

August 16th, 2023

Monthly Meeting

Junius Town Hall

Present: Supervisor; Ernie Brownell, 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: Councilman Kyle Black

Also Present: Charles Doverspike, Jason McCormick, Laurie Loncosky and Terry Busa

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

The Public Hearing of the water rates going up was called to order by Councilman James Patsos and seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams.

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

Supervisor Brownell explained that the Town of Waterloo sells water to the Town of Junius. The Town of Waterloo has raised their rates \$.30 per 1000 gallons. Therefore, the Town of Junius has to pass on the expense to the residents.

A motion was made to close the Public hearing by Councilman Randy Wadhams and seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams

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 \$21,802.88; Highway \$2,504.65.

Paying Tonight: General \$525.02; Highway \$225,541.61; Water District #1 \$271.73; Water District #2 \$1098.72; Water District #3 \$80.10; ARPA \$44.45

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

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

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

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

Town Clerk Report: 14 Dog Licenses and 1 certified copy. A check for \$121.00 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: Prior to the meeting, Supervisor Brownell was asked about a home that is for sale on Burgess Road. The realtor wanted to know if the town water was hooked up. The previous owners had opted out of town water. Superintendent Fisk mentioned that a fire hydrant had been damaged in a car accident. The base of the hydrant is destroyed so Superintendent Fisk will look into fixing it.

Highway Committee: Supervisor Brownell gave papers to Superintendent Fisk for his part time employees he would like to hire as needed. Superintendent Fisk reported that they paved Grange Hall road, stoned West Town Line road, Caroline Ext. and Caroline road. He has shimmed Odell road also. The county will be paving Nine Foot Road from 318 to Bostick road. There are some trees that are coming down from recent storms. The Town needs about 60 ash trees removed.

Building committee

Dog Control:

Planning Committee:

Assessor Report: Assessor Phil Griswold prepared a file and submitted it to the County Real Property Tax office to be used for school bills. He notified the town that the County has passed a law providing a real property tax exemption for the volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to section 466(A) of the real property tax law.

Old BUSINESS: Meter Bids: Jason McCormick reported that only 1 bid was turned in. That bid was from Core & Main LP. The base bid was \$36,620.64, the Meter Installation Bid Alternate 1 was for \$27,600, there was no bid on the Extended warranty because they have a longer warranty then we required, The Bid 3 for extended software warranty was \$5,856.51 for a total of \$70,077.15.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rick Wadhams to award the Bid to Core & Main LP for the Base Bid, Bid Alternate 1 and Bid Alternate 3 for a total of \$70,077.15. The motion was seconded by Councilman Randy Wadhams.

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

Supervisor Brownell mentioned that North Seneca Ambulance is still in need of funds to keep operating. They are looking for all the Towns of Seneca County's support. Junius share would be \$22,712.34 a year. It breaks down to about \$40 a household.

Supervisor Brownell mentioned the Junius Church has closed and is looking for ideas from the community as to what to do with the building. The Diocese is willing to sell to Junius for a minimal amount with the Town paying the closing cost. The town will need a copy of the current expenses for keeping the building from freezing and keeping lights on. A public hearing will be held for ideas and the communities' thoughts. Councilman Rick Wadhams made a motion to call a public hearing to discuss the future of the church Councilman James Patsos seconded the motion.

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

New Business: The board set the Budget Workshop Meeting dates for the 2024 Town Budget. Those dates are:

September 15th and 22nd at 2pm

October 6th and 20th at 2pm

November 3rd and 10th at 2pm

Court security: The alarm code box has been beeping, Doyle came out to fix it and informed the Supervisor that the building is wired with an alarm for the clerks in case something happens while they are here working, all they need to do is push a button. An alarm goes directly to the sheriff's office. The Doyle representative was going to get the information on the fee to reconnect the service.

A motion was made to by Councilman Randy Wadhams to reconnect the extra security for the clerks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rick Wadhams.

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 6:52 PM

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

Minutes recorded and submitted by Town Clerk

Colleen Smith