cleaning, discussed doing a work up of what we want done. Committee decided on Sheryl Virkler, and they will contact her, set up a meeting and go over the list and areas.

Received 2 quotes for the Roof project over 2 doors at the garage. Very close in pricing, both stating they will copy the current roof. Board decided on DC Building & Repair (Darrin Cole). Chris will call and let him know he got the job.

Public Hearing # 3: Local Law #1 – Opt Out of Solar/Wind Energy/Farm Waste Energy Exemption.

This will give the Town more leverage and access to negotiations for any new PILOT Agreements.

Public Hearing #3 Closed at 8:04pm.

Motion made by Mike, seconded by Ron to pass this Local Law #1.

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

Nays: None

Loan Resolution:

Dennis and Joann attended a meeting with the USDA in Watertown the other day, with regards to the Water Project. While there, Dennis had to sign a paper stating we wanted the money for this project.

This loan resolution is with the USDA in the amount of \$4,319,000.00.

Motion was made by Jim, seconded by Jeff to accept this loan resolution.

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

Nays: None

Chris gave a quotes from 2 shredding companies, with regard to shredding the old files. Dennis wants to wait awhile before shredding until he's sure there isn't something he may need in these files.

Chris also passed a bill from the Humane Society that she paid.

Tim hasn't had much in building permits yet.

Public Hearing # 4: Additions/Changes to the Employee Handbook.

This mainly concerns electronics and machinery. No personal use of, without authorization.

A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Mike to approve these Handbook Changes.

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

Nays: None

Monthly reports of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Town Justice, and Supervisor were passed for audit and approval.

Motion by Jim, seconded by Mike to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Town Offices.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike at 8:47pm, seconded by Jeff. All in favor.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk

