

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

April 9, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order on April 9, 2025 at 6:32pm 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, Candy Akin

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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from March 12, 2025 and March 25, 2025 were submitted for approval.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Lewis County Real Property

Candy Akin from Lewis County Real Property was here to answer questions regarding the Assessor and Data Collector positions. The County is offering to take over the positions of Assessor and data collector as the current assessor's term is ending this year. The Board will take the information discussed and make a decision. The Board will be contacting the current assessor as well.

Financials

Financials were discussed amongst the Town Board.

Supervisors Report

March 2025

Total in Community Bank - \$276,094.15

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,762,744.75

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$3,038,983.40

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept the Supervisor's Report for March 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RACOG

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

BAR

Cathy Dosztan has accepted another 5-year BAR term.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to re-appoint Cathy Dosztan for a 5-year BAR term.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business

The Town of Watson received a THANK YOU from the Pine Grove Community Church for the donation that was made. There website is www.historicpinegrovechurch.org.

Community Bank will be doing an annual review with the Town on April 30, 2025.

Highway

Dump box was installed on the 2022.

FEMA Funds have been deposited.

Barton and Logituce will be coming next week for an evaluation on related roads in need of repair due to the previous flood damage.

Highway employees are working 4 days a week X 10 hours.

Water

Hydrant flushing will be the week of April 21-25.

Planning Board

The Town of Watson moratorium is on the agenda for the County Planning Board Meeting on April 17.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com Quick Links, Departments, Planning Board

Zoning Board

A cell phone was purchased for the Zoning Board chairperson as a contact for applicants to access.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com Quick Links, Departments, Zoning Board

Dog Control

The Town of Watson will be completing a contract with Countryside Veterinarian Clinic for emergency dog treatments.

Old Business

DASNY Grant: More paperwork has been submitted by Jeff.

Public Comments

Citizen asked if the Town was included in the Bailey Road Bridge replacement design. Question on re-routing the creek that the bridge covers.

At this point the Town is waiting on the State for direction with this bridge replacement.

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: April 2025

General Fund – Voucher – 30, 96-117 - \$10,759.83

Highway – Voucher – 36-48 - \$15,163.84

Water District – Voucher – 7 - \$23.19

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 27-31 - \$1,176.40

EDU – Voucher 1-2 - \$124,548.13

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Jeff Lyng to pay April 2025 abstracts.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

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

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

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Vicki Roy to adjourn meeting at 9:15 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: May 14, 2025

*To see the full resolution go to 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.