

February 21st, 2024

Monthly Meeting

Junius Town Hall

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

Absent: Councilman Kyle Black, Councilman Randy Wadhams

Also Present: Sheriff Timothy Thompson Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to open the Public Hearing for the Tax cap override was made by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams.

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

Motion carried. Public Hearing opening at 6:00 pm

The Town Board passed a resolution authorizing this public hearing on January 17th, 2024, and official notice for tonight's meeting was published in the Finger Lakes Times on January 27th, 2024.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman James Patsos and second by Supervisor Brownell.

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

Motion carried. Public hearing was closed at 6:01 pm

Supervisor Brownell called the Town Board meeting to order at 6:02

Privilege of the Floor: Sheriff Thompson introduced himself. He is visiting all the Town Boards in Seneca County, letting us know if we need anything from the public safety perspective to please call.

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

Pre-Pays: General \$923.54; Highway \$2,770.60; Water Dist. #1 \$227.94

Paying Tonight: General \$168,478.65; Highway \$12,517.09; Water District #1 \$2,778.11; Water District #2 \$1,477.86; Water District #3 \$392.25

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

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

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

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

Town Clerk Report: 12 Dog Licenses and 6 Certified Copies. A check for \$168.00 was given to the Town.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Water Committee: Supervisor Brownell reached out to Core & Main to get an update on installing the new meters. Core & Main are still waiting for them to come in. They have a final count of 134 meters that is needed. The original count was 100. There will be an additional cost for the 34 meters. Councilman Rick Wadhams made a motion to accept the additional cost, motion seconded by Councilman James Patsos.

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

Highway Committee: Superintendent Fisk has a quote for a new Heavy Truck Class 8. The quote for the fully equipped truck is \$309,452.70.

Building committee:

Planning Committee: Wilkins RV will be opening March 8th at 11am. The Planning Board Chair Linda Mott turned in a check for \$872.00 for their sign permits.

Assessor Report: Assessor Phil Griswold mentioned we need two Board of Assessment Review Members. Please, if anyone is interested, contact him.

March 1st is Taxable status day. Any tax renewal or Senior citizen exemptions need to be submitted to Assessor Griswold by midnight March 1st.

Mr. Griswold mentions a new exemption that the board may discuss and decide if they want to pass. The Cold War Veterans Exemption for any person serving active duty from September 2nd, 1945, to September 26th, 1991. It is too late for this year to pass, needs to be done by March 1st.

Supervisor Brownell would like to update the Towns Veterans Honor Roll Board. If anyone knows any veterans, Please let the Supervisor know.

Old BUSINESS:

New Business: The Town received a bill from Aqua Loggics systems for the water tower on Whiskey Hill Road internet modifications. The modification enables the monitoring of the water tower.

A motion was made to allow Supervisor Brownell to sign the Village of Waterloo Water Billing contract as written by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman James Patsos.

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

Supervisor Brownell informed the board of a bill we received from NYSEG for the power of the Water Tower on Whiskey Hill Road. NYSEG hasn't billed the town since September 2022. The bill is \$3700.

The Town received a quote from Reliable Home Cleaning for cleaning. A once-a-month cleaning of five rooms costs \$350. The deep cleaning of the court room and the bathroom would cost \$535. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to accept the monthly cleaning contract and to do a deep clean once. Motion was seconded by Councilman James Patsos.

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

The AUD which is due every March is in the process of getting done. There is a glitch with the New York State, so the CPA filed for an extension.

Supervisor Brownell has information to pass a Moratorium for Solar farms which he acquired from our Lawyer Graff. The Board needs to review it and will discuss it at the workshop on March 8th at 2pm.

A motion was made to pass the Resolution for the authorizing the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2024 "A local law to override the Tax Levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c for fiscal year 2025" Councilman James Patsos made the motion, Councilman Rick Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

A resolution was made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman James Patsos to adopt the Local Law #1 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal law 3-c.

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

Adjournment: Councilman James Patsos motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded it.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

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

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith