

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Watson

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Watson was called to order at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor – Jeff Hoch

Councilpersons: Gerald Crowell, Jeff Lyng, Vicki Roy, Shawn Freeman

Town Clerk - Absent

Deputy Town Clerk – Absent

Hwy Superintendent – Steve Skiff

Citizens present: William Hunt, Mary Misek, Andrea Moroughan, Ryan Piche, Scott Lawrence, CPA.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Hoch.

Motion was made by Vicki Roy, seconded by Gerald Crowell to accept the April 12 Minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

#### **New Business:**

Scott Lawrence, Town Accountant went over financials to date for this year. All expenses pretty much where we should be at this date.

#### **Highway:**

Chips money, Paving schedule for this summer (Stillwater Rd, Buck Point Rd, and McPhilly Rd)

Cost - \$427,707.65, approximately 5+miles. Steve presented reports for costs (man hours, sand/salt, loader and pickups w/plows) for plowing this past winter, also a report on salt inventory to date. Steve gave information about the road condition AI system for keeping records about the amount of wear and surface conditions of Town roads. Discussion about the BridgeNY – Bailey Rd. Bridge project overrun costs of the \$250,000.00 the Town is responsible for. Letters will be sent to Senator Mark Walczyk and Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush requesting any assistance they might be able to acquire to aid in this expense.

Motion was made by Vicki Roy, seconded by Jeff Lyng to add \$499.06 to abstract for the Town share of latest expenses for the Bailey Rd. Bridge project.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Supervisor Hoch read Don Mooney's letter of Resignation from the Beaver River Advisory Council.

Don gave the name of a person interested in taking over his position who will be contacting the Town.

The Insurance billing for the year was discussed. The cost came in a little under what was budgeted for this year.

Motion was made by Shawn Freeman, seconded by Gerald Crowell to add \$28,641.48 to the abstract for this.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Planning Board:** Janet Cook's term ends 05/31/2023. She is resigning.

**Water System:** New dome for the water tank postponed for a couple weeks for better weather. Costs for updating the Program for water billing, etc. was discussed. More information coming for next month.

**County Legislator:** Ryan Piche talked about the needs of the EMS Ambulance Service. Also gave information about the capital projects this year. (Hospital project at \$32 Million, renovations at Human Services(Stowe Street), new highway garage and combining DMV and Board of Elections.

**Monthly Bills:**

General Fund: Vouchers # 120-137 - \$45,385.37

Highway Fund – Vouchers # 42 – 54 - \$143,186.06

Water District – Vouchers # 6 & 7 - \$9,888.96

Watson O & M – Vouchers # 21 -24 - \$ 741.77

Motion was made by Jeff Lyng, seconded by Gerald Crowell to pay the bills.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Monthly Reports:**

Deputy Town Clerk and Justice monthly reports were passed for audit and approval.

Motion was made by Shawn Freeman, seconded by Gerald Crowell to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Shawn Freeman, seconded by Jeff Lyng to go into Executive Session at 8:47pm for Personnel Discussion.

Motion to end Executive Session was made by Jeff Lyng, seconded by Gerald Crowell at 10:20pm.

Motion to adjourn at 10:20pm was made by Vicki Roy, seconded by Jeff Lyng. All in favor.

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Jeff Hoch. Town Supervisor