

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 at 6:27pm on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 by Supervisor Gerald Crowell.

Town Officials Present:

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crowell.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Jeff Lyng to approve the August Minutes as read.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2021 –"Opting out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites"** opened at 6:30pm Some discussion followed. Public Hearing open until 7:00pm.

Motion to accept Michelle Ward as Deputy Clerk at \$14.00/hr was made by Councilman Lyng, seconded by Councilman Pominville.

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

Nays: Jeff Hoch

Motion so carried.

**Resolution #15 of 2021 with Reference to the Justice Court Assistance Grant Program**

Town Justice Regetz explained that the original resolution he sent was not sufficient, and the Court helped rewrite the Resolution with the proper wording. Just needs to be passed again, with the Town Clerk's signature and Town Seal attached.

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Hanno to pass this Resolution.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell explained Assessor Rebecca Trudell signed the 2022 Exemption Form stating no changes are being made.

**Highway:** Superintendent Skiff explained they were working on Road Shoulders, on roads they paved, Paverite was here, had them patch a spot by the fuel tanks, Plow truck will be shipped to Viking in November. Supervisor Crowell asked the Board how they want to do the financing, Discussion followed.

**Planning Board:** Councilman Hoch stated they were discussing Cell Towers and ideas for regulating these, Solar Law coming back to the Town for Public Hearing, they are holding Public Hearings on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 for the Village Water Project and National Grid. Their next meeting will be held on October 20, 2021.

**Dog Control:** Chris stated that last time she spoke with Ed, he said the enumeration was going slow.

**Water:** Supervisor Crowell discussed the closing on September 23, 2021, and that he has made sure all paperwork is in on our part. Hook-ups are moving right along, Kevin Feuka has left, Ian Yerdon is replacing him, and will be coming up on Friday to meet and introduce himself. Supervisor Crowell also discussed the release of the remaining WIIA money, what is in the Bond Account and current bills

that need to be paid.

**Public Hearing** resumed at 7:00pm. There was no further discussion from anyone.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Lyng to pass the Local Law #2.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried, subject to a Permissive Referendum.

Supervisor Crowell asked the Board members if they received his email from Bill Schaab regarding the Town's Insurance.

**Monthly Bills:**

BAN – Vouchers # 44 – 49 - \$236,717.94

Water Fund: Vouchers #18 – 19 - \$139.65

Watson Water O & M – Vouchers 18 – 22 - \$399.54

General Fund – Vouchers # 197 – 220 - \$16,724.02

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 104 – 113 - \$15,966.15

Motion was made by Councilman Hoch, seconded by Councilman Pominville to accept & 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 were passed for audit and approval.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Crowell explained that Tim Lee called and was wondering if the Town was going to be using the metal Handicap Ramp that had been purchased a while ago. Discussion followed, and it was decided that the Town would keep the ramp for now.

Motion was made by Councilman Hanno, seconded by Councilman Hoch to adjourn at 7:19pm.

All in favor.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson will be held on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm. This will also be a Public Hearing on the Solar Law.

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Christina M. Merry, Town Clerk