

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

January 2, 2025

The re-organizational meeting was called to order on January 2, 2025 at 10:00am by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy, Steve Stogsdill

Absent: Jeff Lyng

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Appointments:

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to appoint Town Supervisor, Jeffrey Hoch, the authority to invest town monies.

Ayes: Vicki Roy, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill

Nays: None

Recuse: Jeff Hoch

Motion carried.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to re-appoint Maryann Vargulick as a Zoning Board member for a 5-year term – 1/1/2025-12/31/2029 at \$75.00/attended meeting for 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to appoint Steve Skiff as Operator of records for the Watson Water System for the term corresponds with the highway superintendent term for \$1,000 for 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Shawn Freeman to appoint Michelle Ward as Town Public Health Officer from 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 for \$400.00 for 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to appoint Jeffrey Hoch as Budget Officer from 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 for \$2,080.00 for 2025.

Ayes: Vicki Roy, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill

Nays: None

Recuse: Jeff Hoch

Motion carried.

Oaths of office:

Steve Skiff – Operator of Records – 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 - \$1,000.00 for 2025.

Steve Stogsdill – Town Board Member term 1/1/2025-12/31/2027 for \$4,680.00 for 2025.

Michelle Ward – Town Public Health Officer – 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 - \$400.00 for 2025

Susan Virkler – Deputy Clerk - \$17.00/hr. for 2025.

Maryann Vargulick – Zoning Board Member – 01/01/2025-12/31/2029 - \$75.00/attended meeting for 2025.

Jeffrey Hoch – Budget Officer – 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 - \$2,080.00 for 2025.

Designations

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept the following designated positions...

Deputy Supervisor – Jeff Lyng

Deputy Highway Superintendent – Neil Mahoney

Building Committee – Steve Stogsdill and Vicki Roy

Machinery & Equipment Committee – Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Meeting Night – 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm

Town Newspaper – Watertown Daily Times

Town Bank – Community Bank

Eligible Depository – NYCLASS

Justice Clerk – Erin Murphy @ \$16.93/hr. for 2025

Town Attorney(s) – Candace Randall and Ray Meier

Town Assessor – Rebecca Trudell - \$23,920.00 for 2025

Town CPA – North Country Certified Public Accountants

Water Clerk – Watson Water – Michelle Ward – 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 - \$2,101.00 for 2025

Water Clerk – Lowville Water – Michelle Ward – 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 - \$2,101.00 for 2025.

Records Manager – Michelle Ward - 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 - \$998.00 for 2025.

Cemetery Sexton – Edward Chapman - \$520.00 for 2025

Dog Control Officer – Jeremy Kelly - \$4,264.00 for 2025.

Custodian – Sheryl Virkler - \$16.00/hr. for 2025

Town Historian – Charles Bunke

Town Board discussion about vacant planning board seat. Decision was made to advertise in Linking Lewis County. Michelle will place the ad.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Vicki Roy to adjourn the meeting at 10:46am

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next regular meeting January 8, 2025