

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

The Public Hearing/Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell

Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman-Absent

Town Clerk: Christina Merry

Hwy Superintendent: Robert Dosztan-Absent

Deputy Hwy Superintendent: Neil Mahoney

Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee

Citizens Present: Andrea Moroughan, Jeff Lyng, Judi & Bill Houppert, James Pawloski, Nettie Prusinowski, Barry Widrick.

Guests: DANC – Hartley Bonisteel Schweitzer, Star Carter, Warren Salo

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept the February minutes as read.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Public Hearing** was opened at 6:35pm on the “**Resolution of the Town Board of Watson Regarding the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Proposed Local Law Regulating Campgrounds.**” The Planning Board was asked if they had any comments.

DANC members, Star, Hartley and Warren were given the floor. Gave a brief explanation of what they do. Hartley spoke first regarding how she helps Townships with Comprehensive Planning, as she has been asked about the possibility of helping the Planning Board with our Comprehensive Plan. Explained further what a Comprehensive Plan means, in regards to infrastructure, big businesses, etc.

Star – Assistant Director of Engineering – explained how they use information given to them from the Town, in regards to mapping, streets, and what you can find on the GIS mapping. Warren –GIS Technician – gave a short preview of what you can do with the GIS mapping in the way of looking up properties, etc., and explained that the property lines may not be accurate, but it is what the County gave them.

**Public Hearing** – Ray Meier explained the Resolution -Part 2 regarding the SEQRA, and went over the questions and answers. Supervisor Crowell asked again if there were any questions or comments.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to pass the “ Resolution of the Town Board of Watson Regarding SECRA and the Proposed Local Law Regulating Campgrounds.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried. The Local Law will be on the April Agenda for Passing. Public Hearing was closed at 7:15pm.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the Security System at the Garage. Right now there is just heat sensitive security. There is no entry security as is at the Office Building. Because of all the equipment and parts in the Garage, he feels there should be an entry security also. Chris called Creg Systems for a quote, which each member received. Will decide by April meeting if we will go ahead with this.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Tim Lee had nothing to report.

Quotes from Hwy Superintendent Dosztan for a new tractor and mower. Deputy Neil Mahoney was given the floor to explain why they need a larger tractor & mower. Brush leaning into the road has caused a couple broken

windshields on the trucks, and with a longer boom on the mower, they can reach higher to cut back the brush and limbs. Discussed what some of the equipment options were and in what way they will help in the work. Less fatigue for the employee. Further discussion followed. Supervisor Crowell asked Jeff Lyng about using CHIPS money, and Jeff said if they use CHIPS money they have to buy the equipment, because it must be kept at least 10 years.

**Planning Board:** Looking into Animal Regulations, Solar Regulations, Lot line adjustments. Nettie had a few questions for Ray.

**Water:** Have 172 people who have signed up for water hook-up. Will be able to sign up for water hook-up right up until construction starts. Smaller storage tank – from 300,000 gallons down to 170,000 gallons. Wells are up to about 200 gallons per minute. Discussed the grants.

**County Legislator:** Andrea said the County is deciding whether to build a new building or fix/repair the current building. The Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment met with those for and those against. Looking to hire a replacement for Frank Pace's position on the Planning Board, and also for Adam Zehr's position in IT.

Wells Communication quote- discussion followed. Neil explained where the issues are and where it would help with communications. Satellite phones were brought up. Going to check into this as an alternative to the repeater.

Abstracts for the monthly bills were emailed to the Board members to review.

BAN: Vouchers: # 7-9 - \$3,991.89

Water Fund: Voucher # 3 - \$21.82

General Fund – Vouchers # 46 – 70 - \$10,103.23

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 30 - 40 - \$19,062.63

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Chris passed to the Supervisor another Discharge of Mortgage for Dennis and Kelly Roes.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Pominville giving the Supervisor permission to sign the Discharge.

Ayes: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

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

Motion made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to go into Executive Session at 8:40pm. Executive Session ended at 8:50pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to adjourn at 8:53pm. All in favor.

Next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Town Offices.

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Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk