

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

February 8, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order on February 8, 2023 at 6:32pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Councilman absent: Mike Hanno

Town Clerk: absent

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept the amended January minutes.

Ayes: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Absent Mike Hanno

New Business

Resolution #1-2023 – Moratorium Zoning Law-Section 410 and Section 420.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to adopt Resolution #1-2023.

Ayes: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Absent Mike Hanno

Highway

One truck equipped with sander controls.

No updates on new truck orders.

New 1" water line has been installed in garage for better pressure to rinse equipment in the garage.

Engineering expenses for Bailey Bridge = \$12,881.76.

Bridge NY paid \$12,237.67 and towns 5% = \$644.09.

Pre-employment physical will be required for future hires.

Planning Board

Will be having a public hearing on the Tower Law.

We have been awarded a grant for costs associated with the updating of the Town Zoning Law.

Water System

New blower has been installed at water tank – No ice.

New dome for water tank is built and ready to be installed when weather permits.

Old Business

Response letter from DEC regarding horse trails, etc. was read. Copy attached to minutes.

Town Board was informed that there is a boat launch at Payne Lake which is the area where most people swim.

Monthly Reports

Abstracts amended and accepted.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept amended February abstracts.

Ayes: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nayes: None

Absent Mike Hanno

January Monthly Town Clerk/Dog Fund report submitted by Sharon Sauer.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept amended February report.

Ayes: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nayes: None

Absent Mike Hanno

Executive Session called at 7:20pm to discuss personnel.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to go into Executive session.

Ayes: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nayes: None

Absent: Mike Hanno

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman to come out of Executive Session at 7:45pm.

Ayes: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nayes: None

Absent: Mike Hanno

Supervisor Hoch read resignation letter from Town Clerk-Sharon Sauer.

Motion to was made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept Town Clerk resignation.

Ayes: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nayes: None

Absent: Mike Hanno

Supervisor Hoch has stated that he has spoken with former Town Clerk, Michelle Ward and she informed him she would be willing to resume the Town Clerk position.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to appoint Michelle Ward as Town Clerk/Tax Collector to finish the previous clerk's term.

Ayes: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman

Nayes: Vicki Roy

Absent: Mike Hanno

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to adjourn meeting at 8:20pm

Ayes: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Vicki Roy

Nays: None

Absent: Mike Hanno

Jeffrey Hoch, Supervisor

Next Meeting: March 8, 2023