

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

October 9, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on October 9, 2024 at 6:32pm 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

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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from September 11, 2024 and September 17, 2024 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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Financials

Financials were discussed by the board.

Supervisors Report

September 2024

Total in Community Bank - \$50,738.80

Total in NYCLASS - \$1,900,627.50

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$1,951,510.80

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept the Supervisor's Report for September 2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

* Resolution #16-2024 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept Resolution #16-2024 - Budget transfer.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

* Resolution #17-2024 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept Resolution #17-2024 – Budget Transfer.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

* Resolution #18-2024 – Budget Transfer – Flood Damage

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept Resolution #18-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

* Resolution #19-2024 – Budget Transfer – Flood Damage

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept Resolution #19-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

* Resolution #20-2024 – Budget Transfer – Flood Damage

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept Resolution #20-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Tentative budget

Motion was made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to approve the Tentative Budget for 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Tentative Budget is now the Preliminary Budget – 2025.

There will be a public hearing on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:30pm for final review of the Preliminary Budget 2025.

New Business

Jeff was contacted by Ward Daily in regards to a Town of Watson Public Health Officer. There is a situation about a septic system at Chases Lake not fitting the building codes. Jeff suggested to the Board that they appoint a Public Health Officer at \$400.00/yr.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to appoint Michelle Ward, LPN as Public Health Officer.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Michelle Ward accepted the appointment.

Highway

Steve stated that the 2021 Pick-up truck that was posted on the ADK auction site, has come to a close. The winning bid was \$35,000. Steve asked for approval to sell that truck for that price.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Steve was updated on the Cab and Chassis that he had ordered in 2023 is ready for purchase.

* Resolution # 21-2024 – Cab and chassis purchase, Surplus 2008 truck and budget transfer.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept Resolution #21-2024 to purchase the cab and chassis.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Transportation of sand for the winter has been completed.

Highway Department will resume 5 day/ 8 hours' weeks starting October 21, 2024.

Steve has been to several FEMA meetings in the past few weeks. He has started getting documents available for it.

Highway contract negotiations are ongoing.

Water

Hydrant Flushing was completed without issues.

Town Park

The park has been winterized. The public bathrooms have been locked for the year.

Discussion of replacing some of the Bar B Que pits at the park.

Planning Board

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

www.townofwatsonny.com Quick Links, All Boards, Planning Board

Zoning Board

Zoning Board discussed application fees and present it to the Town Board.

* Resolution # 22-2024 – Zoning Rates

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept Zoning Rates Fee Schedule.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Zoning Board is requesting a new lap top computer for the meetings. The town clerk will get an estimate from Pixamation for a replacement.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com Quick Links, All Boards, Zoning Board

Dog Control

Revised Dog Law submitted to the Town Board for review. Public hearing for Local Law #4-2024 – Dog Law will be Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:30pm for discussion.

Old Business

Highway Garage: Jeff will be putting together an advertisement for bids for asbestos abatement removal project.

Bailey Rd. Bridge: No updates. Currently waiting on the State for further instruction.

Petries Corner Church Cemetery Building: Discussion about the repairs that need to be completed. Board members are going to go to the Church and look at the condition to decide how to proceed.

Bradish Road: Tabled

Zoning Officer: Further discussion needed.

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: October 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 155, 253-267 - \$8,039.53

Highway – Voucher – 90-103 - \$183,163.93

Water District – Voucher – 20 - \$22.43

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 70-75 - \$3,930.83

Watson Water EDU – Voucher 3 - \$27,548.13

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Jeff Lyng to pay abstracts.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

Monthly report for September 2024 for Town Clerk, Dog Fund and Town Park was submitted by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk.

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

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to adjourn meeting at 8:22pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Michelle Ward

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: November 13, 2024

*To see the full resolution go to townofwatsonny.com, Quick Links, All Boards, Town Board, scroll down below Town Meeting Minutes and see Resolutions.