

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

Public Hearing/Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Virgil Taylor at the Town of Watson Offices on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Virgil Taylor
Councilmen: Dennis Foster, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Robert Dosztan
Code Enforcement Officer: Paul Gyore

Citizens Present: Albert Kukol, Marcia Ward, Bill & Judi Houppert, Bill Pelo, Steve & Lisa Strait, Vicki Roy, Carroll & Ginny Owens, Bonnie McClellan, Jeanne Cole, Michael, Joanne & Adam Kukol, Tom Compo, Don Regetz, Kathleen Ross, Mike Hanno, Ann Pominville.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Virgil Taylor.
The Minutes to the October meeting stand approved as read.

Public Hearing on the Light District: Total \$2,999.85, this is paid by the first 21 residents on Crestview Drive.

A motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Jim to accept the Light District.

Ayes: Dennis Foster, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Virgil Taylor.

Nays: None

Public Hearing on the Water Districts: Total \$32,234.00 – This is self-sufficient – What is paid in, is what is paid out.

A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Jeff to accept the Water Districts.

Ayes: Dennis Foster, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Virgil Taylor.

Nays: None

Public Hearing for the Fire Contracts:

Village of Lowville – District #1 - \$38,903.00

Town of Croghan – District #2 – \$3,100.00

Total - \$42,003.00

A motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Jeff to accept the Fire Contracts.

Ayes: Dennis Foster, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Virgil Taylor

Nays: None

Public Hearings were closed.

The Chase Lake Shareholder's Association was given the floor.

First, they are in favor of towers being erected in the Town to help with the Broadband. Virgil said they have a meeting on Wednesday, November 15.

Second, regarding the intersection where the Erie Canal Road, the Stony Lake Road and the White Pine Lane all come together is a safety issue. And with the Lodge wanting to make camping areas it is going to become even more of a safety issue. Discussed the issue of a camper on site, the septic and water issues that will incur, the insinuations that ATV's and Snowsleds can be run in the area as well as those thinking they have access to the Lake. The Board was asked what they would do if someone reported

ATV's/Snowsleds riding where it is closed. Response was call the Sheriff's Office as they have. There is nothing else the Town can do.

Virgil stated what the landowners need to do before they can even begin, contacting the Dept. of Health, DEC, has to have potable water, septic tanks installed, and if they decide to split the land they must have a right of way road down the center with each parcel having at least 200 ft. of road frontage. Mrs. McClellan spoke regarding their plans. They have been in touch with the Dept. of Health, etc. have received all the information they need, and if they decide to split the land, there is enough to have the 200 ft. of road frontage. Further discussion followed.

Dennis made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:26pm for the purpose of Interviewing applicants for Code Enforcement Officer. The Executive Session ended at 8:40pm.

Regarding the Budget: This year \$1,035,607.85 will be raised by taxes.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Ron to pass the budget.

Ayes: Virgil Taylor, Dennis Foster, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Preliminary Budget at this time for the Water Project is \$5,919,000. We have a grant of \$1,500,000 from the USDA. Hired a Financial Service who will be doing the Bond work, at the end of the month. There are 2 stages – First stage will cost \$726,000.00, the second stage will be \$4,250,000.00. USDA will give a final letter as to what they will give to us. When the construction is done, USDA will pay off the bonds and then we pay the USDA.

Jeff stated that the Planning Board would like to go to the 5-day prior to meeting notice to be on their agenda. They asked that Chris be notified, and then she will pass the information on to the Planning Board.

Monthly bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund: Voucher # 11 - \$20.65

General Fund: Vouchers # 226 – 247 - \$9,163.74

Highway Fund: Vouchers # 164 – 176 - \$19,343.33

A motion by Dennis, seconded by Jim to pay the bills.

Ayes: Virgil Taylor, Dennis Foster, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman

Nays: None

The monthly reports of the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Justice and Code Enforcement Officer were passed for audit and approval.

A motion by Jim, seconded by Dennis to accept these reports.

Ayes: Virgil Taylor, Dennis Foster, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman.

Nays: None

A motion was made by Dennis, to adjourn at 9:20pm. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 at the Town Offices.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk