

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Reorganization Meeting

Junius Town Hall

**Present:** Supervisor Ernie Brownell, Councilman Kyle Black, Councilman Rick Wadhams; Councilman James Patsos, Town Clerk Colleen Smith

**Absent:** Councilman Randy Wadhams; Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis

**Also Present:**

Supervisor Brownell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Privilege of the Floor**

**Re-Organization meeting for the year 2026**

**Budget Officer:** Ernie Brownell

**Deputy Supervisor:** Richard Wadhams

**Deputy Highway Superintendent:** Jason Thorn

**Registrar of Vital Records:** Colleen Smith

**Deputy Town Clerk:** Denise Darcangelis

**Deputy Clerk Tax Collector:** Patricia Doverspike

**Court Enforcement:** Sheriff's Department

**Justice Clerks:** Patricia Doverspike and Rebecca Sayville

**Supervisor Clerk:** Denise Darcangelis

**Town Historian:** Ernie Brownell

**Official Bank:** Five Star Bank, Secondary bank Chemung Canal Trust

**Town Newspaper:** The Finger Lakes Times

**Attorney:** Graff Law Offices, PLLC

**Dog Control Officer:** Ricky Noone

**Deputy Dog Control officer:** Joanne Bennett

Motion made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Kyle Black

**VOTE:** Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

**All Committees:** Supervisor Brownell will chair all committee meetings, and all board members will be on each committee.

Motion made by Councilman Kyle Black and seconded by Councilman James Patsos

**VOTE:** Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

**Mileage** is .625 as per the current IRS mileage reimbursement be allowed for Town Officers and employees for the use of their own automobiles in the performance of their official duties.

Motion made by Councilman Kyle Black and seconded by Councilman James Patsos

**VOTE:** Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

**Part time pay** is \$16.00 per the 2026 Budget

Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to accept the part-time pay per the budget; Councilman James Patsos second the motion.

**VOTE:** Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

**Regular Board meetings** will be the third Wednesday of each month starting at 6:00 PM  
Motion made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman James Patsos

**VOTE:** Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

**Fund Management:** The Town Supervisor is authorized to make deposits, withdrawals, and other transfers for the town accounts to maximize interest rates only. All other transactions require authorization approval.

**Payment Authorization:** The Supervisor clerk is authorized to pay utilities, healthcare, approved interfund transfer funds for payroll and accounting purposes. Insurance fees and permit cost in advance.

**Check signatures require:** Deputy Supervisor is authorized to sign all checks in the absence of the Supervisor; two signatures are required and one other board member.

Motioned made to accept Fund Management, Payment Authorization, Check Signature requirements by Councilman Kyle Black and seconded by Councilman James Patsos.

**VOTE:** Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain - 0

Councilman Kyle Black made a motion to accept the Town employee handbook for 2021, investment policies, communication policies, the procurement policy, the ethics policy. Seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams.

**VOTE:** Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

**OLD BUSINESS:** Due to the Elected Judge resigning, the Board has asked Brian Erway to stay on till a new judge is able to be appointed and gone through training. Brian Erway has agreed to stay till May 31st as long as he receives the same pay as Judge Laird. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to appoint Brian Erway till May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026; Councilman Kyle Black seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Discussion was had about calling Judicial 7 to see about them appointing a judge and the cost associated with it. Supervisor Brownell said he would make the call.

**New Business:** Discussion was had about retired employees returning to work part-time and the rate of pay. The rate of pay will be the part-time rate as stated in the budget.

Discussion was had about the two Town cell phones that are being used by a Highway employee and a retired employee. The phones need to be terminated, and the current employee will receive the cell phone stipend as stated in the handbook. Supervisor Brownell will have a discussion with Highway Superintendent Fisk about the phones.

**Adjournment:** Councilman James Patsos motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Kyle Black seconded it.

**VOTE:** Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith