

Town of Junius Board Meeting

655 Dublin Road
Clyde, New York 14433

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Present: Supervisor Ernie Brownell, Councilman Richard Wadhams, Councilman James Patsos, Highway Superintendent David Fisk, Planning Board Chair Linda Mott, Assessor Phil Griswold, Deputy Clerk Denise Darcangelis, Chuck Doverspike, Andrea Jodeit

Absent: Councilman Kyle Black, Councilman Randy Wadhams, Clerk Colleen Smith

This meeting was duly noticed by contacting the Finger Lakes Times newspaper, as well as posting a notice on the Town bulletin board and on the Town's web site.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Supervisor Brownell.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

6:00 PM Public Hearing for Local Law 1-2026 to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Motion made by Councilman Richard Wadhams to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilman James Patsos.

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

Deputy Clerk, Denise Darcangelis read the Resolutions on the proposed Local Law 1-2026. Supervisor Brownell asked if there were any question, there were none.

Motion made by Councilman Richard Wadhams, second by Councilman James Patsos to Close the Public Hearing.

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

Privilege of the Floor- Andrea Jodeit requested to speak regarding proposed TeraWulf AI Data Center in Lansing, NY on Cayuga Lake. She voiced her concerns regarding the proposed project stating this would cause a major stress on our local grid and the amount of water that would be projected to be discharged daily. She also stated this would have no economic benefit to Seneca County and is urging all surrounding communities to advocate against this.

Supervisor Brownell suggested to her to also voice her concerns to the Seneca County Board of Supervisors and asked to be put on their agenda.

Audit of the Vouchers-

Paying Tonight- General \$159,046.00 voucher A21-A45, Highway \$25,985.00 vouchers DA10- DA18, Water District 1 \$1,410.54 vouchers SW1-4-SW1-6, Water District 2 \$25.00 voucher SW2-3, Water District 3 \$116.26 voucher SW3-7.

Motion made by Councilman James Patsos, second by Councilman Richard Wadhams to approve and pay the bills for February.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Councilman James Patsos, second by Councilman Richard Wadhams to approve the minutes from the meeting dated January 21, 2026.

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

Town Clerk Report- Dog License (6), Total \$51.00

Motion made by Councilman Richard Wadhams, second by Councilman James Patsos to approve the Town Clerk's Report as submitted.

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

Committee Reports:

Water Committee: Supervisor Brownell reported progress is being made on the Water Billing.

Highway Committee: Highway Superintendent Dave Fisk reported they have been doing a lot of plowing and salting. Salt is getting harder to get. Trees are still coming down. New truck is being worked on, hoping to have it by the fall of 2026.

Building Committee: Supervisor Brownell reported the Town Hall roof is leaking in the bathroom. It was agreed that he gets quotes to repair or replace the roof.

Dog Control Report: Meeting with AG & Market regarding the Kennel

Planning Committee: Updated on Solar project.

Assessor Report: Phil reported he is in training to learn a new program. Second county in NYS to train on this. Taxable Status date is March 1st. Paperwork must be filed by then.

Old Business:

Employee Handbook is being worked on and is about half updated.

Supervisor Brownell stated Joe Smith is interested in the Town Justice Position. Supervisor Brownell stated the Town of Junius has to appoint him so he can be on the early voting ballot.

Motion made by Councilman Richard Wadhams, second by Council James Patsos to appoint Joe Smith for the vacant Town Justice position with the Town of Junius.

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

New Business:

The Annual Financial Report for 2025 has been completed and filed with New York State. The Court Audit and the Town Clerk Audit have all been completed and are on file with the Town Clerk for review.

Resolution authorizing adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Junius of Local Law #1 of 2026, will be attached at the end of Minutes. Authorization #1

Motion to pass made by Richard Wadhams, second by James Patsos

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

The Resolution authorizing the Town of Junius to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 will be attached at the end of the minutes, Resolution #2

Motion made by Councilman Richard Wadhams, second by Council James Patsos

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

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilman Richard Wadhams, second by Councilman James Patsos to adjourn the meeting,

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Darcangelis
Deputy Clerk