

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Monthly Meeting  
Junius Town Hall

**Present:** Supervisor; Ernie Brownell, Councilman Kyle Black, Councilman Rick Wadhams, Councilman Randy Wadhams, Councilman James Patsos.

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Supervisor Clerk; Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis, Assessor; Philip Griswold, Planning Chairman; Linda Mott, Highway Superintendent, Dave Fisk; MRB Pat Nicoleta

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Privilege of the Floor:** Supervisor Brownell Thanked everyone for stepping up and keeping the town business running smoothly while he was out.

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

**Pre-Pays:** General \$25,110.98; Highway \$2189.38; Water District 1 \$1765.45.

**Paying Tonight:** General \$21,375.68; Highway \$14,424.76; Water District #1 \$ 1,337.50; Water District #2 \$287.00; District #3 \$241.09.

Motion made by Councilman Kyle Black and seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motioned made by Councilman Kyle Black and seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams.

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

**Town Clerk Report:** 14 Dog Licenses Total \$118

**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

**Committee Reports:**

**Water Committee:** Pat Nicoletta presented the board with a breakdown of Final Cost for Water District 3. Breakdown will be attached at the end of minutes. Bookkeeper Denise mentioned that she has \$918.65 in bills that still need to be paid. There is an estimated \$2929.31 shortfall. The loan interest of \$3581.25 is due in September. Therefore, that will provide 4 more months to work on the shortfall of \$3847.96. This shortfall will be kept on the docket as old business until September to ensure it is taken care of.

There is still \$266.71 shortfall that is needed tonight to pay bills that are currently due. Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to borrow \$266.71 from Water District 2 to pay water District 3 bills, Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Also, the \$7900 bill for an audit that wasn't needed but requested. An AUD audit was done in 2019 by Lee Walters for \$8,000. In 2021 a different audit was done but unsure as to who ordered it. There was much discussion as to why and who the Audit was ordered. The board will call a meeting with everyone involved and ask for paperwork requesting this audit to settle this bill.

**Highway Committee:** Highway Superintendent Fisk reminded everyone that Spring Cleanup days is this weekend. April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7am – 3pm and April 23<sup>rd</sup> 7am – 11:30 am.

The CAT M318 Excavator is in Syracuse at a CAT facility being repaired, hydraulic issues. Expect a large Bill from that.

We are preparing for the oil and stone projects. Blacktop hasn't increased too much in price as concrete and other stones have. The plan is to pave on Mills Road where the water line crossed, do the projects on West Townline road and Hatch Road. Also, Odell Road needs a new deep Culvert. There was \$5000 worth of pipe dropped off on Bostwick road to replace the pipe that comes out of the ponds. DEC has been called out to due to complaints about the beavers. Beavers are creating their Damns which is backing up the water.

**Building committee:** Nothing to report

**Dog Control:** Town Clerk has been giving Ricky Noone a list each month of expired dog licenses. He has been stopping at houses and spreading the word. Maybe plan on a dog censes in the next budget.

**Planning Committee:** Wilkins RV will be coming to the next meeting. Harriet Hanes called about slaughterhouse. Informed Linda Mott that the cooperative extension has folks that can help with the project at no cost.

**Assessor Report:** Phil Griswold has been doing his field review. He visits any houses that have been demolished to adjust the assessment. He also put a notice in the paper to inform the Junius taxpayers that he has the assessment data and inventory data for review by appointment. Monday he will provide the Seneca County Real Property Tax office with attentive roll. He will drop the Towns copy off when he receives it. Lisa from the Tax Office called to inform us that Chris Tarr needs to take the training May 4<sup>th</sup>, for the Assessment Review board, the other 3 members are okay. Still 1 member short.

**Old BUSINESS:** Hire for water Department; Need to set up interviews. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to continue pursuing to fill the position for water operator and set up interviews. Councilman Black second the motion.

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

Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis has agreed to be the Deputy Town Clerk. Supervisor Brownell made the motion to appoint Denise Darcangelis as the deputy Town Clerk. Councilman Patsos second the motion.

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

Junius Picnic will be September 17<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Brownell will start the planning for it.

**New Business:** Jason McCormick will be on retainer for the town.

Williamson Law needs a contract signed for the Town Clerks annual software support Program. Councilman Black made a motion to accept the contract and pay the bill. Councilman Patsos seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor wants the board to know he received 2 calls today, 1 from the DEC about a resident on West Townline road that is breaking up and smashing cars; and there was a complaint from a resident about his neighbor on Caroline Road. The property is full of trash.

Infrastructure- Supervisor Brownell had maps of the town made for each of the board members

There have been many call attempts to NYSEG to change the meter in the station house on Burgess Road. NYSEG is not returning the calls. It is a demand meter, and the electric is too high when it is just supplying a light to read the water meter. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to shut the power off to the pump station on Burgess Road. Councilman Patsos seconded the motion.

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

The Thruway Rest area construction is behind, will not be finished till August. The water line comes down Nine Foot Road to their building; we furnish the meter. The Thruway authorities want to hot box the meter and split it off in 3 sections. The Town wants the meter on Nine Foot Road near the hydrant so they can run water down the North end of Nine Foot Road, the town can hook into the line and add their own meter. There will be more discussion at the special meeting.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Wadhams motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Black seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith