

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:04pm by Supervisor Virgil Taylor at the Town of Watson Highway Garage on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Virgil Taylor.

Introductions of Town Officials and Town Attorney Ray Meier, and Project Engineer Kevin Feuka was done by Supervisor Taylor.

Approximately 35 residents of the Town of Watson were in attendance listed as follows:

Mary Lou Guignard, Dave & Linda Flint, Joseph Zehr, Charles Bunke, Dennis Everson, Mark Everson, Tim & Donna Everson, John Konkol, Mike Worden, Ann Pominville, Paul Gyore, Wayne & Heather Bender, Barry Widrick, Jane Farney, Valerie Muncy, Lawrence Duthie, Patrick Flynn, Bryan Reali, Tracy & Jennifer Gyore, Nettie Prusinowski, William Kaufmann, Roger & Susan Chapman, Christel & Don Morehouse, Don Regetz, Arel & Barbara Brown, Donna Smith-Mayor of Village of Lowville.

Permissive Referendum was opened at 7:07pm with Supervisor Taylor explaining events that have led up to this point. Oil Spill – Contaminated Wells – Water Testing – New Wells for 5 Residents – Lawsuit by the State – Extended research regarding developing Water District – Settlement with State providing Town furnishes Municipal water to the 5 residents – expansion of Water District.

Cost of project to furnish water to only 5 residents vs Cost to expand existing Water District including around 371 people within the District.

\$4.1 million to furnish just to the 5 people with contaminated wells.

\$5.919 million to expand existing Water District – plus \$100,000 grant awarded by Griffo, \$1.5 million to help with the start up of Project, amount per person yearly within the District, additional grants available through USDA, Fire hydrants every 600 feet.

Virgil then turned the floor over to Engineer Kevin Feuka to explain more.

The people already receiving water from the Village would get upgraded with newer piping, and be connected to the Town's water source. Everyone within the District will be expected to pay an additional amount yearly besides water usage, installation included while work is being done, after work completed resident has to pay for installation, well shows more water than estimated usage, increased fire protection with fire hydrants, 11 miles of 8" water main, State requires 2 wells, 1 as a backup well, 300,000 gallon storage tank. The well drilling will probably start within the next couple of months, each resident will be contacted to see if they want to be connected.

Questions and Answers followed regarding why fire hydrants would be so close together -about 600 ft. apart – This is a State Requirement. One person stated he has been on Municipal Water for many years, no pump or maintenance, value of property goes up, homeowners insurance went down with fire hydrants so close. One gentleman spoke up and said nothing was ever said to him when he purchased one of the five parcels that were affected by the spill. He has no filters of any kind, and asked how he could get them. Virgil told him he would contact Optec who has been doing all of the testing and installed the filters in the homes.

Other questions were in regard to additional funding, how much pressure per household, if home is well off the main road, how much area is needed to run the piping, as this one parcel has dense trees along the driveway. These questions were answered by Virgil, and Mr. Feuka.

A motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Jim to close the Public Hearing at 8:45pm.

Ayes: Virgil Taylor, Dennis Foster, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman

Nays: None

A Notice of Adoption of Resolution establishing Extension #1 of the Town of Watson Water District 4 and the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of Water System Improvements was gone over and adopted by the following votes by Roll Call:

Ronald Pominville -Yes, Jim Freeman – Yes, Jeff Hoch – Yes, Dennis Foster – Yes, Virgil Taylor – Yes

Nays: None

Resolution so passed.

By a motion made by Dennis, seconded by Jim the Public Hearing Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Ayes: Virgil Taylor, Dennis Foster, Ronald Pominville, Jeff Hoch, Jim Freeman

Nays: None

Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk