

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Watson

April 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order on April 12, 2023 at 6:29pm by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Town Officials Present:

Supervisor: Jeffrey Hoch

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

Town Clerk: Absent

Deputy Town Clerk: Christina Merry

Hwy Superintendent: Absent

Citizens Present: William Hunt, Mary Misek, Bill & Judi Houppert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jeff Hoch.

Motion was made by Shawn Freeman, seconded by Gerald Crowell to accept the March minutes.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business:

Mr. and Mrs. Houppert were given the floor to make a presentation. Read his letter written to the Board regarding their property lines and that they own no property touching the Number Four Road, therefore according to the Town's Local Law Number #2 of 2018 section 5.5. Mr. Houppert presented a survey map of his property showing the property lines and stated that the Map the County has is wrong. Councilman Crowell stated that the Board is not qualified to do anything with surveys, and the Board agreed to let the Attorneys of both parties handle it.

Highway Dept:

Superintendent Skiff left a note with Supervisor Hoch. Sweeping has started on the 10th, have been hauling stone for paving. Wheeled Excavator should be coming the week of the 17th. Will be starting the 4 day work week beginning the 17th.

Motion was made by Vicki Roy, seconded by Jeff Lyng to approve the 4 day work week.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

PRV's on main water line were regulated last week. Also ISO review has been done. Looking to sell the old excavators, Shawn Freeman stated the Board should declare them as Surplus before they try to sell them.

Motion was made by Shawn, seconded by Jeff Lyng to declare the Excavators as Surplus Equipment.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Will also be doing Hydrant Flushing beginning April 17th, and this was noted on all the bills that were sent out and highlighted.

Justice: Not Present

Planning Board/Zoning: Working on Communication Tower, Candace Randall was going to help with the Zoning Law, but after Nettie Prusinowski talked with someone from the County, we are committed to the Grant through the County. Should take 12- 18 months to complete.

Dog Control: Not Present

Water: Covered under Highway.

Legislature: Not Present

Old Business: Bill Hunt commented regarding the NYClass, suggested using some of the money to alleviate the fees for the people paying taxes online.

Monthly Bills: Abstracts:

General Fund: Vouchers # 92 – 117 - \$66,105.69

Highway Fund _ Vouchers # 31 - 40 - \$33,434.50

Watson O & M – Vouchers # 16 – 20 - \$987.75

Water District (Lowville) – Vouchers # 5 - \$21.82

There is a correction needed to be done between General Fund & Highway Fund, which Chris said she will fix.

Motion was made by Gerald Crowell, seconded by Jeff Lyng to accept and pay the monthly bills with correction being made.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Clerk's monthly report for March was submitted by Deputy Clerk Christina Merry, including Tax Deposit report.

Monthly Justice report was submitted by Justice Donald Regetz.

Motion was made by Jeff Lyng, seconded by Vicki Roy to accept these reports.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion was made by Gerald Crowell, seconded by Jeff Lyng to go into Executive Session at 7:42 pm.

Motion was made by Shawn Freeman, seconded by Gerald Crowell to end Executive Session at 9:01pm.

Motion was made to appoint Michelle Ward as Registrar and Water Clerk for Watson & Lowville effective February 8, 2023 by Vicki Roy, seconded by Jeff Lyng.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Motion was made by Gerald Crowell, seconded by Shawn Freeman to adjourn at 9:04pm.

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

Nays: None

Motion so carried.

Christina M. Merry, Deputy Town Clerk