

January 15th, 2025
Monthly Board Meeting
Junius Town Hall

Present: Supervisor Ernie Brownell, Councilman Rick Wadhams, Councilman Randy Wadhams, Councilman Kyle Black, Councilman James Patsos, Highway Superintendent Dave Fisk, Assessor Phil Griswold, Planning Board Chair Linda Mott, Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis, Town Clerk Colleen Smith

Absent:

Also Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor

Approval of Minutes: Motioned made by Councilman Kyle Black and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams

VOTE: Aye- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Audit of Claims- The bills have been reviewed by the board and are authorized to be paid as follows:

Pre-Pays: General \$1,058.35; Highway \$3,175.05; Water District #1 \$392.69.

Paying Tonight: General \$14,941.07; Highway \$6,163.18; Water District #1 \$430.30; Water District #3 \$3,127.54; ARPA \$607.63

Motion made by Councilman Randy Wadhams and seconded by Councilman James Patsos.

VOTE: Aye- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Town Clerk Report: 3 Dog Licenses for \$33.00. 4 Certified Copies for \$40.00, A check for \$73.00 was given to the Town.

Approval of Town Clerk Report: Motioned made by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Kyle Black.

VOTE: Aye- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Supervisor Report: The chicken farm on Gassner Road is now connected to Town water. The chickens were delivered on Saturday. The Supervisor has mailed out 200 surveys for Water District #4 to the residents that would potentially hook up to Water District #4.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee:

Highway Committee: Highway Superintendent Fisk has received a final bid for a 2026 Mack Granite truck from Conway Beam Truck Group Inc. for \$325,571.08 Contract#10914. Conway Beam Truck Group requires a resolution from the Town Board of Junius stating we need a diesel truck. Also, a deposit of \$201,623.28 is required to order the truck. Possible delivery in June.

By Resolution of the Town Board of Junius, we authorize Superintendent Dave Fisk to purchase a Mack Granite 2026 Model \$201,623.28. A motion was made by Councilman Kyle Black and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams.

VOTE: Aye- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Highway Superintendent Fisk reports that all three trucks had mechanical issues this past week. They have been repairing the trucks; the invoices will arrive next month.

The yellow road striping was done in October and November. A town resident drove on the wet yellow paint, which then sprayed on his truck. He has submitted an estimate to get the truck cleaned. Supervisor Brownell will check with the insurance company.

Building committee:

Dog Control:

Planning Committee:

Assessor Report: Assessor Griswold mentioned the State Equalization Rates. The town of Junius is currently at 79%. Every year the state does an Equate survey in each town. The Town of Junius assessments are low. The Town needs to do a reevaluation of the properties. It takes a year to do new assessments.

OLD BUSINESS: The Energy System Law has been approved by the Seneca County Planning Board. Councilman Kyle Black has made a resolution authorizing the adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Junius of Local Law #1 of 2025 entitled “A local Law Adopting an Energy System Law” Councilman Rick Wadhams has seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

New Business: Supervisor Brownell would like to research zoning for the Route 318 corridor. Supervisor Brownell made a motion to gather all the information and research the zoning of the Route 318 corridor so we can access and see the feasibility. Councilman Kyle Black seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

A resolution was made by Councilman Kyle Black to hold a public hearing on February 19th, 2025, regarding the adoption of a local law which would permit the Town Board to adopt a budget for the 2026 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law 3-c, Councilman Rick Wadhams seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Supervisor Brownell asked the Town Board what their thoughts were about purchasing the abandoned/vacant house in front of the Town Barns at 533 Dublin Road. Highway Superintendent Fisk thought it would be nice to have to expand the property and fix an ongoing flood problem by putting a ditch in. Supervisor Brownell will inquire what they would like for the property and report back to the Board.

Councilman Randy Wadhams made a motion to request to make a “best and final offer” to the Smith Farm on the vacant house at 533 Dublin Road. Councilman Rick Wadhams seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

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

VOTE: Aye- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith