

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

November 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town of Watson was called to order on November 9, 2022 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

Councilpersons: Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Town Clerk: Michelle Ward

Hwy Superintendent: Steve Skiff

Citizens Present: Bill and Judi Houppert and William Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jeffrey Hoch.

Town Business

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Mike Hanno to accept October 12, 2022 minutes.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Public Hearing to Adopt Local Law #1 of 2022 – A Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2023 open at 6:35pm – No discussion from public

Motion made by Mike Hanno to close public hearing and seconded by Vicki Roy. Closed at 7:39pm

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Motion made by Vicki Roy to adopt Local Law #1 2022 and seconded by Jeff Lyng.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Town Accountant: Scott Lawrence was present and reviewed the monthly financials – no questions or concerns from the board members after review.

Highway

Bridge NY has started. This is to build a bridge on the Bailey Road over the Independence River. There will be a check coming from Bridge NY Grant, as reimbursement for this project, that will need to be sent to Lewis County as well as adding in the Town's share of \$3,525.00 for this project.

Checking on accessibility of getting a new Pickup truck for the highway garage again on November 15. Will also have to check/compare pricing.

CHIPS – Reimbursement for the first round has been submitted and should receive payment in December 2022.

Virkler Tree Service has been hired to do more tree trimming on town roads.

Water

Re-levy Report for the water accounts for the Town of Watson have been submitted to Lewis County Tax Department on 11/8/2022 by Michelle Ward and signed by Jeff Hoch.

Temperature probe for the storage tank is being replaced to prevent freezing.

Flushing of hydrants was discussed by the board members and the concerns that were voiced by the citizens that called the office were also discussed. Possible suggestion/solutions are to coordinate with a billing cycle and add it to the wording on the bill or to do it at night.

Also looking into doing a flow rate test.

New Business

Watson Town Park - New park rules/regulations and cost were discussed. Application for use was given to all board members for review. This will be discussed at the next meeting and finalized. After accepted by the Town Board it will be posted on the website.

Postage Machine – Looking into an alternative solution for this, postage paid envelope or stamps and envelopes. After a decision is made to cancel lease with current company for postage machine.

First Aid- Looking for alternative solution for this, will look into purchasing an eye wash station for the highway and first aid boxes for the highway and the office. After decision is made will cancel services through Unifirst –First Aid.

Justice Donald Regetz has submitted his JCAP Grant paperwork to the town and to JCAP.

DEC- Vicki Roy stated that a letter should be written and submitted to the DEC in regards to last month's meeting with reference to the concerns of the horses and horse people using the public roads and public waters and other concerns voiced. She stated that she will write said letter and submit it to the board for approval before sending.

Planning Board

Planning Board has submitted the Tower Law to the Town Board for review. It was reviewed with no questions or concerns. Nettie Prusinowski, planning board chairperson, will be contacted with further direction.

Abstracts - Abstracts for November 2022 were submitted by Town Clerk.

Motion made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept abstracts for payment.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Monthly Reports - Justice report for October 2022 submitted by Justice Donald Regetz, was reviewed and accepted by the board members.

Town Clerk and Dog Fund reports for October 2022 were submitted by Town Clerk Michelle Ward, were reviewed and accepted by the board members.

Motion was made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Mike Hanno to accept monthly reports.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Motion made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm.

Ayes: Jeff Hoch, Mike Hanno, Vicki Roy, Jeff Lyng and Shawn Freeman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2022

Michelle Ward, Town Clerk