

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

August 21, 2024

The budget meeting was called to order on August 21, 2024 at 5:58pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

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

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

CPA: Scott Lawrence

Guests: Tim Hunt

New Business

Tim Hunt addressed the Town Board with an update of the status of the Bailey Road Bridge Project. The engineers are potentially in the final phase of design. He stated that the original design phase was \$675,540.00, which has been 95% paid for by Bridge NY funds and 5% nonBridge NY funds. He is requesting that The Town of Watson continue with the final design phase, so that when grant money becomes available it can then be completed. He presented a contract for this project for board approval.

* Resolution #13 – 2024 – Authorizing the agreement between the NYSDOT and the Town of Watson for implementation and funding of 100% of the costs of Bailey Road Bridge over Independence River project, of which qualified costs may be reimbursed from Bridge NY.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to approve Resolution #13,

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Tim also stated that the County is working on FEMA for financial support for the recent flooding that caused damage to the Town of Watson roadways. He stated that the County will be paying for the engineering of replacements of bridges and culverts. It will take 3-5 years for any money to get reimbursed through FEMA.

Budget-2025

The Town of Watson Town Board partially reviewed the budget for 2025. Will continue reviewing with further meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Budget Meeting: August 28, 2024