

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

September 11, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order on September 11, 2024 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons present: Jeff Lyng, Shawn Freeman, Steve Stogsdill

Councilperson Absent: Vicki Roy

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

HWY Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens present: Bill Hunt, Mary Misek, Andrea Moroughan, Paul Shepard

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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from August 14, 2024 – Board Meeting and August 21, 2024, August 28, 2024 and September 3, 2024- Budget Meeting Minutes submitted for approval.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept meeting minutes.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vicki Roy

Motion Carried

Financials

Financials were discussed by the board.

Supervisors Report

August 2024

Total in Community Bank - \$97,994.86

Total in NYCLASS - \$1,986,044.19

Petty Cash - \$144.50

Total Amount - \$2,084,183.55

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vicki Roy

Motion Carried

RACOG

Paul Shepard – RACOG representative - was present to update Board on upcoming meeting 9/26/24 and new information.

To view RACOG monthly newsletter: <http://racog.org>

New Business

Jeff addressed the board with JCAP Grant information given to him by Justice Regetz. Discussion of the deadline for applying for a JCAP grant. The board also discussed possible suggestions for what to apply for with the grant. Jeff will speak to Justice Regetz further.

Some concerned citizens for the Town of Watson have called and spoke to Jeff in regards of the mosquitos. He stated that he has called Public Health and they stated that there will be nothing done to rid us of them at this point. He also spoke to Andrea Moroughan – County Legislator, as well and she stated that the County will not be addressing it either.

County Legislator

Andrea Moroughan was present. She stated that Tim Hunt has started as Lewis County Manager.

Highway

Steve stated that the 2021 Pick-up truck will be posted on the ADK auction site in the near future.

The town is receiving stone from power line project.

Steve has finished CHIPS sealing for 2024.

The Highway Department has some trucks that are in need of repair. He will be getting parts and estimates for repairs to be made.

Highway contract negotiations are ongoing.

Water

Hydrant Flushing will be the week of October 14-18. During this time, you may experience a decrease in water pressure. Your regular water pressure should resume after the flushing is completed.

Water Rate Fee Schedule (Reviewed Annually)

Water Rate Fee Schedule for District #4 Extension #1 (Watson Water) and Outside Water User for 2025 was presented to the Board and discussed. There will be an increase in some charges to start with first billing of 2025, due to increase of operation and maintenance costs.

* Resolution #14-2024

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept Resolution #14-2024, Water Rate Fee Schedule for 2025.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vicki Roy

Motion Carried

Town Park

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

Planning Board presented a Planning Board Fee Schedule to the Town Board.

* Resolution #15-2024

Motion made by Steve Stogsdill and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept Resolution #15-2024, Planning Board Fee Schedule.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vicki Roy

Motion Carried

Planning Board Fee Schedule will be posted to the website. It will start January 1, 2025 and be reviewed annually.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com Quick Links, All Boards, Planning Board

Zoning Board

Zoning Board discussed application fees and will discuss at their next meeting.

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

www.townofwatsonny.com Quick Links, All Boards, Zoning Board

Old Business

Highway Garage: Tables for future discussion

Bailey Rd. Bridge: No updates. Currently waiting on the State for further instruction.

Petries Corner Church Cemetery Building: Renovations/fixes – tabled.

Bradish Road: Tabled

Zoning Officer: Will be discussed with fee application changes.

Zoning Board: Fees will be discussed at next meeting.

Monthly Abstract

Abstracts: September 2024

General Fund – Voucher – 154, 230-252 - \$13,907.57

Highway – Voucher – 80-89 - \$260,009.94

Water District – Voucher – 18-19 - \$687.85

Watson Water O & M – Voucher – 62-69 - \$1,578.67

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vicki Roy

Motion Carried

Monthly Reports

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

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vicki Roy

Motion Carried

Citizen Comments

Clerk has updated the outside bulletin board.

Adjourn

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to adjourn meeting at 7:35pm.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vicki Roy

Motion Carried



Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: October 9, 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.