

December 20th, 2023

Monthly Meeting

Junius Town Hall

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

Absent: Councilman Kyle Black

Also Present: Mark Benjamin

Supervisor Brownell called the Town Board meeting to order at 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor:

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

Pre-Pays: General \$27,136.32; Highway \$26,315.36; Water Dist. #1 \$2002.43; Water Dist. #2 \$934.46; Water Dist. #3 \$934.46

Paying Tonight: General \$14,200.26; Highway \$446.11; Water District #1 \$47,036.31; Water District #2 \$360.40; Water District #3 \$61.19; ARPA \$264.00.

Motion made by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams accepting of paying the bills.

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

A transfer was requested from account A1620.1 Building Personal Service for \$2,706.00 to account A3310.4 Traffic Control. A second transfer was requested from account SW1-9010.8 NYS Retirement for \$50 to account SW1-8330.4 Purification & Water Testing. A motion was made by Councilman Randy Wadhams to approve the transfers and seconded by Councilman James Patsos.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motioned made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman James Patsos to accept the minutes.

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

Town Clerk Report: 9 Dog Licenses and 1 Marriage License and 2 Games of Chance License. A check for \$121.50 was given to the Town.

Motioned made by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams to accept the Town Clerk report.

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

Committee Reports:

Water Committee: Supervisor Brownell and the Town Clerk are working on letters and labels to do a mailing to the residents to inform them of new meters coming soon and a new water district.

Highway Committee: The highway department has been doing some tree work. A resident had a problem with their shut off valve. The guys spent some time digging to locate it. It will be replaced when new meters arrive.

Superintendent Fisk has heard from the dealership on the new Chevy 3500 truck. It is ready for \$53,192.50. He will need a check for Bill Cram to complete the purchase. A motion was made by Councilman Randy Wadhams to purchase the truck, it was seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams.

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

The highway guys would like the water jugs delivered to the shop. Bookkeeper Denise will call and try to set that up. Superintendent Fisk received the DOT CHIPS reimbursements schedule for 2024.

The highway department has requested two part-time guys to help as needed. A resolution was made by Councilman Randy Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams to hire Dylan Amidon and Jeffrey Walters.

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

Building committee:

Planning Committee: Wilkins RV will be opening March 1st. They have decided to move the sign to Route 318 instead of near the thruway.

Assessor Report:

Old BUSINESS: A motion was made to accept the North Seneca Ambulance contract as written by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams.

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

Supervisor Brownell received two quotes to install generators for the Town Hall and the Highway department buildings. A motion was made to go with Hurricane by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams.

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

New Business: The end of year meeting will be Thursday December 28th at 6 pm. All bills need to be turned in to Bookkeeper Denise before Thursday.

The opening meeting for 2024 will be January 4th at 6pm.

A Resolution was presented to the board about supporting businesses in Seneca County. The motion was made to accept the resolution by Councilman Randy Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams.

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

The Town has received \$100,000 from Seneca County out of the ARPA money fund. A resolution was made to increase the budget of the general fund by \$100,000. A motion was made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams.

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

The Town Tax Collector doesn't want to hand out her personal cell phone number. A motion was made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams to purchase a TracPhone from Walmart.

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

Supervisor Brownell wanted the board to be aware of the water billing contract with the Village of Waterloo. It is \$5,000 a year to do the billing. If service is needed, it is billed \$35 an hour. The board members would like to look into other options.

Adjournment: Councilman James Patsos motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM

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

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith