

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 5:34pm On Wednesday, September 11, 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: Robert Dosztan
Code Enforcement Officer: Tim Lee

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Foster.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno to go into Executive Session at 5:34pm, seconded by Councilman Freeman. Executive Session ended at 5:56pm.

Kevin Feuka was given the floor. He explained that through the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) & NYS Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants (IMG) Program there is up to 60% or 3 million dollars possible.

A Resolution to apply for this Grant is needed.

A motion by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville was made to apply for this Grant.

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

Nays: None

Resolution so passed.

Kevin went on to explain the next steps in the process of this project and also gave a report on the quantity and quality of the water.

The proposed water line construction and installation involves crossing real property owned by Owner(s) in a couple of areas. Therefore, an Agreement to Transfer Permanent Easement is needed from each of the property owners. Also, a resolution is needed to Acquire Permanent Easements in connection with this project is needed.

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Freeman to pass this Resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution so passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Pominville to enter into an Agreement with Donald & Karen Mooney for the purchase of property for the proposed water storage tank.

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

Nays: None

Agreement so passed.

Patricia O'Brien, Lewis County Treasurer, was given the floor to explain the System's East Tax Program and to answer any questions the Board may have. The County will pay for the Software, and 2 years maintenance fees. The County has the option to extend this further if they so choose. She also explained the Installment payments, the choice to use Xpress pay online, and credit card usage, which are all optional.

A motion was made by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilman Pominville to Opt in to the County Local Law No. 2-2019, Installment Payment of Town and County Real Property Tax Collection Procedures and Software System (Total Collection Solution) maintained by Systems East, Inc.

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

Nays: None

Resolution so passed.

Minutes to the August meeting stand approved as read with spelling corrections.

Dennis discussed a temporary increase in the maintenance fee for the Water Districts. The State mandates that the Water Fund has at least one billing cycle in reserve in the checking account for maintenance purposes. There will be a Public Hearing at the next Board meeting to pass this temporary increase. Also, there will be a Public Hearing at the next meeting in regards to changes to Water Regulations and Water Rate Schedule.

Supervisor Foster and Scott Lawrence, CPA have worked up a tentative budget, which he went over with the Board, explaining that they could make any changes they deemed necessary.

Supervisor Foster read his resignation as Town Supervisor, effective September 28, 2019 at 11:59pm. Supervisor Foster explained that Joann Mostyn will be taking care of paperwork for the Supervisor's office, and that Deputy Supervisor Michael Hanno will be conducting the meetings and other Supervisor duties.

Committee Reports:

Highway: Superintendent Dosztan reported that John Westburg will be starting September 30th. Barry Virkler has submitted his two week notice.

Planning Board: Councilman Hoch reported that in regards to the Campgrounds, Tim Lee is looking into fees.

Code Enforcement Officer: Nothing to report.

Legislator: Andrea Moroughan had nothing to report. Dennis asked when they were going to do the work on the corner of the Hodge Road & Number Four Road. Andrea stated she has asked that herself several times, she hasn't heard anything more.

Old Business:

Councilman Freeman asked about the phones. Supervisor Foster explained that Joann is working on it, and said Verizon has the best deal. Chris asked if the Dog Control Officer will be on a separate plan. Supervisor Foster said yes, his will remain as it is.

Monthly bills were passed for audit and payment approval.

Water Fund: Voucher # 17 - \$22.04

General Fund: Vouchers #200-221 - \$4,208.34

Highway Fund: Vouchers # 99 -112 - \$69,493.53

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

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

Nays: None

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

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

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

Nays: None

A motion to adjourn at 8:25pm was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville.

All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be a Public Hearing along with the regular meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk