

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

December 11, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on December 11, 2024 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, Mickey Dietrich – RACOG

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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from November 13, 2024 were submitted for approval.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept meeting minutes.

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 # 26-2024 – Budget Transfer - A1680.4 Central Data Processing Contractual to A1910.4 Insurance Contractual in the amount of \$1,482.35 was proposed.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept resolution #26-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

*Resolution #27 – 2024 – Budget Transfer - SW 8340.4 Contractual – Transmission & Distribution to SW 8320.4 – Water District – Water Bill from Village in the amount of \$1,681.62 was proposed.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept resolution #26-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

*Resolution #28 – 2024 – Budget Transfer - DA5142.4 - Snow Removal Contractual to DA5130.4 – Machinery Contractual in the amount of \$6,210.64 was proposed.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept resolution #26-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

*Resolution # 29 – Amendment of budget to increase DA 3505 State Aid Bridge Project by \$58,981.20 was proposed.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept resolution #29-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

*Resolution #30-2024 – Transfer of funds - DA 3505 State Aid Bridge Project to DA 5120.2 Capital Outlay – Maintenance of Bridges in the amount of \$58,981.20 was proposed.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept resolution #29-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

*Resolution #31-2024 – Transfer of funds – DA 5110.4 Maintenance of Roads - Contractual to DA 5110.1 – Payroll – Maintenance of Roads in the amount of \$5,655.21 was proposed.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept resolution #29-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

*Resolution #32-2024 – Transfer of funds – DA 5142.4 – Contractual – Snow Removal to DA 9060.8 Health Insurance In the amount of \$9,798.68 was proposed.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept resolution #29-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report

November 2024

Total in Community Bank - \$133,981.99

Total in NYCLASS - \$1,609,446.75

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$1,743,573.24

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RACOG

Mickey Dietrich came and gave a monthly report.

<http://racog.org>

ARPA FUNDS

Advertisement for taking bids for abatement for certain sections of the garage to also include replacement of removed materials and also to include a bid for replacement of walking doors and windows has been completed. The town will be accepting sealed bids until 11am on December 20, 2024. The bid advertisement has been posted to the town website, townofwatsonny.com.

A special meeting will be held on December 20, 2024 at the Town of Watson Office at 5pm to open and review bids.

Highway

CHIPS reimbursement is to be received 12/18/2024.

Steve has been attending several FEMA meetings and working on FEMA paperwork. He has submitted his first round of paperwork. The Town of Watson has 66 sites damaged. The state is addressing 10 thus far. The town is possibly getting 75% reimbursement of the Emergency Temporary Work that has been completed.

2008 F350 pickup truck with a dump box and plow was put on ADK Auctions. Bid price of \$1,300.00 was submitted.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept bid of \$1,300.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Water

North Country Contractors came to find the water leak and were unsuccessful. The leak has not interfered with current water consumption. The water department will continue to search for the leak.

The annual lead and copper water report has been submitted.

Planning Board

Planning Board submitted the Tower Law to the Town Board for approval.

There will be a Public Hearing on December 20, 2024 at 5pm in the Town of Watson office located at 6971 Number Four Road for any Tower Law discussion.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com Quick Links, Departments, Planning Board

Zoning Board

Cathy Dosztan will be resigning as Planning Board Chairperson and James Pawloski has been appointed to be Planning Board Chairperson starting January 2025.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com Quick Links, Departments, Zoning Board

Zoning Advisory Committee

Next meeting December 18, 2024 at 6pm in the Town of Watson Office located at 6971 Number Four Rd.

Dog Control

**Local Law #4 – Dog Law has been accepted by NY State at is effective as of January 2025. A copy can be picked up at the Town office during regular office hours or can be read on the Town of Watson website, townofwatsonny.com, Quick Links, Departments, Dog Control

Old Business

ARPA: Will be designated at the December 20, 2024 meeting

Highway Garage: Advertisement for contract bids for garage improvements has been submitted

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

Petries Corner Church Cemetery Building: Board members discussed possible improvements with the church – tabled until spring.

Bradish Road: Tabled

Zoning Officer: Further discussion needed. - Tabled

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: December 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 157, 162, 299-318 - \$18,684.19

Highway – Voucher – 112-119 - \$55,420.58

Water District – Voucher – 24 - \$22.68

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 85-95 - \$4,692.81

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 November 2024 for Town Clerk & Dog Fund was submitted by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Executive Session

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Jeff Lyng to go into executive session at 7:26PM to discuss the Highway Contract.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Recused: Shawn Freeman recused himself from the discussion.

Highway contract was discussed.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept/sign the Highway Contract for the time frame of January 2023-December 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Recused: Shawn Freeman recused himself from the vote.

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to come out of executive session at 8:19PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Special Organizational Meeting: January 2, 2025

Next Regular Meeting: January 8, 2025

*To see the full resolution go to 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, Quick Links, Departments, Town Board, scroll down below Town Meeting Minutes and see Local Laws.