

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF LEWIS
TOWN OF WATSON

JANUARY 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town of Watson was called to order on January 11, 2023 at 6:30pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

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

Councilperson(s) Absent: None

Town Clerk: Sharon Sauer

Hwy Superintendent: Steven Skiff

Citizens Present: Bill and Judi Houppert, Will Hunt & Mary Micek

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jeffrey Hoch.

Town Business

Motion was made by Vicki Roy and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept December 14, 2022 minutes.

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 for the month of December 2022, as well as, the annual financials – no questions or concerns for the board members after review.

Annual audit is due at the end of February 2023.

The Board suggested the accountant attend quarterly Board meetings, instead of monthly.

New Business:

The letter written to the NYSDEC, which was previously approved by the Board, was signed by the Town Board members. Jeff Hoch will mail the letter January 12, 2023. The letter was previously written by Vicki Roy to address the issues and concerns that the Town currently has with individuals who are misusing the waters, roads and woodlands with their horses. These concerns were addressed at the Town Board Meeting that was held on October 12, 2022.

The Volunteer Transportation Center (VTC) Contract for 2023 was read and reviewed by Jeff Hoch. The Town Board will request the VTC insurance certificate to be filed with the contract.

Motion made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Shawn Freeman to accept contract.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Highway

Steve Skiff discussed retrofitting two trucks to the new style sander controls. This will help show when and where to use the sand. The cost is approximately \$3,000 for each truck and will last the life of current daily mainline trucks.

Floor drains have been ordered for the cost of \$1,500.

Discussion on fuel purchase and costs. A suggestion by Shawn Freeman to ensure fuel is purchased in the most cost-effective way, perhaps the Town should request bids and purchase on contract. The Town Accountant will provide information on the annual fuel expense for 2022.

Planning Board

No business to discuss as there was no December 2022 meeting.

Zoning Board

No business to discuss as there was no December 2022 meeting.

Water System

Steve Skiff has been in contact with AquaLogics Systems, regarding the part for the blower, which is not operating properly. Jeff Proulx has informed Steve that the ordered part to repair is available and will fix in the spring of 2023. A pancake air compressor was purchased to keep it operational, in the meantime, until the repair is completed.

It was previously inquired about the number of hydrants. As per Steve Skiff, there are 92 hydrants.

Abstracts

Abstracts for December 2022 were submitted by Town Clerk.

Motion made by Jeff Hoch and seconded by Mike Hanno 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 December 2022 submitted by Justice Donald Regetz, were reviewed and accepted by the board members.

Town Clerk and Dog Fund reports for December 2022 submitted by Town Clerk, were reviewed and accepted by the board members

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Vicki Roy to accept monthly reports.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion made by Mike Hanno and seconded by Jeff Lyng to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion so carried.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Amendments to January 11, 2023 Minutes

Highway

Add amendment

Snow contract w/highway will increase \$200.00/mi

Justice

Add amendment

CPA requests reports to be sent to them

Planning Board

No business to discuss as there was no December 2022 meeting.

Amendment – No January 2023 meeting

Zoning Board

No business to discuss as there was no December 2022 meeting.

Amendment – No January 2023 meeting

Water System

Add amendment

Watertank roof is ready and made to be installed later this year.

Abstracts

Motion made by Jeff Hoch and seconded by Mike Hanno to accept abstracts for payment.

Amendment: Jeff Lyng not Jeff Hoch

Amendments made by Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

Michelle Ward 2/16/2023

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Town Clerk