

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

July 22, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on July 22, 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, Mary Misek, Bill and Judi Houppert

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

Local Law/Public Hearing

Public Hearing for Local Law #2/2024 Increasing the term of office of the town clerk and highway superintendent from 2 years to four years.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng 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, read the proposed local law to the Town Board and the public present.

Comment made: It's a good idea to extend the terms as there is a lot to learn and keep up with.

No questions or concerns voiced during public hearing.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Jeff Lyng to close public hearing at 7:35pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Vicki Roy to adopt Local Law #2/2024.

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 June 12, 2024 meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Financials

The Board discussed the financials.

Supervisors Report

June 2024

Total in Community Bank - \$75,915.92

Total in NYCLASS - \$2,374,277.01

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,450,337.43

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Highway

Steve gave updates on current road closures. Bailey Rd., Petrie Rd. and Kotel Rd. are still closed in the Town of Watson. Steve has been to several meeting in regards to the recent flooding and the damage that has done to the Town of Watson roads. Currently he is in contact with the County and waiting on FEMA until permanent road fixes are completed.

* Resolution #11 – 2024 – Transfer of monies from Highway Unappropriated Fund Balance (DA915) to Machinery Contractual (DA5130.4) to fix the 2013 Hyundai Excavator.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept money transfer.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2024 Ford F250 was delivered this week from Van Bortel.

Highway contract negotiations are ongoing.

Town Park

The town was rejected for the grant from Iroquois for upgrading/remodeling the park bathrooms.

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

Some discussion in increasing the application fee.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com

Zoning Board

Citizen would like a rule for lawn mowing to be considered when updating the Town of Watson Zoning Laws.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com

Old Business

Highway Garage: Currently any renovations/changes are on hold due to the town recovering from road maintenance expense from recent flood.

Bailey Rd. Bridge: Currently waiting on the State for further instruction.

Petries Corner Church Cemetery Building: Renovations/fixes will be discussed at next meeting.

Bradish Road: Further discussion to follow.

Zoning Officer: Further discussion about responsibilities of zoning officer and pay will be researched for further discussion.

Town Park Bathrooms Update: The town was rejected for the grant from Iroquois for upgrading/remodeling the park bathrooms. Will have further discussion on next step.

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: July 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 152, 181, 186-204 - \$8,921.96

Highway – Voucher – 64-67 - \$6,176.12

Water District – Voucher – 13-14 - \$155.39

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 46-51 - \$913.10

Bond Anticipation Note: Voucher 9 - \$878.35

Motion made by Town Board to pay abstracts.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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 7:35pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Michelle Ward

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: August 14, 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.