

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

The Public Hearings/Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order at 5:30pm on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 by Deputy Supervisor Mike Hanno.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Resigned
Deputy Supervisor: Mike Hanno
Town Councilmen: Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Absent
Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee
Water Clerk: Joann Mostyn

Citizens present: Ann Pominville, Virgil Taylor, Andrea Moroughan, Tom Compo, Charlotte Morak, Gerald Crowell, Sherman Merry, David Flint, Bill & Judi Houppert, Nettie Prusinowski, Tim VanZandt, Don Mooney, Vicki Roy.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Supervisor Mike Hanno.

Public Hearing #1 was opened at 5:35pm. Temporary Increase to Water Maintenance Fees for Districts 2 -8. This is due to there being little to no money in a reserve account for maintenance for the Water Districts. There should be a reserve of approximately \$26,000 to cover any maintenance that needs to be done. For the next three billings, the maintenance fee will be \$125.00, plus \$25.00 Administrative Fee.

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Freeman to accept the September minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

Committee Reports:

Planning Board: Councilman Hoch, Nettie Prusinowski, and Code Enforcement Officer Tim Lee commented on the Campground Rules & Regulations. There were some changes made, and Chris will send them on to Attorney Meier for his input. Regarding Fee Schedule this is something the Town Board has to make up.

Zoning: None

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

Dog Control: Chris explained she is waiting for a Intermunicipal Agreement to be signed by the three Towns that we share Dog Control with. There were a couple of changes made to the agreement, therefore it has to go to each Town again. Councilman Freeman asked about the Dog Control Officer's phone. Chris explained that his phone bill will stay separate as it is now, and that she sends bills to the other three Towns once every 3 months, billing each one quarter of the cost.

County Legislator: Was asked when the Hodge Road/Number Four Road intersection would be done. Andrea commented she still hasn't heard a thing.

Town Attorney: Not Present.

Old Business: Deputy Supervisor Hanno asked about the defibrillator status. Chris explained amount

of people interested, she will contact Chris from Unifirst to get a price quote for training.

Councilman Freeman brought up the Agreement between the Town and Donald & Karen Mooney regarding purchase price of the properties. Original price was \$4,000 in the Agreement, and Don thought it was for \$5,000, \$1,000 per acre. Discussion followed and Councilman Freeman asked Don if he would accept \$4,500. Don agreed on this amount. Chris will retype up the Agreement making the correction in price before signing.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, Seconded by Councilman Pominville to offer \$4,500.00.
Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Ronald Pominville, Jim Freeman, Mike Hanno.

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

Deputy Supervisor Hanno said he ran into Mr. Beagle and discussed the Village water contracts. Mr. Beagle thought that the \$3,500 was for meter reading. Deputy Supervisor Hanno said the Town is considering changing their Assessment.

Public Hearing #2 - Review & Accept new Water Rate Fee Schedule for Districts 2-8. The Village has increased their rate 5%, our increase is 6%. Discussion followed.

A question was asked if the Town has a legal responsibility on the River Road Water. Virgil Tayler explained that when the Town was informed by the State that we had to form our own Water Districts, we are legally responsible to furnish water. Further discussion followed.

Public Hearings #1 and #2 are closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Freeman to table passing the Rules and Regulations until next meeting.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Ronald Pominville, Jim Freeman

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

A motion to accept the Temporary Maintenance Fee increase was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Freeman.

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

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

Monthly bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund: Voucher # 18 - \$21.85

General Fund: Vouchers # 223 – 245 -\$3,858.28

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 113 -124 - \$102,572.64

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept the Preliminary Budget. Councilman Hoch spoke up, during the vote wanted some discussion on the Budget. Councilman Hoch suggested leaving the Supervisor's salary at the 2019 amount of \$14,500 as he doesn't believe a new Supervisor should get an increase the first year in office. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch to keep the Supervisor's salary at \$14,500.

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

Nays: None

Motion so moved..

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept the Preliminary Budget with one correction.

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

Nays: None

Motion so moved..

Mike discussed MultiVista, which videos Projects as they progress in construction, with visual documentation.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Pominville to reappoint Erin Gratch as Assessor for another term of 6 years.

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

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

A motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Freeman to reappoint Maryann Vargulick and Robert O'Brian to the ZBA Board for a term of 1 year.

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

Nays: None

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

A motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hoch to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so moved.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Hoch to adjourn at 7:45pm. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:30pm at the Town Offices. This will also be a Public Hearing meeting on Finalizing the Budget, accepting the Fire and Ambulance Contracts, and Passing Local Law #1, 2019 on the Rules and Regulations of the Water Districts.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk