

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order at 6:28pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 by Supervisor Jeffrey Hoch.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Jeff Hoch
Council: Gerald Crowell, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman-Absent
Town Clerk: Absent
Deputy Town Clerk: Christina Merry
Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff, Jr.
CPA: Scott Lawrence
Citizens Present: Andrea Moroughan, Jackie Mahoney, Bill & Judi Houppert, Mary Misek, Bill Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Hoch.

Motion was made by Vicki Roy, seconded by Gerald Crowell to accept the May Minutes as read.

Ayes: Gerald Crowell, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Was then brought up by Mr. Hunt that the minutes stated Janet Cook had resigned from the Planning Board. Chris explained that she was told that, but has since found out Janet rescinded the resignation.

Scott Lawrence went over the Financials, everything is on track, will have to do a few transfers which will be discussed next month.

Motion was made by Jeff Lyng, seconded by Gerald Crowell to go into Executive Session at 6:44pm.

Motion was made by Jeff Lyng, seconded by Vicki Roy to end Executive Session at 7:55.

Supervisor discussed bulk water being used, and with Steve Skiff's help, he wrote up an agreement to be signed by any one requesting bulk usage. Steve Skiff also recommended a Service Fee be added to cover set up time of meter & hose at the Hydrant.

Motion was made by Vicki Roy, seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept the addition of the Service Fee to the Agreement.

Ayes: Gerald Crowell, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Highway: Steve Skiff gave a demo of the software the County has set up for Towns to Keep track of road repairs. Drive down the road with a camera phone and it takes pictures of the road, download it into computer and it will grade each road for repair.

Gradall bidding is complete, highest bid is \$3,700.00. Does the Board want to accept this bid, or try another auction site. Discussion followed, going to try again with bids. Old plow only got a bid of \$25.00, and that was also declined, as more could be gotten for it as scrap.

Paving the Bradish Road from where Greig stops, the Stillwater Road, and McPhilly Road near the end of the Month.

Tank roof has been replaced. Lead & Copper Results are in. Lowville Fire Dept. will be coming on June 19th to do a test regarding water pressure.

Planning Board: Judi stated nothing to report other than the forming of a Zoning Committee. And the fact that Janet Cook didn't resign.

Water: Jeff, Chris and Michelle are looking into different Software, as the current software will no longer be updated.

Jackie Mahoney: Discussed trails and connections for 4-wheelers, snowsledders. Sending out canvassing letters to find homeowners that may be willing to allow access to a portion of their property to make connections from one trail to another. Will be having an informational meeting, and this is a work in progress, nothing happening immediately.

Supervisor Hoch received a copy of the letter from to Senator Walczyk and Assemblyman Blankenbush to the DEC in regards to the Bailey Bridge.

Received notice from New Bremen Town Clerk that at their meeting they appointed Mr. Mueller to the Beaver River Advisory Council to replace Donald Mooney.
Motion was made by Gerald Crowell, seconded by Vicki Roy to appoint Mr. Mueller to represent the Town of Watson on this Council.
Ayes: Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy, Jeff Hoch.
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Mary Misek spoke up in regards to last meeting looking for support to find more funds to repair the Bailey Bridge. Herself and Bill Hunt are willing to write letters as well as some others to support the request of additional funds for the repair.

Monthly Bills:

General Fund: Vouchers #138 – 167 - \$16,536.53
Highway Fund: Vouchers #55 -64 - \$31,309.46
Water District: Vouchers # 8 - \$21.82
Watson Water O & M: Vouchers #26 – 34 - \$46,568.44
BAN: Vouchers #1 - \$122.99

Question was asked regarding the Clothing cleaning, if this would be the last billing from Unifirst. Steve said the new Vendor would be starting next week. Also, a question was asked if the GIS – Web-based was connected to the Highway's new software. Steve commented that it isn't, they are different.
Motion was made by Jeff Lyng, seconded by Gerald Crowell to pay the bills.
Ayes: Gerald Crowell, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng, Jeff Hoch.
Nays: None
Motion so carried.

Monthly Reports:

Town Clerk and Town Justice reports were submitted for audit and approval.
Motion was made by Jeff Lyng, seconded by Gerald Crowell to approve these reports.
Ayes: Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy, Jeff Hoch
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gerald Crowell, seconded by Vicki Roy to adjourn at 8:53pm. All in favor.

Christina M. Merry, Deputy Town Clerk