

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting

April 8, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on April 8, 2015 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the monthly meeting.

Members Present:

- Supervisor Alan Brown
- Councilman Mike Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea
- Councilman Carol Rich
- Councilman Edward Rouse

Others Present:

- Highway Supt. Sean Carney
- Budget Officer Donna Nolan
- Town Clerk Tammy Skellie-Gilbert
- Planning Board Chair Noel Hanf
- Town Historian Sharon Dunn

Also Present:

- Nashua Alexander, Cambridge Fire Department
- Gregory Danio, Cambridge Fire Department
- Jay Skellie

Presentation by Cambridge Volunteer Fire Department

Cambridge Fire Department representatives, Nashua Alexander and Greg Danio, delivered a presentation explaining the process to establish a fire district and make it a separate entity from the village or towns. This fire district model, created by William Young of Guilderland, would be managed by a five-member, elected board of commissioners comprised of members from the community. Taxpayers would continue to pay a fire tax as part of their annual County/Town tax bill, however, the amount would no longer be determined by the Village or Towns, but rather the board of commissioners.

According to Mr. Alexander, the benefits of establishing a fire district would be to improve community input, stabilize the department's finances and decrease the number of tasks members of the department are involved with which can include fire protection, training, maintenance, finances, recruiting and fundraising.

The decision about whether or not the department becomes a fire district lies with the municipal boards (Village of Cambridge, Towns of Cambridge, Jackson and White Creek). Ideally, the fire department would like to implement this model by 2016. No decision has been made by Jackson's Town Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-15

Dispense with reading the minutes

Resolution by Councilman Rich

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by board members, 3-2 with Brown and Nolan voting against

RESOLVED, to dispense with reading the March 4, 2015 minutes and accept as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-15

Approval of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

Resolution by Councilman Rouse
Seconded by Councilman Rich
And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and Supervisor Reports for March 2015 be approved as follows:

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$213.20
Supervisor Receipts	\$3,341.66
Supervisor Disbursements	\$52,561.90

REPORTS

Highway – Supt. Carney offered the monthly highway report of the department's activities which included the ongoing leaky roof issues at the highway garage. Although he hasn't received official confirmation, he anticipates the Town will receive \$154,000 of CHIPs money for paving.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-15

Request bids for used truck

Resolution by Supervisor Brown
Seconded by Councilman Rea
And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, that the Town seek bids on a used, tandem truck with plow, wing and sander.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-15

Approve purchase of tires

Resolution by Councilman Rouse
Seconded by Councilman Rich
And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, that the highway department purchase new tires for the loader from Warren Tire in the amount of \$4,364.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-15

Approve purchase of grader

Resolution by Councilman Rouse
Seconded by Councilman Rea
And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, that the Town purchase the 1981 grader from Washington County for \$4,150.00 with the understanding that there will be additional expenses including transmission repairs, new tires and general adjustments.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-15

Approve Highway Superintendent to attend school

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Councilman Rouse
And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Highway Superintendent's request to attend Highway School this summer at Cornell University.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-15

Rescind Resolution #14-15

Resolution by Councilman Rea
Seconded by Councilman Rouse
And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, to rescind Resolution #14 of 2015 and re-establish an account with Culligan to provide water to the highway garage.

Planning Board

At the March 10th meeting:

- The Steve & Melissa Skellie minor subdivision was re-approved due to a right-of-way that needed to be removed from the plat.
- Gary Pedersen, representing his mother, Irene Pedersen/Lake Lauderdale Campgrounds, Inc., met with the board to discuss the steps that must occur in order to move his project forward.

At the April 7th meeting:

- Boundary line adjustment was completed for Harold Gilbar on Allen Alley's Way.
- A resolution was passed extending the deadline 60 days for the Planning Board to reach a determination on the Washington County application so long as the County's designated agent signs an agreement supporting the resolution.

Historian – Town Historian, Sharon Dunn plans to attend the NYS Association of Public Historians conference. The conference will take place this month in Corning, New York.

Website – In the first quarter of this year, Jackson's official website has experienced a 30% increase in activity (hits) over 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

PrimeLink Internet – The Town received a quote from PrimeLink for fiber optic internet service. Unfortunately, the representative from PrimeLink was unable to attend the meeting so the topic will be tabled until next month so that Board can get their questions answered.

Jackson's Bi-Centennial – Sharon Dunn continues working on a bi-centennial banner.

Local Government Efficiency Plan -

RESOLUTION NO. 28-15

Authorize the Town of Jackson's participation in the Local Government Efficiency Plan

Resolution by Supervisor Brown
Seconded by Councilman Nolan
And passed by all board members, 5-0

WHEREAS, the State of New York has required each local government unit to file a Government Efficiency Plan with the New York State Division of Budget (DOB); and

WHEREAS, the Washington County is looking to be the lead governmental unit for filing the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Town of Jackson hereby agrees to work with Washington County and submit ideas for the plan which will save at least 1% of the 2014 combine tax levy amount of all participants; and

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED, that the Town of Jackson agrees to make its best effort to implement the Plan beginning in 2017 to 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Jackson Town Board authorizes their Town Supervisor to certify the Government Efficiency Plan.

Clean-up of Town Hall – A date will be set at the next Town Board meeting to clean-up the Town Hall before the June 17th visit by the Country Schoolhouse Association of America.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 29-15

Support of the 9th Annual Fronhofer Tool Triathlon

Resolution by Councilman Rouse
Seconded by Councilman Rich
And passed by all board members, 5-0

WHEREAS, the 9th Annual Fronhofer Tool Triathlon will be held on August 1, 2015 starting at Lake Lauderdale and traveling along the roads in the Town of Jackson; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Jackson gives permission for use of the Town roads on the day of the event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expresses support for the event and wishes the organizers, competitors, staff and fans a safe and successful event.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-15

Payment of Bills 4/8/15

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Councilman Rouse
And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #4 be approved and audited, and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from the respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	37-51	\$2,576.75
Highway	63-91	\$16,289.40

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Jackson Town Clerk