

April 15th, 2026
Monthly Board Meeting
Junius Town Hall

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

Absent: Councilman Kyle Black, Planning Board Chair Linda Mott

Also Present: Mike DeWaele, John Meckley

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor Mike DeWaele the Junius Fire Chief brought to the board's attention some concerns. The lock on the water tower building wasn't locked and the door was open. They wanted to check the radio system. Superintendent Fisk informed us that Wrights is working on it; Also, that there are some non-working fire hydrants, one on Burgess Rd and one by the outlet mall. He mentioned the hydrants on Route 318 are 30 years old. Superintendent Fisk has plans in place to fix the two hydrants. The hydrants haven't been flushed in a long time, and they need to be done. A flow meter test needs to be done also.

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

Pre-Pays: General \$13,123.44; Highway \$2,558.62; Water District #1 \$69,032.37.

Paying Tonight: General \$6,158.06; Highway \$6,578.13; Water District #3 \$24.72

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

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

Bookkeeper Denise Darcangelis Requested a transfer from account A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment for \$1,000.00 to account A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual for \$1,000.00. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to transfer the money. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motioned made by Councilman Rick Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams

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

Town Clerk Report: 5 Dog Licenses for \$43.00 and 1 Planning Board fee for the Bull Rock Solar for \$2,134.39 A check for \$2,177.39 was given to the Town.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Water Committee:

Highway Committee: Highway Superintendent Fisk reported that they have still been cleaning up trees. Town clean up days are May 1st 7am to 7pm and May 2nd 7am till noon. They will take used tires, oil, electronics and some furniture. No mattresses.

Also he has been marking off the water lines on Rt 318 for signs for an upcoming detour on Route 14. The bridge the crosses the railroad tracks in Lyons is being repaired.

His plans are to start the blacktopping in Junius in June.

Supervisor Brownell asked the board to accept Isaac DeFisher's resignation. Councilman Randy Wadhams made the motion to accept the resignation, Councilman Rick Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell checked with the Town's lawyer about a littering law. NY State has a littering law that the Town is allowed to follow. Superintendent Fisk will be putting signs up warning about fines for littering.

Building committee: Supervisor Brownell called Robert Lee to check out the leak in the Town Hall roof. They are meeting in the morning.

Dog Control: Supervisor Brownell received the memo from Agriculture and Markets about their educational visit on March 6th. They will be out for another visit. There is a year before any fines will be imposed. Supervisor Brownell suggested painting the dog kennel.

Planning Committee:

Assessor Report: Assessor Griswold mentioned the frustration to Supervisor Brownell. The Supervisor reached out to State Senators. That following day a virtual meeting was held. The following Monday all the programmers came to Seneca County to work on the software and fix it. Much Thanks to Supervisor Brownell for helping out!

OLD BUSINESS: Superintendent Fisk asked when the Town is paying the initial invoice for the Mac Truck. He mentioned a service fee will be charged if it isn't paid soon. Supervisor Brownell will cash out a money market to pay it. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to pay the New Mack Truck invoice, Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell had the Mutual Aid agreement contract with the fire department that needs to be signed. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to sign the contract, and Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

New Business: Supervisor Brownell requested a motion to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Waterloo for Recreation services. Councilman James Patsos made the motion to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Waterloo for Recreation services. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

The Board needs to re-appoint Diane Hays to the Grievance board. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to re-appoint Diane Hays to the Grievance Board, Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

The new Judge Joe Smith has asked the Board to appoint Amy Page as his Court Clerk. Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to appoint Amy Page at the rate of \$24.85 an hour for court clerk. Councilman James Patsos has seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Brownell made a motion to go into executive session at 7:10, Councilman Rick Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:45, Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Rick Wadhams made the motion to increase Phil Griswolds pay to \$6,000 a year starting May 1st with no retro pay. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Adjournment: Councilman James Patsos motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith