

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

February 14, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on February 14, 2024 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy, Shawn Freeman

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

CPA: Scott Lawrence

Citizens present: Bill and Judi Houppert, William Hunt, Mary Misek

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

Town Supervisor, Jeff Hoch stated that Gerald Crowell will be missed. He was an asset to the Town Board.

Town Supervisor, Jeff Hoch appointed Jeff Lyng as the Deputy Town Supervisor.

Financials

Scott Lawrence was here and reviewed the financials for January 2024. Any questions voiced were answered.

Town Board Member, Vicki Roy stated that the Town Board requests to be notified if there is any salary/payrate changes. She states that it needs to be approved by the Town Board.

Resolution # 3 – 2024 – Budget Transfers for close of 2023.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept Resolution #3-2024 – Budget Transfers for close of 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept January 10, 2024 meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business

Resolution #2-2024 – Town of Watson and Lewis County Consolidated Boundary and Annexation Survey (CBAS) Survey whereas the Town of Watson agrees to allow Lewis County to respond to BAS on their behalf.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept Resolution #2-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Mary Misek gave a letter to the Town Board that she had written and sent in regards to the Bailey Road Bridge. The Town of Watson has now joined RACOG.

Highway

Steve was notified by the State that the Bailey Road Bridge is CLOSED indefinitely due to not passing weight requirement of 3 tons. The town has put up a barricade to stop all traffic. No walking, riding horses or driving any vehicle across it. The engineering firm is working on a solution/fix for the bridge. The engineering firm stated that they will potentially have a solution by May 2024.

Steve stated that the Highway Superintendents have a meeting with Ken Blankenbush in regards to CHIPS monies.

Steve gave an update on what he has been looking at for a new plow truck. He also stated that the wait time for a new plow truck is 18-24 months. He gave the board the specifications and price. This is a 2026 International. It will replace the 2013, which will be used as a spare.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and Seconded by Vicki Roy to order the plow truck.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Planning Board

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

www.townofwatsonny.com

Zoning Board

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

www.townofwatsonny.com

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: February 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 36-62 - \$15,881.76

Highway – Voucher – 6-21 - \$102,400.27

Water District – Voucher – 3-6 - \$956.19

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 11-16 - \$2,289.15

Bond Anticipation Note – Voucher – 5-6 - \$3,185.43

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

Monthly report for January 2024 for Town Clerk, Dog Fund and Tax Collector was submitted by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk.

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

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Executive Session

Executive Session for personnel concerns.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to go into executive session at 8:13pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to come out of executive session at 8:42pm

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to adjourn meeting at 8:43pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: March 13, 2024