

December 17, 2025  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Junius Town Hall

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

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Dan Green, Joe Smith, Chuck Doverspike, Isaac DeFisher

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Privilege of the Floor:** Chuck Doverspike inquired about the next water meter billing; Supervisor Brownell said the meters would be read at the end of the month and they would have a month to pay the bill. Payments are to be mailed to the Town of Junius, 655 Dublin Road, Clyde Ny 14433.

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

**Pre-Pays:** General \$38,846.40; Highway \$23,742.00; Water District #1 \$317.23

**Paying Tonight:** General \$15,574.34; Highway \$2,441.22; Water District #3 \$136.64

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

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

Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis requested transfers: From A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance for \$600.00 to A1220.2 Supervisor equipment; From A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance for \$200.00 to A1355.4 Assessor Contractual; From A1910.4 Unallocated insurance for \$1,000.00 to A1420.4 Law Contractual; From A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance for \$500.00 to A1620.4 Building Contractual; From A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance for \$300.00 to A1620.8 Highway Barns.

Motion made to accept the transfers by Councilman Randy Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Kyle Black.

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

Also, transfer requests from DA5140.1 Brush & Weeds per serv for \$1,000.00 to DA5112.1 Perm Improvements; From DA5110.4 General Repairs for \$500.00 to DA5130.4 Machinery.

Motion made to accept the transfers by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Kyle Black

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

Also, transfer request from SW3-1910.4 Unallocated Insurance for \$1,700.00 to SW3-8320.4 General Repairs.

A motion was made to accept the transfer by Councilman Kyle Black and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams

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

The last transfer request is from DA5130.2 for \$30,000 to pay towards Daniel Green's unused sick time he has requested to be paid out. A motion was made by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Kyle Black.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motioned made by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams to approve the minutes as recorded.

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

**Town Clerk Report:** 4 Dog Licenses for \$38.00. A check for \$38.00 was given to the Town.

Also, Governor Kathy Hochul has released funds for grant opportunity to upgrade shelters. The proposals are due January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The grants do have a clause... The grant money may not be used for improvements if the dog shelter is on private property.

**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's Report:** Supervisor Brownell informed everyone that the newly elected Judge Sara Goodman has resigned from the position. He had a conversation with Brian Erway in regard to staying on till May with adjustments to his pay. The next training class for the new Judge is in April in Albany for a week.

Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to accept Sara Goodman's resignation. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to extend Brian Erway's service as a Town Justice to May of 2026 pending the financial aspects. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year!

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Water Committee:** Supervisor Brownell and Linda Mott have been working on water billing and training with Williamson Law. Williamson Law will be sending a software invoice for the water billing.

**Highway Committee:** Superintendent Fisk has received calls about Dig safe NY. He reported there needs to be a primary contact for UFPO. The Town of Junius currently does not have anyone mapping out water and sewer lines. The Town of Waterloo has all the Town of Junius's maps. Reports will need to be filled out at the end of the year. Superintendent Fisk stressed we need to hire or contract with an individual to help out with this.

Superintendent Fisk has been taking the water reading at the Chicken farm on Gassner Road. The chicken farm uses between 1000 and 1200 gallons of water a day.

Supervisor Brownell said the CHIPS check came today \$300,080.99.

The highway department has been busy with snow removal.

Superintendent Fisk thanked Dan Green again for his 36.5 years of service. He appreciates everything he has done and couldn't have done it without him.

Superintendent Fisk reported he spoke with several prospects for the open position. The only person that filled out an application was Isaac DeFisher. Isaac has been training with Dan and things are going well. Cutthroat tree service will be starting with the tree removal on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Building committee:** Supervisor Brownell had the furnaces cleaned.

**Dog Control:**

**Planning Committee:** Planning Board Linda Mott reported that the solar project on Burgess Road seems to be stalled. Jim Kreidler from Greenstreet Power Representatives informed Linda that he would not be at the Planning board meeting because he was attending a meeting the next day to determine which solar projects would be moving forward. She called him to get an update, and he had yet to call her back.

**Assessor Report:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Supervisor Brownell has the Seneca County Hazard Mitigation Plan that needs to be signed again for this year. He is requesting a motion to sign the contract. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion for Supervisor Brownell to sign the Seneca County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Superintendent Fisk said Dan Green would like to transfer and keep the phone into his name and agreed to pay for the service himself. Also is requesting the new hire Isaac DeFisher receive the \$50 stipend for the phone. He will use his personal phone and not require a Town phone.

Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to transfer the phone number and the phone bill to Dan Green and terminate the contract between the Town and Verizon. Councilman James Patsos seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to give the new hire a \$50 stipend to use his personal cell phone for Town business. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

**New Business:** Supervisor Brownell let the Board know that the Court security officer is retiring and we will not have security at Court or the upcoming jury trial. He has a contract called “intermunicipal Agreement” that is an agreement with the Seneca County Sheriff’s Department. The Sheriff’s Department will provide an office for us based on an hourly fee that the Town will pay. Supervisor Brownell has sent the contract to the Town’s Lawyer for review. Supervisor Brownell is requesting a motion to accept the contract as long as Attorney Graf approves. The Courts will be in need of security for their DA nights before the next Board meeting.

Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to accept the contract for security for the Towns Court nights as long as all parties (Attorney and County) agree. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell made the motion to have the Town's end of year meeting on Dec 30<sup>th</sup> at noon.  
Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell made the motion for the 2026 Organizational meeting to be on Wednesday Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Councilman Kyle Black seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell has set workshop dates for the next six months.

January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Meeting will be at 2pm at the Town hall.

Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to amend the previous motion on Dan Green's sick pay payout based on the time sheet provided by Superintendent Fisk. The correct calculation is \$30,591.00.  
Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Brownell motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith