

July 19, 2023
Monthly Meeting
Junius Town Hall

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

Absent:

Also Present: Charles Doverspike, Mark James, Stephen Britt, Eric Lyon, Emory Oese-Siegel

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Privilege of the Floor: Mark James, from the County Manager for New York Farm Bureau, gave an update about Eric Lyons farm. Kate from Ag and Markets came out to inspect the farm. She toured the whole farm and was provided with the neighbor's names and numbers. She will determine if Mr. Lyons is following the proper procedure and if there are any problems with his farm. This process was started as a preventive measure against the previous claims by Mr. Dutton.

Mr. Emory Oese -Siegal, the President of the Seneca County Farm Bureau, Thanked the Town for their support of the Agricultural Community and they support Eric Lyons.

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

Pre-Pays: General \$830.88; Highway \$2,504.65.

Paying Tonight: General \$32,691.67; Highway \$4,783.29; Water District #1 \$40,497.40; Water District #2 \$543.75; Water District #3 \$3,157.77; ARPA \$300.00

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

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

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

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

Town Clerk Report: 25 Dog Licenses and 1 Marriage license. A check for \$288.50 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- 5; NAY – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0

Committee Reports:

Water Committee: Highway department fixed a leak on Powderly Road. Plastic connectors are starting to fail due to not being able to withstand the high-pressure line. Superintendent Fisk will be replacing the rest of them.

Supervisor Brownell said we will need a public hearing due to the fact The Town of Waterloo is raising our water rates. It will only affect Water District 1 and Water District 2. Councilman Black made the motion to hold a public hearing before the August Board meeting. Councilman Randy Wadhams seconded the motion.

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

Highway Committee: The highway department has shimmed the North side of West Townline Road and Odell Road. They will be putting oil and stone down on the North end of West Town Line Road, Justice Olp road, Carolina Road, Caroline Ext, Cottrell Road and Larsen Road. Also, will be paving the South end of West Townline Road and Grange Hall Road.

Highway Superintendent Fisk informed the Board he would be going over budget. He explained the overages that have accumulated from the CHIPS, PAVE NY, EWR and POP grants. Supervisor Brownell informed the Board the extra money is in a CD until the Highway department needed it. After the Highway department finishes the jobs and has a final cost, there will be amendments made to the budget. Superintendent Fisk will have the numbers at the next meeting.

Building committee: Supervisor Brownell has noticed a small leak in the bathroom. Suggested getting a plumber to check it out. He will take care of that.

Dog Control:

Planning Committee:

Assessor Report: The solar eclipse is April 8th, 2024. The Town of Junius will be one of the towns where the eclipse lasts the longest. Millions of people will be traveling through.

Old BUSINESS: Supervisor Brownell went through the Employee Manual for the Town. He would like the Board members to work together to update it and the Town clerk will help type it. The Town also needs a conflict-of-interest policy.

New Business: Superintendent Fisk would like to hire some of his employees as Temporary/Part time Employees for when he needs a few days of extra help throughout the year. Supervisor Brownell will check with our Lawyer.

The Town of Waterloo sent the new Water maintenance contract the Town of Junius has with them. Supervisor Brownell reviewed it, and it is the same as the one we currently have on file. It is for the Town of Waterloo maintenance to perform maintenance on our lines.

Executive Session

Adjournment: Councilman James Patsos motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Rick Wadhams seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM

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

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith