

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

The Public Hearing of the Town of Watson was called to order at 7:05pm on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 by Supervisor Dennis Foster.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Dennis Foster
Councilmen: Mike Hanno, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman
Town Clerk: Christina Merry

Citizens Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Dennis Foster.

Public Hearing opened at 7:06pm. This Public Hearing is to discuss and pass Local Law #3 – to abolish the Elected Office of Town Highway Superintendent, and create it as an Appointed Office and Local Law #4 – To Abolish the Elected Office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and create it as an Appointed Office. This Hearing is held open for 30 minutes pending any citizens showing up.

Other Town Business while waiting:

Tom Schneeberger called Bob and said he was having his driveway done and the culvert needed replacing. Bob discussed this with Dennis, stating the Town has never replaced or reditched a culvert after the initial placement before. Discussion followed, and it was decided by the Board, that Bob should let Mr. Schneeberger know that whoever is doing his driveway should be the one to replace the culvert, and if he chooses, Mr. Schneeberger can call Bob and ask if he can come and look at it to be sure it is correctly set before making his final payment.

Jeff Norton contacted Chris, then came up to talk with Dennis regarding water build-up in his backyard and Tim Everson's from snow melting run-off. Dennis and Neil went over with Mr. Norton to look it over. He also said that his ATV trail has been washed out due to the excess water. Our ditch that leads to the culvert under the main road has become filled with sand as well as the culvert.

Dennis spoke with the County about the culvert and he will ask Bob if they can clean out the ditch and any sand taken from the ditch will be given to Mr. Norton to fix his ATV Trail, but it will be his responsibility to transport the sand to his property.

Wells: Dennis discussed the drilling of the new secondary well. The price has increased significantly from 2016 when the first one was drilled. Kevin Feuka is going to try to get it through the USDA, but stated if we use the money from the current grant, and get audited, we could be made to pay this back ourselves. Checked with Kevin O'Rourke, his price is closer to what we initially paid. Also, going to check with Mr. Brigham and see if he has capabilities to do what is needed with this well.

Water Rates: Went over new rates, changed calculations from 6 months to 3 months, Also changed the water to cubic feet. Discussion and questions followed. All existing districts, with the exception of District #4 will stay on the Village Lines. These new rates are subject to change as project completion gets closer.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Mike to pass the new water rates.

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

Nays: None

Discussion followed for the Local Laws #3 & 4. Was decided to write up a flyer to mail to all voters to show pros & cons regarding Elected vs. Appointed.

Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Mike to pass Local Law #3.

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

Nays: None

Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Jim to pass Local Law #4.

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

Nays: None

These Local Laws shall take effect upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Town voting thereon at the General Election on November 6, 2018 and the filing of the Local Laws with the Secretary of State in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Law.

Motion was made by Jeff, seconded by Jim to adjourn at 8:07pm. All in favor.

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk