

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 on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:29pm by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Gerald Crowell
Councilmen: Jeff Lyng, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno
Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens Present: Ann Pominville, Judi & Bill Houppert, Vicki Roy, Mary Misek, Bill Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 8th, Special Meeting September 29th, Budget Meeting October 7th.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Scott Lawrence, CPA was given the floor to review the financials. Scott ran over the highlights of the financials and everything looks good, totals running about where they should be. A few funds will need fund transfers.

Discussed the Budget for 2022, Supervisor Crowell asked the Board if they would like one more Budget meeting before the November Meeting. Questions followed. Bill Houppert asked about a summary of the amount of calls the Fire Dept., and Search & Rescue have made to the Town. We don't seem to get this when we have asked before. Supervisor Crowell will see about getting someone here for the December Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Hanno to accept the Preliminary Budget.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Scott Lawrence left.

Public Hearing: Was opened at 7:06pm by Supervisor Crowell. This is for the Solar Law #1 for the Town of Watson. Supervisor Crowell explained there were a few grammatical errors that needed to be fixed, and Nettie was calling Casandra at the County to find out about some condition changes. Public Hearing continues

Volunteer Transportation Request: They are asking for about a \$312.00 for 2022 increase in our contribution to them. There are many people within the Township that utilize this.

Motion was made by Councilman Pominville, seconded by Councilman Hanno to increase our Contribution to them by \$312.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Hwy Superintendent Steve Skiff reported that the paving is done, he's working on the CHIPS reimbursement for the second submission, Culverts are in for next year's paving, put up about 5,000 tons of sand from Lyndaker's, which is about \$18,000.00. New truck is supposed to arrive at Vikings around November, then we could possibly get it by the first of the year.

Bill Hunt commented that on the Beeches Mill Road there are concerns about the mowing, it leaves spikes on the trees that can be lethal to the horses, also discussed the washouts on the road.

Steve left about 7:30pm for another meeting.

Supervisor Crowell discussed the change orders – 1-2 is for the 3 disconnections, where North Country Contractors were not allowed to finish connections in the amount of 1,950.00., Change order #1-3 Over/Under- for the additional connections added in the amount of \$145,589.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to approve Change Order 1-2.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Hanno to approve Change Order 1-3.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell read a request from Sheryl Virkler for a \$1.00 per hour increase, for Cleaning.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville to approve this raise.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Public Hearing Resumed: at 6:35pm. No further discussion. Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to pass this Local Law #1 with condition changes.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Bond Budget Adjustment: This is an adjustment to the Bond Council Budget, from \$32,500.00 to \$32,808.00.

WIIA Grant Disbursement Request Form: Supervisor Crowell discussed this form, and asked the Board for approval to sign and send back. This is a request for the remaining \$750,000 of the WIIA Grant that we have not received yet.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno giving Supervisor Crowell permission to sign and email back for the disbursement of the \$750,000 remaining Grant money.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

BAR Reappointments:

A motion was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Pominville to reappoint Thomas Turck and Vicki Roy to the Board of Assessment Review Board.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

ZBA Reappointments:

A motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to reappoint Maryann Vargulick, Cathy Dosztan and Ross Phelps to the Zoning Board of Appeals Board.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Bills:

Bond Account: Vouchers #50 -52 - \$\$193,759.90

Water Fund: Vouchers #20 -22 - \$4,681.63

Watson O & M: Vouchers # 23 – 28 - \$,,687.74

General Fund: Vouchers # 221-243 - \$7,074.10

Highway Fund: Vouchers # 114 – 133 - \$122,011.01

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Reports: Town Clerk, Justice & Supervisor Reports were passed for audit and approval.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to approve these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell emailed the Board regarding the GIS Mapping through DANC, and will discuss at the next meeting after Board has time to look it over.

Supervisor Crowell also discussed talking with Mike Macy, and Community Bank regarding the financing of the new Plow Truck. Community Bank will hold the quote for an additional 60 days at the rate of 2.05%. He also emailed Matt Wells, as Community Bank needs a Legal Opinion. Matt said he would do it. Further discussion followed.

Discussion regarding the GIS Mapping, was decided to invite Star to come and give an update presentation.

Bill Houppert brought up situation regarding his property and the water issue. Chris has been trying to find the information he wants. Stated if he has to, he will have his Lawyer file a FOIL Request.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:20pm was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch at 8:21pm. All in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, Novemeber 10, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk