

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

February 12, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order on February 12, 2025 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, Andrea Moroughan, Micky Dietrick, James Pawlowski

CPA: Scott Lawrence

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

#### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from January 8, 2025 with amendments were submitted for approval.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept meeting minutes with amendments.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### RACOG

Mickey Dietrich gave an update on upcoming meetings and information.

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

#### New Business

There have been informational meetings at the Lewis County Courthouse in regards to the Proposed Compressed Air project. Much discussion with Town of Watson, Town of Croghan, Lewis County and Compressed Air Company. There will be more meetings in the future.

#### Highway

Steve submitted some of the FEMA paperwork. He has received confirmation that some monies will be sent soon. The Town is awaiting payment.

He submitted the 284 Agreement – a contract of what roads will be worked on this year.

He was made aware that there is a road salt shortage from the current contact company. He was also notified that he will be able to get salt from another company if they cannot provide what is needed.

#### Planning Board

There has not been any paperwork submitted to the Town of Watson Planning Board, to this point, in regards to the Hydrostor – Compressed air project.

Planning Board reviewed applications for the vacant planning board chair at their meeting February 5, 2025.

They submitted the applicant of Daryl Lehman to the Town Board for appointment.

Motion was made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to appoint Daryl Lehman to fill the vacant chair for the Planning Board until 12/31/2029.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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

James Pawloski stated that at their meeting February 10, 2025 that they discussed the future plan for application submittal. Once the application is dropped off, with the application fee, with the Town Clerk, that application will then go to the next scheduled monthly meeting for review. If any other paperwork is required, the applicant will be notified and then, if necessary there will be a public hearing scheduled for the following monthly meeting.

He stated that currently all non-conforming lots are required to go to the Zoning Board for approval, even when the application meets all rules/regulations except for acreage. He stated that after speaking to the Code Enforcement Officer, Ward Daily, that he feels that Ward can make the decision to grant a building permit without going to the Town of Watson Zoning Board.

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

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#### Water

Town of Lowville would like to set up a meeting with the Town of Watson Town Board about connecting with the Town of Watson water system and purchasing water from the Town of Watson.

#### Old Business

**DASNY Grant:** Has been docusigned, sent to the lawyer and been accepted. The Town is awaiting payment.

#### Garage Bids

Continental has been contacted by Barton and Loguidice to accept the bid of \$183,951.00. They are projected to start the work in late March 2025. They will be sending samples for approval.

Barton & Loguidice sent a contract for Proposal for Professional Services for the duration of this highway project.

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

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 # 12 – 2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to transfer \$161.25 from A9030.8 to A9040.8.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #13 – 2025 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to transfer \$5,200.00 from SW2 8310.4 to SW2 8340.11.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report

January 2025

Total in Community Bank - \$45,216.32

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,971,668.87

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$3,017,029.69

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept the Supervisor's Report for January 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: February 2025

General Fund – Voucher – 25-29, 33, 35-67 - \$29,250.92

Highway – Voucher – 11-22 - \$31,614.24

Water District – Voucher – 4-5 - \$197.73

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 12-18 - \$1,756.98

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Local Law #1-2025 – Telecommunication Town Law of the Town of Watson

Town Clerk, Michelle Ward, received a letter from the State saying that Local Law #5-2024 was rejected due to date of sub mission.

She will resubmit it as Local Law #1 – 2025 – Telecommunication Tower Law of the Town of Watson.

Adjourn

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to adjourn meeting at 8:23PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

*Michelle Ward*

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Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: March 12, 2025

\*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.