

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 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 20, 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: Absent  
Code Enforcement Officer: Absent

Citizens Present: Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng, Bill and Judi Houppert, Ann Pominville

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Foster.

Minutes to the February Meeting – Stand Approved as read.

**New Business:**

Resolution #1 – Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Owned by the Town. This is the official Resolution for the sale of the old Schaab Property that was previously purchased by the Town for the development of water, that is no longer needed for that purpose or any other Town purpose.

Motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #2 - Tobacco Free Workplace - Our Town Handbook was not in compliance with the State Law regarding no smoking in or around the Town Buildings and Town Vehicles. This resolution will replace the current statement.

A motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #3 – To Adopt the Water Districts #2 – 8 Contract Agreements. These Contracts are all up for renewal. Discussion followed regarding any changes the Board may or may not want to make regarding maintenance. The Board decided that they would like to counter by asking for services in kind equal to the value of the Villages 45% reduction in their assessed value, an itemized monthly invoice for those services, and an explanation of what the 65% “fringe benefits” charges on the invoices is based on. This Resolution has been tabled until Supervisor Foster has had a chance to let the Village know of our Counter, and we get a response from them.

**Old Business:**

Cell phones: Supervisor Foster discussed a phone plan through Verizon where it is possible to get four (4) phones, as the Code Enforcement Officer needs one, as does the Highway Superintendent, and we could probably switch the Dog Control Officer's phone over to the same plan, and possibly giving one to the Deputy Hwy Superintendent. The State does not want certain Municipal Employees to use their personal cell phones for business issues, due to the possibility of a litigation. This is tabled until further information can be obtained.

Clerk Chris gave an update on the status of the Repeater. Emergency Management has to bring it up to

the Radio Committee, and they have not had a meeting yet.

Chris also explained that Larry, the Dog Control Officer had shown her that he needs new magnetic signs for his vehicle. They were pretty bad. Also, he would like shirts, or a badge that state that he is the Dog Control Officer, as he has some people giving him strange looks when he goes to their homes. Chris is to call the other Towns and let them know, and ask them about sharing the cost.

Supervisor Foster has not heard any word yet regarding rather drilling wells for the homes affected by the "spill" would be considered a permanent or temporary solution to the consent order issued by the NYSDEC.

Supervisor Foster also received an email from the ADKAction regarding a project reducing the amount of road salt in our region. They are asking Towns and Villages within the Park to sign a Memorandum of Understanding that acknowledges the road salt issue and recognizes the best practices that may reduce the usage of road salt. This has been tabled until next meeting.

Councilman Hoch has a list of rules/regulations that the Planning Board came up with in regards to Campgrounds. Chris made copies and passed them out for the Board to review.

Councilman Freeman asked about the defibrillator and training. Chris explained the cost of training from a couple of resources. Rodger from Creg Systems stated he is Certified through the American Heart Association and he would be willing to come on a weekend to train, and if need be, he has another person he works with to help with the ttraining, if there is more than 6 persons wanting to learn Chris will get in touch with Rodger and get times available to set up a training. There will be a \$10.00 charge for the cards issued.

Supervisor Foster said there is no report yet on the new resistivilty tests run at a new location.

Monthly Bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund: - Voucher # 6 - \$20.32

General Fund – Vouchers # 57 – 85 - \$56,863.40

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 23 – 35 - \$18,941.57

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

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

Nays: None

The monthly reports of the Clerk, Justice and Code Enforcement Officer were passed for audit and approval. The Supervisors reports had not been received from the accountants.

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

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

Nays: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman at 8:30pm.

All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Offices.

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Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk