

July 18, 2018
Junius Town Board
Junius Town Hall

Attendance: C.Ernest Brownell, supervisor, Councilmen Tom Davis, Kyle Black, Richard Wadhams. James Patsos was absent tonight. Also in attendance was Attorney for the Town Jeff Graph.

Open: Supervisor Brownell opened tonight's meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm. The meeting was called to order and the floor was given to Gregory Wadhams who had questions regarding a letter written from Attorney Lori Demasi from the Association of Towns. The letter addressed whether or not the Supervisor could hold the position of Supervisor and his position in the Fire Department. Supervisor Brownell stated he can as long as he abstains from voting on the Fire Department budget, attorney Jeff Graph will check into it further. Also at this time Mr. Wadhams wanted his name taken off the website for the town. It was explained that we have terminated that website and started another and that it is taken some time for the domain name to be switched, it is now between both web designers switching over and it takes quite some time to do so.

Town Clerk: The total disbursement for the town was \$357.00 with the town share being \$287.00. Councilman Wadhams motion to accept and with Councilman Black making the second, the motion passed with all members in favor. Also at this time Supervisor Brownell asked if everyone read last month's minutes. All had, and Councilman Wadhams mad the motion to accept the minutes as written and with Councilman Davis making the second the motion carried with all members in favor.

Water: District's 1 and 2 are fine and Mr. Nicoletta would like to hold a meeting this coming Friday. The digging will start soon. There will be more manpower needed when it starts in Junius.

Sewer: No problems there. Everything is running good.

Highway: The department has been doing some oil and stoning. Avery, New Miller, Cross, Desmond and Donnelly Road are on the list. A culvert has been installed on Mills Road. Superintendent Fisk approached the board regarding competitive wages study that he has done for his workers. The average highway men are getting anywhere in between \$20.00 - \$24.00. After working in this town for over 20 – 30 years in the Town of Junius his men are only making \$18.47 and \$17.09. When raises were given, their health insurance was raised. They are great workers and do more than they are asked to plus most of the mechanical work on the machinery and truck saving the Town a lot of money. A neighboring Town has spoken to our men and has offered them more money than what they are making now. They are willing to take a \$1.00 an hour raise, and there is money in the highway budget to do so till the end of the year. He also spoke about hiring part-time labor for the water line at \$15.00 an hour the same as the other towns, even though the part-time wage in the Town is \$12.50 an hour. Councilman Wadhams would like to have a special meeting on August 8, 2018 at 12:00pm to discuss the competitive wage issue. Councilman Black made the motion to have the meeting and with Councilman Wadhams second the meeting carried with all members in favor.

Building: Councilman Davis reported that he has been in contact with two different contractors to look into replacing the front door on the Town Hall. One showed up and measured the front door and said e will be in contact with Councilman Davis.

Planning Board: The planning board spoke about going over the sign ordinance and it will be possibly finished at their next meeting. There is nothing else in the works at this time.

Old business: Spectrum is still working on getting cable into the Town. There is a small area on Bostwick road they will have to go underground.

Bills: Pre-Pays

General fund - v#136-137 \$11,614.21

Highway fund - v#57 \$922.73

Sewer fund-v#45-46 \$128.05

Water Dist.1-v#31-32

Tonight's – General fund- v#138-154 \$3,601.80

Highway v#58-63 \$42,741.50

Sewer v#47-53 \$4,067.22

Water Dist1 v#33-34 \$956.80

Water Dist2 v#9 \$525.00

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn came at 7:50pm by Councilman Wadhams and the second came from Councilman Davis. With all members in agreement the meeting was adjourned.

Recording secretary

Mary T. Prosser

Junius Town Clerk