

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

January 10, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on January 10, 2024 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Jeff Lyng, Gerry Crowell, Vicki Roy

Absent: Shawn Freeman

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

CPA: Scott Lawrence

Citizens present: None

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

Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Gerald Crowell to accept December 13, 2023 and January 2, 2024 meeting minutes.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy

Absent: Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Financials

Scott Lawrence was here and reviewed the financials for December 2023. Any questions voiced were answered.

New Business

Carroll Owens has submitted his resignation effective as of January 10, 2024.

Motion made by Gerald Crowell and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept his resignation.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy

Absent: Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Jeff read a letter of support for the Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart growth grant – Lewis County Broadband Expansion will be sent to the County.

A letter to Blankenbush requesting to still pursue for DASNY grant of \$100,000.00.

Jeff Hoch read to the board a note that he had received from Jack Flint in regards to the multi-use trail system. It stated why he was in favor of the trail system. He would like to see it connect the Town of Greig to the Town of New Bremen.

The Town received a letter from the Codes Enforcement officer stating that after inspection there needs to be some repairs/upkeep to the Petries Corner Church building. The concerns will be addressed in the future. The Town Superintendent has a copy of the letter.

Highway

Steve updated the town board on an accident involving one of the town plow trucks recently.

Steve gave an update on what he has been looking at for a new plow truck. He will continue to look at the options before one is purchased. He also stated that the wait time for a new plow truck is 2 years, so he would like to decide what to get and have it ordered. Future discussion to follow.

The town has been asked what improvements/maintenance will be made to the Bradish Road. Steve will look into and update the town board.

Planning Board

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

www.townofwatsonny.com

Zoning Board

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

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Town Attorney

Ray Meir has been corresponding about the Highway Department contract.

Old Business

No response at this time from RACOG.

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: January 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 1-35 - \$116,550.79

Highway – Voucher – 1-5 - \$12,870.87

Water District – Voucher – 1-2 - \$261.71

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 1-10 - \$5,997.55

Bond Anticipation Note – Voucher – 1-4 - \$8,817.32

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Gerald Crowell to accept January abstracts.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy

Absent: Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

Monthly report for December 2023 for Town Clerk and Dog Fund was submitted by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk.

Monthly Justice report for December 2023 was submitted by Donald Regetz, Town Justice.

Motion made by Gerald Crowell and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept reports.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy

Absent: Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Justice

Resolution #1 - 2024 – The Town Board of the Town of Watson has approved the records and docket for the Town of Watson Justice Court for calendar year 2023.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to pass the resolution.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy

Absent: Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Citizen Comments

Attention was made that Virkler's tree service has been doing a wonderful job.

Adjourn

Motion made by Gerald Crowell and seconded by Vicki Roy to adjourn meeting at 9:05pm.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Gerry Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy

Absent: Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: February 14, 2024