

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

December 10, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order on December 10, 2025 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy, Steve Stogsdill

Absent: Shawn Freeman

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Assessor: Allan Mace

Citizens present: Bill and Judi Houppert, James Blackwell, Sawyer Colwell - RACOG

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

#### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from November 12, 2025 were submitted for approval.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept the meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Privilege of the floor opened

No comment.

#### RACOG

To see monthly RACOG newsletter go to <http://racog.org>

Next RACOG meeting will be at the Castorland Fire Hall on February 22, 2026 at 6:00PM.

#### Assessor Report

Allan addressed the town board with a monthly report. He has been collecting permits and submitting exemption forms. His data collector has been unable to start, as of yet, so the County will be reimbursing the Town for that expense.

#### Financials

Town Board reviewed financials.

#### Resolution #42 of 2025

A resolution for an adjustment of funds to increasing funds from DA 2401 Interest and Earnings in the amount of \$12, 908.94 to DA 5110.1 – Payroll – Maintenance of Roads in the amount of \$9,394.62 and to DA 5142.1 Payroll – Snow Removal in the amount of \$3,514.32.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Resolution #43 of 2025

A resolution to increase of funds of \$7,353.65 for SW2 2680 - Insurance Recoveries and SW2 8340.4 – Watson Water Contractual.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Supervisors Report

November 2025

Total in Community Bank - \$69,223.26

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,126,765.10

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,196,132.86

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept the Supervisor's Report for November 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### New Business

The Town Board has decided not to do the codification of laws with general code. A Local Law book will be put together by the Town Clerk for the public to read during office hours. The local laws will be added to the new website when it becomes active.

#### Lewis County Humane Society Contract

The Town Board has reviewed the Service agreement with the Lewis County Humane Society and the Town of Watson. There was discussion about going with someone/somewhere else, however to the best knowledge of the Town Board there are no other options available at this time.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to sign the contract.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Contract will be sent to Lewis County Humane Society for their signature as well.

#### Hazard Mitigation Plan

E-mail was received from the County stating that the current Hazard Mitigation Plan was going to expire. A new 2025 Lewis County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan was sent for Board approval.

#### Resolution #44 of 2025

A resolution of the Town of Watson adopting the 2025 Lewis County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Correspondence

The Town of Watson received a Christmas wreath from LaBella and it is hanging on the Town of Watson office door.

The Town of Watson received a card from the Pine Grove Community Church stating that they had a Christmas service. They also sent information about their website [www.historicpinegrovechurch.org](http://www.historicpinegrovechurch.org).

#### Highway

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill for Steve Skiff to order the 2026 Ford F-350 XLT Crew Cab 4X4 SRW 6.75' Box WB, Pick Up Truck from Van Bortel Ford in the amount of \$59,906.79.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### **BID NOTICE for Overhead doors**

The Town of Watson is actively seeking bids for the removal and installation of new overhead doors. The site location is 6965 Number Four Road, Lowville, NY 13367. The project shall include the removal and installation of all overhead doors with openers and components. Project requires proof of insurance as well as NYS Labor law guidelines. If you would like more information for the project or to visit the project location, please contact Steve Skiff at 315-816-0056. Bids should be submitted to the Town Clerk no later than 3:00PM on January 14, 2026.

#### Water

Nothing to report.

#### Justice

Judge has not heard about the JCAP Grant approval/disapproval.

#### Planning Board

December 2025 meeting cancelled as no applications were submitted.

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

December 2025 meeting cancelled as no applications were submitted.

Meeting held the second Monday of each month. Meeting minutes posted to the town website:  
[www.townofwatsonny.com](http://www.townofwatsonny.com) Quick Links, Departments, Zoning Board

#### Town Park

Bathroom renovations at the Town Park will be completed in the Spring of 2026.

#### Town Historian

Mr. Bunke has been contacted by the Town Supervisor thanking him for his service as the Town Historian.

#### Old Business

Petries Corner Church – Miscellaneous upkeep that has been required by the County Building Codes will take place in the Spring of 2026.

#### Zoning Advisory Committee

Updating current Town of Watson zoning laws.

Next meeting December 17, 2025 at the Town of Watson Municipal Office located at 6971 Number Four Rd Lowville, NY.

#### Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: December 2025

General Fund – Voucher – 300 – 318 - \$18,343.41

Highway – Voucher – 145 – 152 - \$7,108.07

Water District – Voucher – 18-19 - \$106.06

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 89-92 - \$997.08

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to pay December 2025 abstracts.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Resolution #45 of 2025

A resolution to the transfer funds of \$20.00 from A5010.4 – Superintendent Contractual To A3020.4 – Public Safety – Signage.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

#### Resolution #46 of 2025

A resolution to transfer funds of \$200.00 from A 8010.4 – Zoning Board Contractual To A6410.4 – Publicity/Newspaper.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Monthly Reports

Monthly report for November 2025 for Town Clerk & Dog Fund & Town Park was submitted by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Monthly Justice report for November 2025 was submitted by Donald Regetz, Town Justice.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Special Meeting

The Town Board of the Town of Watson will be holding a Special Meeting on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM at 6971 Number Four Road, Lowville. The purpose of this meeting is to designate businesses the Town will utilize for the upcoming year. The Board will also designate or appoint certain town positions and discuss any other pertinent Town business.

### Adjourn

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to adjourn meeting at 8:14PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



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Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: January 14, 2026

\*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.

\* Local Law will be posted to website after acceptance from the State.