

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

June 12, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on June 12, 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 Hunt, Liz Hirschey, Mickey Detrich

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

#### Local Law/Public Hearing

Public Hearing for Local Law #1/2024 decreasing the number of seat on the Town of Watson's Board of Assessment Review from five members to three members.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to open public hearing at 6:31pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Town Supervisor, Jeff Hoch, explained to the Town Board and the public in attendance that the Board of Assessment Review Chairperson, Ronny Gingerich, was contacted in regards to this and he stated that three members is a sufficient number to have on this board.

No questions or concerns voiced during public hearing.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and Steve Stogsdill to close public hearing at 7:32pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to adopt Local Law #1/2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

\*Town Clerk will file with New York State and after it is accepted it will be posted to the town website.

#### Meeting Minutes

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## Financials

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

## RACOG

Mikey Detrich updated on upcoming meetings, next meeting 9/26/2024. Towns have participated in a transportation survey. He updated on new hires w/in RACOG.

Jeff Hoch submitted his resignation from being a representative for the Town of Watson as a representative for RACOG to the Town Board.

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

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

Abstained: Jeff Hoch

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Vicki Roy to appoint Jeff Lyng as a representative for the Town of Watson to RACOG.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## Supervisors Report

May 2024

Total in Community Bank - \$87,802.04

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,429,833.23

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,517,779.77

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## Highway

Steve updated that culvert replacement is almost complete. Possibly beginning of next week will be done.

Steve submitted to the Town Board the 284 agreement, which states what general repairs and permanent road improvements are to be complete for 2024. which was signed by the Board members.

An update in the on the cab and chassis from Caskinette's was given. The truck is still delayed. Steve will call them for further updates.

Bailey Road Bridge Project will continue per recommendations from the county.

At the meeting that Steve attended with the County about the reimbursement rate for plowing the County road with the Town of Watson, a rate of \$7,650/mile was offered. The Town of Watson currently plows approximately 20 mile of Lewis County roads.

Highway contract negotiations are ongoing.

#### Town Park

No response about the grant at this time.

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](http://www.townofwatsonny.com). Go to Quick Links, All Boards and Watson Town Park.

#### Planning Board

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

[www.townofwatsonny.com](http://www.townofwatsonny.com)

#### Zoning Board

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

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\* Resolution #10 – 2024 – Appointing resolution for creating a zoning advisory committee, was submitted. Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept submitted list of committee members.  
Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

#### Old Business

**Zoning Officer:** Information regarding responsibilities and pay will be researched for further discussion.

**Highway Garage:** Discussion about to build new or rehab current building. Current decision is to rehab current building. Next step is to discuss what to address first and ask for contract bids. Get asbestos report from Barton & Logidue to have and discuss next step and next meeting.

**Bailey Rd. Bridge:** Continue per recommendations from the county

**Petries Corner Church Cemetery Building:** Per report from Ward Daily discuss what needs to be completed and discuss at next meeting.

**Bradish Road:** Discuss with Superintendent possible mowing and grading the road. Will discuss further.

**Town Park Bathrooms Update:** Waiting for a response about grant approval. Further discussion to follow.

#### Public Discussion

Attendee asked if the Town of Watson roads are open to ATV's.

Response is that the Town of Watson is **NOT** open to ATV's at this time.

Attendee asked about old/outdated information on town website.

Clerk stated that she will get in contact with Pixamation and ask him to look into it, possibly being the old website not closed.

### Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: June 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 135-185 - \$38,923.02

Highway – Voucher – 51-93 - \$75,752.58

Water District – Voucher – 12 - \$22.39

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 38-45 - \$3,504.17

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### New Business

Board discussion to change Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent to four year terms. Town Board agreed. Town Supervisor will speak with Town attorney to make the change. Further discussion at next meeting.

### Adjourn

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to adjourn meeting at 8:38pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried



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Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: July 10, 2024

\*To see the full resolution go to [townofwatsonny.com](http://townofwatsonny.com), Quick Links, All Boards, Town Board, scroll down below Town Meeting Minutes and see Resolutions.