

May 17th, 2023
Monthly Meeting
Junius Town Hall

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

Absent: Councilman Rick Wadhams, Councilman Randy Wadhams

Also Present: Eric Lyon, Olivia Lyon, Steve Smith, Mark James – NY Farm Bureau, Mike Stanyard – Cornell University, Dutton Andrews

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor: Dutton Andrews brought to the board's attention that Nitrogen, which smells strongly like ammonia, was being put in the ground by farmers. He brought documentation saying it is to be applied in late fall or early spring when it is under 50 degrees. He was very concerned that the smell is hurting the residents. Mr. James from the farm Bureau provided the board with information on the "Right to Farm Law". He informed us that the law limits the Town on what they can and can't do. Mr. Stanyard informed us it would be ineffective to put the ammonia on in the fall because it would not be effective for the spring planting. It would disappear into the soil.

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

Pre-Pays: General \$1,070.06; Highway \$2,504.65; Water District #1 \$227.95; Water District #3 \$10,200.00

Paying Tonight: General \$19,000.99; Highway \$2,551.73; Water District #1 \$348.76; Water District #2 \$200.25; water district #3 \$103.72

Motion made by Councilman Kyle Black and seconded by Councilman James Patsos 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 Kyle Black to accept the minutes.

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

Town Clerk Report: 19 Dog Licenses and 2 Planning fees. A check for \$205.00 was given to the Town.

Motioned made by Councilman Kyle Black 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:

Highway Committee: Superintendent Fisk reported culverts are being replaced, the overflow on West Town Line Road. There has been a lot of truck repairs. He is getting prices on oil and stone. The prices have dropped. They will be helping The Town of Phelps as Phelps helps us. There will be paving scheduled for West Town Road.

Building committee: Supervisor Brownell mentioned it would be nice to have a small roof over the entrance door. When it is raining out, the person unlocking the door gets wet.

Dog Control:

Planning Committee: Linda Mott announced that Farmer Boy is putting up another building on route 318 and Lamar Zimmerman is turning a part of the furniture store into an auto repair shop that is on route 318. The county approved the 4 short term rental cabins Mark Lin is putting on Dunn Road

Assessor Report: Assessor Griswold provided the Town clerk with a copy of the tentative assessment roll. He prepared a public notice informing the taxpayers that he has completed the tentative assessment roll and listed the dates and times he would be sitting with the roll for inspection. He mailed out increased assessment notices to those affected landowners. Grievance day will be held Wednesday June 7th, 2023, 4-8 pm at the Junius Town Hall

Old BUSINESS: Mrs. Seitz is questioning why her tax bill is so high. The EDUs were added to a very small parcel of her property. Her tax bill went up \$240 due to installation of Water Dist. #3. The board has decided to table the discussion until the rest of the board members are present. Councilman Kyle Black made the motion to table it; Councilman James Patsos seconded it.

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

New Business: Water Meter Bids. Jason McCormick has put together a request for water meter Bids based on the information the town has received. The Board will review the bid's paperwork and discuss it at the workshop meeting. Councilman Kyle Black Made the motion to review and discuss the bids, Councilman James Patsos seconded it.

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

Supervisor Brownell brought to the Town Boards attention that the North Seneca Ambulance is in financial short fall. They are asking each town to help support them by raising taxes. They are requesting \$22,712.34 from the Town of Junius for tax year 2024. This will be discussed further.

The next workshop meeting will be June 9th at 2pm.

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

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith