

February 15, 2023
Tax Cap Public Hearing
Monthly Meeting
Junius Town Hall

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

Absent: Councilman Kyle Black, Councilman Randy Wadhams, Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis

Also Present:

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Brownell called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 pm

Privilege of the Floor:

Supervisor Brownell Closed the Public Hearing at 6:01

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

Pre-Pays: General \$13,963.88; Highway \$2,504.65; Water District #1 \$926.80; Water District #2 \$542.70; Water District #3 \$3,941.75.

Paying Tonight: General \$146,934.66; Highway \$6,797.68; Water District #1 \$ 268.50; Water District #2 \$163.50; District #3 \$236.27.

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

VOTE: Aye- 3; NAY – 0; Absent – 2; Abstain – 0

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

VOTE: Aye- 3; NAY – 0; Absent –2; Abstain – 0

Town Clerk Report: 20 Dog Licenses Total \$196.00, 1 Games of Chance License \$20.00. A check for \$216 was given to the Town.

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

VOTE: Aye- 3; NAY – 0; Absent – 2; Abstain – 0

Committee Reports:

Water Committee: Supervisor Brownell is still going over the pamphlet from Tom Maslyn and has some questions. The board will discuss it more at the next workshop meeting.

Highway Committee: The Highway department has been fixing potholes. The weather has been very mild, so no salting or plowing has been needed. Highway Superintendent Fisk requests that next year for the County bidding, the Town Does Not bid on Seneca Paving Markings. They did not show up for 2022 to stripe our roads after being told several times they would be here.

Supervisor Brownell informed Superintendent Fisk that the Town of Phelps accepted the \$10,000 bid for the John Deere Tractor.

Building committee: Nothing to report

Dog Control:

Planning Committee: Mark Lin is looking into putting a campground on Dunn road. Wadhams Enterprises is looking into putting up a new building. A few Solar farms are inquiring about land.

Assessor Report: March 1st is the deadline for Taxable Status day. Any Land or anything that needs to be renewed needs to be in his office by March 1st. Assessor Griswold sends mailers and calls as reminders.

Assessor Griswold has been receiving numerous phone calls regarding taxes. The Tax Clerk Linda Cordavani no longer has a phone. The Town Clerk and the Court Clerk ladies are also receiving calls.

Old BUSINESS:

At the Workshop Meeting on the 10th, Jason McCormick suggested sending out letter inviting the folks that would be in Water District #4 to come to a Public Information meeting and sign the petition if they are interested.

New Business:

Seneca County needs the Town of Junius to adopt the Seneca County hazard Mitigation Plan. A resolution is needed from the Town Board. A motion was made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman James Patsos to pass the resolution for the Town to join the Seneca County hazard Mitigation Plan.

VOTE: Aye- 3; NAY – 0; Absent – 2; Abstain – 0

A Resolution was made to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town Of Junius, on behalf of the aforesaid special districts and/or fire protection districts, pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c and to allow the Town of Junius, on behalf of the aforesaid special districts and/or fire protection districts, to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law 3-c

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
C. Ernest Brownell	X	
Richard Wadhams	X	
Randy Wadhams	absent	
James Patsos	X	
Kyle Black	absent	

A resolution is needed to pass the Tax Levy Law for 2023. Public hearing was held February 15th. A resolution was passed by the board. Just need a roll call to pass the Local Law. Motion was made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and Seconded by Councilman James Patsos.

ROLL CALL:	AYE	NAY
C. Ernest Brownell	X	
Richard Wadhams	X	
James Patsos	X	
Randy Wadhams	Absent	
Kyle Black	Absent	

Councilman Rick Wadhams inquired about the Newtons Cemetery. He was informed that the funds are getting low for maintaining the cemetery. He inquired about the other cemeteries in the town, Supervisor Brownell said the other one is in an association and does fundraising. Once a cemetery cannot support itself the Town will take over.

Adjournment: Councilman James Patsos motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith