

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

January 8, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order on January 8, 2025 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens present: Bill Hunt, Mary Misek, Bill and Judi Houppert

CPA: Scott Lawrence

Meeting was started by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Supervisor Jeff Hoch

#### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from December 11, 2024, December 20, 2024 and January 2, 2025 were submitted for approval.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept meeting minutes.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Resolution #1-2025

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill that the Town of Watson enters into an agreement with Lewis County to allow Lewis County to respond to the BAS on behalf of the Town of Watson for the purpose of providing the U.S. Census Bureau with the information necessary to complete the Boundary and Annexation Survey.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Resolution #2-2025

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept the Intermunicipal Cooperative Engineering Agreement between Lewis County and the Town of Watson in regard to the engineering costs of the July 10, 2024 catastrophic rain event damage, which included (7) Bridges and approximately 10-15 culverts.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Resolution #3-2025

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept the resolution authorizing the Town of Watson to act as a co-applicant with Lewis County's submission of a NYS DOS Local Government efficiency grant program application.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #4-2025

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept the Justice Monthly Reports for 2024 and the 2024 Justice Annual Report.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Financials

Financials were discussed with the board and CPA-Scott Lawrence.

Resolution #5-2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded Jeff Lyng to authorize the transfer of \$674.94 from A1355.4 to A1355.1.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #6-2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded Jeff Lyng to authorize the transfer of \$1,377.50 from A1420.42 to A1420.41.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #7-2025 - Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded Jeff Lyng to authorize the transfer of \$33.60 from A7110.4 to A6410.4

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #8-2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded Jeff Lyng to authorize the transfer of \$390.87 from A9030.8 & \$202.13 from A1620.4 to A9010.8 for \$593.00.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #9-2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded Jeff Lyng to authorize the transfer of \$1,363.00 from DA9030.8 to DA9010.8.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #10-2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded Jeff Lyng to authorize the transfer of \$13.72 from SW8340.4 to SW9030.8-\$5.72 & SW9010.8-\$8.00.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #11-2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded Jeff Lyng to authorize the transfer of \$14.72 from SW2 8340.4 to SW2 9030.8-\$6.72 & SW2 9010.8-\$8.00.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report

December 2024

Total in Community Bank - \$477,585.06

Total in NYCLASS - \$1,515,324.91

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$1,993,054.47

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept the Supervisor's Report for December 2024.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RACOG

<http://racog.org>

Garage Bids

Garage bids were reviewed and discussed.

Motion was made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept the bid of \$183,951.00 from Continental.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

They will be contacted by Barton and Loguidice.

Highway

Steve stated that some of the FEMA paperwork has been submitted. He reviewed with the Board the status of what roads have been submitted and what is yet to submit.

Water

A water leak has been found and fixed.

### Planning Board

An ad for Planning Board Member will be placed with linking Lewis County.

Meeting held first Wednesday of each month. Meeting minutes posted to the town website:

[www.townofwatsonny.com](http://www.townofwatsonny.com) Quick Links, Departments, Planning Board

### Zoning Board

Meeting held the second Monday of each month. Meeting minutes posted to the town website:

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### New Business

Jeff received an e-mail from Lowville asking if the Town of Watson would be interested in having a meeting/discussion about extending the Town of Watson Water line to go to the Markowski Road. It is proposed that the Town of Lowville would buy water from the Town of Watson. The Board has stated that they would like more information. A meeting will be set up for the future.

Jeff will attend a meeting with the County about Compressed Air Energy (CAESS) later this month.

### Old Business

**DASNY Grant:** Grantee questionnaire had been docusigned on 01/02/2025 and submitted.

### Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: January 2025

General Fund – Voucher – 1-24 - \$130,792.18

Highway – Voucher – 1-10 - \$56,615.95

Water District – Voucher – 1-3 - \$1,457.21

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 1-11 - \$12,075.76

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to pay December 2024 abstracts.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Monthly Reports

Monthly report for December 2024 for Town Clerk & Dog Fund was submitted by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk.

Monthly Justice report for December 2024 was submitted by Donald Regetz, Town Justice.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept reports.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Adjourn

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Jeff Lyng to adjourn meeting at 8:20PM.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Steve Stogsdill, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Michelle Ward

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Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: February 12, 2025

\*To see the full resolution go to [townofwatsonny.com](http://townofwatsonny.com), Quick Links, Departments, Town Board, scroll down below Town Meeting Minutes and see Resolutions.

\*\*To see/read Local Law #4-2024 – A local law superseding Local Law #3-2010 relating to the regulation of dogs within the Town of Watson, go to [townofwatsonny.com](http://townofwatsonny.com), Quick Links, Departments, Town Board, scroll down below Town Meeting Minutes and see Local Laws.