

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, October 10, 2018 by Supervisor Dennis Foster.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Dennis Foster
Councilmen: Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman, Mike Hanno-Absent
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Robert Dosztan
Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee
Citizens Present: Justin Hall, Bill and Judy Houppert, Robert W. Dosztan, Joe Kuhta, Ann Pominville.
Councilman Mike Hanno came in at 7:04pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Dennis Foster.
Minutes to the September meeting stand approved as read.
Richard Hecker, who had applied to be on the Agenda was absent.

Committee Reports:

Highway – Nothing to report, but did ask if the Board could approve the last bill from Gorman, that we haven't received yet, for around \$32,000, so it can get paid. Have to put in for Chips by October 26, 2018, and cancelled checks are needed.

Planning Board – Asking the Board if there can be a moratorium passed regarding Campgrounds until they have a chance to research more. Supervisor Foster stated he would get in touch with Attorney Meier.

Zoning: Not Present.

Code Enforcement Officer: Nothing to report.

Dog Control Officer: Not Present.

Water System: Supervisor Foster stated the drilling will begin soon. Claude Curley from Dept. of Health wanted us to explore development of a third well on the old Schaab property. Claude Cormier from HydroSource recommended against it, due to the cost of cleaning up cloudyness/sediment. Recommended that if a third well was indicated, to look for a different location. Will have 2 wells on the prior Widrick property, with 10" casings instead of 8". Will be able to put our Bond up for rebidding.

County Legislator: Not present.

County Attorney: Not present.

Old Business:

Councilman Freeman stated he is going to contact Joe Griffo's office again and try to get things rolling regarding our grant.

New Business:

Chris asked about having automatic payments for National Grid, Frontier, Spectrum and Pitney Bowes Leasing. She explained that at least one of the National Grid bills always has late charges attached because the payment is not received by the due date. And Pitney Bowes charges a large finance fee if they don't receive payment by the due date. Auto pay would stop us from receiving any late charges as it would be directly taken from the checking account. We would receive receipts with copies of the bill.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to set up auto payments

for these accounts.

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

Nays: None

Virgil Taylor came in about 7:15pm.

Supervisor Foster explained to the Board about the problems we have been having with the phones, internet and electric. Tim Munn, our IT person will be in again on Thursday with Spectrum to continue working on the Internet issues. Our Internet speed is very slow, and with more than one person on at the same time, it bogs down even slower. To upgrade the Internet speed would cost about \$10.00 more a month. Dennis explained a package deal with Spectrum for Internet and Phone for about \$150.00 less than what we are paying for Frontier and Internet now. We would be connected to a fiber-optic line and our upload/download speeds would be increased. Also, contacted Creg Systems regarding maintenance for the phones. And the switchover would be done immediately according to Spectrum.

Motion was by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Pominville to switch over to Spectrum for Internet and phones. This would cost less than we are paying now through Frontier.

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 # 10 - \$20.19

General Fund: Vouchers # 217 – 237 - \$8,962.18

Highway Fund: Vouchers # 116-132 - \$48,464.93

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to pay the bills with the exception of the bill from Christman's Fuel, until further research can be done.

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

Nays: None

The Board was given a copy of the Lowville Fire Contract.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to accept the Fire Contract pending the Public Hearing.

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

Nays: None

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

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

Motion made by Councilman Hanno, seconded y Councilman Freeman to adjourn at 8:30pm

All in favor.

Next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Town Offices.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk

