

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

March 13, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on March 13, 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

Town Legislator: Andrea Moroughan

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

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

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to appoint Steven Stogsdill as a Town Board Member to fill a vacancy until 12/31/2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Oath of Office was signed by Steven Stogsdill and he joined the meeting as a voting member.

Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept February 14, 2024 meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RACOG

Mickey Dietrich came to the Board meeting. He gave an update on the upcoming meetings. He stated the Town will need to appoint 2 representatives to represent the Town of Watson. At least one of them will need to be in attendance of the meetings. The Board will discuss who that will be. He stated that they have 4 meeting a year, usually January (for election of positions), May, September and an extra one sometime throughout the year. Mickey stated that Paul Smith, Town of Wilna Supervisor, is the new chairperson for RACOG and Yvonne Hamlin-Boliver, Deputy Town Supervisor of Croghan, is the Vice-Chairperson.

Financials

The Board discussed the financials and the budget transfers that needed to be complete.

Resolution # 4 – 2024 – Budget Transfer

Proposed to transfer funds of \$71.00 from A 5132.4 – Contractual – Town Garage to A 9040.8 – Workers Compensation Insurance.

*Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept Resolution #4-2024 Budget Transfer.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution # 5 – 2024 Budget Transfer

Proposed to transfer funds of \$73.00 from DA 9040.8 – Contractual – Snow Removal to DA 5142.4 – Workers Compensation Insurance.

*Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept Resolution #5 – 2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Resolution #6 – 2024 – Budget Transfer

Proposed to transfer funds of \$135.00 from A 5132.4 – Contractual – Town Garage to A 4989.4. – Contractual – Other Health.

*Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept Resolution #6-2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report

February 2024

Total in Community Bank - \$101,069.99

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,734,083.40

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,835,297.89

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept the Supervisor's Report for February 2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Highway

Steve brought a proposal to order a 2024 Ford F-250 XLT Crew Cab 4X4 6.75' Box 160WB, Iconic Silver Metallic from Van Bortel for the purchase price of \$55,270.32. This expense is in 2024 Budget - DA5130.4 – Machinery Equipment.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to order pickup truck.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The mulching head that Steve ordered has been delivered, however the connection attachment is not correct. Steve contacted the seller in regards to this. Steve has contacted Jones' Machine Shop for a quote on making an attachment

that will work with the current town equipment. After the quote comes back from Jones' Machine Shop, Steve will be contacting the seller on a different price for the mulching head, as it will not work with his current machinery.

Steve attended a meeting in Albany last week, along with other Highway Superintendents about CHIPS monies. There was a concern with the amount of money that was going to the towns for reimbursement. Currently the bill is in the Senate for the original amount of monies to be sent to the Town's. Next it goes to the Assembly for approval. While there Steve was also updated on some possible upcoming regulation changes. One of which is culvert replacing. Steve would like to plan to replace the culverts on Erie Canal Rd., Hodge Rd., and Wetmore Rd. this summer.

Bradish Road maintenance has not yet been determined for 2024.

Steve was contacted by Matt Fuller from Barton and Loguidice stating that the proposal has not yet been completed for the changes of the Highway Garage. Planning on having it complete for the April meeting.

Steve stated that the plow that was damaged in the accident earlier this year has been delivered but needs to be put together and painted before it will be ready for use.

Steve addressed the board in regards to the Highway Department working hours, he would like to go to 4 days/week at 10hour days starting April 1, 2024.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy stating that 4days/10hour week is acceptable pending weather forecast.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Water

Temperature probe that was in the water tank was not working correctly. It is now working as it should.

Steve has completed the DEC Water withdrawal report for 2023 and submitted it.

Steve has completed the Quality water report for 2023 and submitted it.

Spring Hydrant Flushing will be the week of April 22-26. At this time, you may experience a decrease in water pressure.

Planning Board

A letter has been drafted to be sent to new property owners within the Town of Watson Water District, which will be sent by the Water Clerk upon notification of a new property owner and mailing address.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com

Zoning Board

It was brought to the Town Boards attention that there are properties constructing building, building additions or making alterations to the property that possibly do not have building permits to do such changes. It was suggested that the Town of Watson look into getting a Zoning Officer. This is tabled for future discussion.

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

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County Legislator

Andrea Moroughan was present at the meeting. She stated some changes that the county is looking into changing with roads. She also stated that they are busy with meetings.

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: March 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 63-90 - \$8,838.81

Highway – Voucher – 22-29 - \$50,286.97

Water District – Voucher – 7 - \$22.81

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 17-25 - \$1,592.69

Bond Anticipation Note – Voucher – 7 - \$66.00

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Executive Session

Executive Session for employee contract discussion.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to go into executive session at 8:23pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to come out of executive session at 10:12pm

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to adjourn meeting at 10:13pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Michelle Ward

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: April 10, 2024

*To see the full resolution go to townofwatsonny.com, Quick Links, All Boards, Town Board, scroll down below Town Meeting Minutes and see Resolutions.