

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

May 8, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on May 8, 2024 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens present: Bill and Judi Houppert, Mary Misek, Paul Shepard

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

Meeting Minutes

Amendments made to meeting minutes for April 10, 2024 (under Lowville Summer Rec Program and Highway).

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept April 10, 2024 meeting minutes as amended.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Highway

Steve Skiff gave the Town Board an update on the plowing report for the past winter and spring. He stated that the price was down due to decrease snow fall.

He also gave an update about the CHIPS monies from the state. He stated that the Town will be getting the same amount as last year from the state. He said that with all monies included within CHIPS he will have \$465,718.36 for 2024. This money will be put toward replacing culvert pipes on the Erie Canal Road and Wetmore Road and paving 1.73 miles of the Erie Canal Road, portions of the Shaw Rd and the Heller Rd. Estimated cost of this is \$350,000.00.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill for CHIPS approval.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Bailey Road Bridge Project has a new design from 62 ft. to 95 ft. at an estimated cost of \$3.7million, which has been sent to the State for review.

Steve has attending a meeting discussing with the County the reimbursement rate for plowing the County road with the Town of Watson.

Highway contract negotiations are ongoing.

Water

Hydrant flushing was completed.

RACOG

Paul Shepard updated on upcoming meetings.

Financials

CPA – Scott Lawrence was here and reviewed the financials for April with the Town Board. The Board discussed the financials.

*Resolution #8 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to complete Resolution #8.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

*Resolution #9 – Budget Transfer

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to complete Resolution #9.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report

April 2024

Total in Community Bank - \$69,771.08

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,523,345.25

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,593,260.83

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept the Supervisor's Report for April 2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Jeff Hoch updated the Town Board on the increase in the Town/Highway insurance cost.

Town Park

Jeff Hoch completed the application for the Iroquois grant to update the bathrooms at the Town Park. He was able to get an estimate with renovations from Spencer Contracting to submit with the application. The Board agreed to submit the application.

Reservation for the Town park can be made by contacting Michelle Ward, Town Clerk for availability. There is \$50.00 refundable deposit fee and a \$25.00 use fee that are both due upon reservation contract completion and submission to reserve date requested. Park application and rules are posted at www.townofwatsonny.com. Go to Quick Links, All Boards and Watson Town Park.

Planning Board

Meeting for May is scheduled for May 15, 2024.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com

Zoning Board

Meeting for May is May 13, 2024.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: May 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 116-134 - \$13,105.26

Highway – Voucher – 36-50 - \$36,602.78

Water District – Voucher – 9-11 - \$10,954.44

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 33-37 - \$4,802.28

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

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

Monthly Justice report for April 2024 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, Vicki Roy, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Executive Session

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to go into executive session for discussion of personnel and employee wages at 8:57pm.

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 9:52pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Executive Session Minutes

Dog Control Officer

The town of Watson had two applicants for dog control officer. The Town Board voted to appoint Jeremy Kelly at a salary of \$4,264.00 to be prorated upon his acceptance of the position and signing of his Oath of office.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Jeff Lyng to appoint Jeremy Kelly as dog control officer.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to adjourn meeting at 9:55pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: June 12, 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.