

April 17th, 2024
Monthly Meeting
Junius Town Hall

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

Absent: Councilman Kyle Black

Also Present: Curtis Horning, Joe Smith, Chuck Doverspike

Meeting was called to order: 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

The Public hearing for the local law establishing a moratorium on solar farms and solar plants was called to order by Supervisor Brownell at 6:01. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to open the meeting, Councilman Randy Wadhams second the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Supervisor Brownell explained the Moratorium. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to close the meeting, Councilman Randy Wadhams second the motion. The meeting closed at 6:05.

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Privilege of the Floor:

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 District #3 \$10,030.00

Paying Tonight: General \$19,322.92; Highway \$1,422.62; Water District #1 \$1,714.32; Water District #2 \$543.75; Water District #3 \$18,969.11

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

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Bookkeeper Denise requested a transfer for \$6,237.00 from A3510.4 Control of dogs contractual to A3510.1 Control of dog personal services. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to accept the transfer, Councilman James Patsos second the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

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

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Town Clerk Report: 14 Dog Licenses and a check from the planning board for Wilkins RV in the amount of \$872.00. A check for \$1002.00 was given to the Town.

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

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Committee Reports:

Water Committee: It was brought to Superintendent Fisk that the ice-skating rink on Route 318 is hooked up to town water with no meter. Superintendent Fisk will contact the Town of Waterloo water department to inquire who hooked it up.

Highway Committee: Superintendent Fisk reminded everyone about spring clean-up days at the Highway Department, Friday, April 26th 7am to 3:30 pm and Saturday, April 27th 7am to 12 pm.

Town signs are being stolen again. Garbage and household items are being dumped on Bedell road. Need to look into ways to stop that. They are starting some roadwork on the west side of town.

Building committee:

Planning Committee: Planning Board Linda Mott attended a solar farm seminar to learn more about them. The planning board suggested having a separate public hearing just for zoning. Planning Board Linda suggested doing a mailing to each residence to inform them of the meeting.

Councilman Rick Wadhams made a motion to have two public hearings; one on the water pricing increase from Waterloo, May 15th at 6:00pm and the second one about Town zoning, May 15th at 6:30. Mailings will be sent out to notify the residents. Councilman Randy Wadhams second the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Assessor Report: Assessor Phil Griswold has confirmed that Tim Bishop will be a new Board of Assessment review member.

Old BUSINESS: Supervisor Brownell suggested a date for the Town picnic, September 21st. He will check with Jay Martin to see if that date works for him.

The installation of new water meters will begin in the middle of May. Letters have been sent out to the water districts residents.

New Business: Supervisor Brownell would like to purchase a metal detector to use with the water districts to locate the pipe in the ground. Chuck Doverspike explained the different types of metal detectors. Superintendent Fisk will inquire with the Town of Phelps to see if we can try their detector out before we buy one.

The Williamson Law Town Clerk Software Support agreement needs to be signed by the supervisor. It is a yearly agreement. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion for Supervisor Brownell to sign the agreement, Councilman Randy Wadhams second the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis would like to attend a NYS Retirement seminar in Clyde May 2nd. A motion was made by Councilman Randy Wadhams to approve Bookkeeper Denise to attend the seminar. Councilman James Patsos second the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Bookkeeper Denise informed the board that the Annual Financial Report for 2023 has been filed with New York State. Also, the auditor is asking for engagement letters be signed for the audits Allied preformed for the Court Clerk and the Town Clerk. Councilman Rick Wadhams made a motion for Supervisor Brownell to sign the engagement letters for the audits, Councilman Randy Wadhams second the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis would like to attend the Town finance school held in Geneva May 7-8, there is a \$200 fee. Councilman Randy Wadhams made the motion for Bookkeeper Denise to attend the finance school in Geneva, Councilman Rick Wadhams second the motion.

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Supervisor Brownell would like to hold a workshop meeting on May 10th at 2pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Randy Wadhams to pass the Resolution authorizing adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Junius of Local Law #2 of 2024 entitled “A local law establishing a moratorium on solar farms and solar power plants” The motion was seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams. A roll call was performed:

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

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Adjournment: Councilman James Patsos motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

VOTE: Aye- 4; NAY – 0; Absent – 1; Abstain – 0

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith