

December 18, 2024
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: Chuck Doverspike, Jason Thorn

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor

Jason inquired about the Court Clerks receiving a larger pay wage than the Highway department. The Supervisor and Bookkeeper explained that the highway department employees get paid vacation, sick, and holiday pay, also 90% of their health insurance and a cell phone stipend. The court clerks do not receive any of those benefits.

Public Hearing #1

A motion was made to open the public hearing for the proposed Local Law Enacting a Town of Junius Road Preservation Law by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Kyle Black.

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

There were no questions or comments from the community.

A motion was made by Councilman Randy Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams to close the public hearing.

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

Public Hearing #2

The Energy System Local Law Public Hearing was opened by motion by Councilman James Patsos and second by Councilman Kyle Black.

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

There were no questions or comments from the community.

A motion was made by Councilman Randy Wadhams to close the public hearing. Councilman Rick Wadhams second the motion.

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 \$27,634.89; Highway \$2,770.60

Paying Tonight: General \$22,621.64; Highway \$12,783.10; Water District #1 \$ 33,223.25; Water District #2 \$20,044.08; District #3 \$210.58; ARPA \$7,424.18

Motion made by Councilman Randy Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams

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

Transfer Request: Bookkeeper Darcangelis requested two transfers: The first one from DA1910.4 Unallocated Insurance for \$3,014.33 to DA5110.1 Personnel Serv. General repairs. The second one from SW3-8320.41 General repairs \$500 to SW3-8330.4 Contractual.

Councilman James Patsos made the motion to accept the two transfers, Councilman Rick Wadhams second the motion.

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

Bookkeeper Denise requested a resolution to increase the budget in water district #2, line item SW2-8320.4 by \$19,899.58 to cover expenses, the amount would be taken from Water District #2 fund balance. This will cover the large water bill the Town received from the Town of Waterloo.

Councilman Kyle Black made the motion and Councilman Randy Wadhams.

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

Bookkeeper Denise requested a second resolution to increase the budget in water District #3, line item SW3-8310.4 by \$5,636.67 to cover expenses, the amount would be taken from water District #3 fund balance.

Councilman Randy Wadhams made the motion and Councilman Rick Wadhams second the motion.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motioned made by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams.

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

Town Clerk Report: 5 Dog Licenses for \$43.00. A check for \$43.00 was given to the Town.

Approval of Town Clerk Report: Motioned made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams.

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

Supervisor Report: The Supervisor reports that not hiring an accountant until we needed one and keeping the money in an interest-bearing account has given the town an increase in money from interest of \$8,000. The Town's attorney, Jeff Graff, is up to date on the proceedings for Water District #4.

The chicken Farm on Gassner road has been hooked up to water with the meter. Also, the two homes on Burgess Road, 1403 and 1407, have had the water pipes bored under the road and as far to the house that the Town is responsible for. The homeowners are responsible for the connection of water to their homes.

The new meters have all been installed in Water District #1 with the new software for reading the meters. This was all paid for by a grant from the government.

Committee Reports:

Water Committee:

Highway Committee: Highway Superintendent Fisk reported that two driveways were installed on Stone Church Road. Councilman Rick Wadhams would like to go over the specs for the new truck the highway department is ordering. There is a new rule, The DEC is requesting a letter stating why the Town is buying the truck and what the truck will be used for. The DEC is requiring dealerships to sell a certain

amount of EV trucks, so they want to know why they are selling a diesel truck. Highway Superintendent Fisk will get a letter for Supervisor Brownell to sign.

Building committee:

Dog Control:

Planning Committee:

Assessor Report: Assessor Griswold took a training class analyzing expenses and income, on Dec. 6th. He found it very informative.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Brownell would like to work on the employee handbook at the next workshop meeting. The next date for the workshop meeting will be January 10th at 2pm.

New Business:

The Energy System Law will not be voted on tonight due to not receiving approval of our SEQR documentation from the Seneca County Planning Board as recommended by the Town's attorney. Planning Board Chair Linda will contact the County Planning board and see what needs to be done.

Supervisor Brownell suggested we table this law till the next meeting. Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to table the Energy System Law till the next meeting. Councilman Randy Wadhams second the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell requested a motion to pass Local Law #3 A Local Law Enacting a Town of Junius Road Preservation Law. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to pass the local law #3, Councilman Randy Wadhams second the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell handed out a copy of the North Seneca Ambulance contract. Councilman James Patsos made the motion to accept the contract, Councilman Rick Wadhams second the motion.

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

A year end meeting is needed to close out the books. The Town Board decided December 30th at 2pm. The opening/reorganization meeting will be held on January 10th, 2025, at 2pm. Councilman Kyle Black made the motion and councilman Randy Wadhams second the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell suggested they talk about zoning on State Route 318 in future workshop meetings.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith

