

January 21, 2026  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Junius Town Hall

**Present:** Supervisor Ernie Brownell, Councilman Kyle Black, Councilman Rick Wadhams, Councilman Randy Wadhams, 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:** Chuck Doverspike, Joe Smith, Dan Green, Isaac DeFisher, Brian Erway

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Privilege of the Floor:** Joe Smith spoke up about being interested in the Town Judge position. He understands the training that is involved and was inquiring about hiring a clerk and getting the clerk trained also.

Brian Erway was filling in for the elected Judge that resigned. He has turned his resignation in as of Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Shannon from Judicial 7 will be appointing a judge. Judge Erway mentioned there is an eviction on the books for February.

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

**Pre-Pays:** General \$1,279.31; Highway \$1,279.31

**Paying Tonight:** General \$21,133.28; Highway \$13,408.30; Water District #1 \$144.50; Water District #2 \$82.07; Water District #3 \$4,120.18

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

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

Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis received a message from the USDA, stating a loan payment was missing for Water Dist. 3 from March 2023, they updated their software and caught it. She is requesting an increase in budget line SW3-9730.6 Water Dist. 3 principal for \$9,000 to cover the payment.

Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to increase the budget line by \$9,000 to cover the payment, Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Councilman Rick Wadhams to approve the year end minutes and the reorganizational meeting minutes and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams.

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

**Town Clerk Report:** 1 Dog Licenses for \$8.00, 1 marriage license \$17.50; 1 gaming license \$25.00 A check for \$50.50 was given to the Town.

**Approval of Town Clerk Report:** Motion made by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Water Committee:** Supervisor Brownell reported that they are making progress. Getting the billing done and other updates. Superintendent Fisk is temporarily doing the mark outs for the water lines when needed. He stressed we need a water person.

**Highway Committee:** Superintendent Fisk was inquiring about Isaac's future pay after the 6-month probationary period is over. They will revisit that when the 6 months are over. Also, Jason Thorn is only at \$24 and there was talk at a previous meeting about him being promoted to Operator and receiving an increase in pay of \$26. Bookkeeper Denise will make the adjustments.

Superintendent Fisk and Dan Green have been trying to switch the phone from the Town to his personal account. Verizon has been very difficult to work with. Dan Green purchased a different phone and has had the Town's phone turned off as of Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Superintendent Fisk gave Bookkeeper Denise \$57.55 to cover the phone bill from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. The actual phone still has a balance of \$170; the highway department will keep the phone in case one of their phone's breaks, they have a backup.

**Building committee:**

**Dog Control:**

**Planning Committee:** Planning Board Chair Linda Mott received a \$60,000 check to use for Solar expenses. The solar "plans" have been sold again to Bull Rock solar. Linda reached out and Peter Delgas will be coming to the next planning board meeting.

**Assessor Report:** Assessor Phil Griswold has been working on monthly deeds, splits, bank codes; address changes and administering the STAR program. December 1<sup>st</sup>, he prepared a file and sent it to the County for the 2026 County and Town tax Bills. He took a zoom class on ethics that is required for all Assessors who are appointed or reappointed. On Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> he mailed 229 exemption renewals. They must be returned by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The current software program the assessors use is called RPSV4 and is being upgraded. There will be several days of training and a lot of work before converting the file. The conversion file will be frozen from Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> to Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. This is his busiest time of the year. Finally... This is Phil Griswold's 46<sup>th</sup> year as an assessor! Congratulations.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Supervisor Brownell mentioned how they worked on the employee manual at the workshop meeting. The insurance agent would like to come to the next workshop meeting to go over stuff with the Board.

**New Business:** Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to hold a public Hearing for the Tax cap override Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to accept Judge Brian Erways resignation. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

The audits for the Town Clerks' records, Justice Courts records and the Annual Financial Report are scheduled for Friday Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The engagement letters need to be signed. Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to authorize Supervisor Brownell to sign the letters for all three entities. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

**Adjournment:** Councilman James Patsos motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Rick Wadhams seconded it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith