

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
August 6, 2014**

The Town of Jackson Town Board met on August 6, 2014 at the Town Hall for the monthly meeting.

Members Present:

- Supervisor Alan Brown
- Councilman Mike Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea (8:06)
- Councilman Carol Rich
- Councilman Edward Rouse

Others Present:

- Highway Superintendent, Sean Carney
- Budget Officer Donna Nolan
- Town Historian Sharon Dunn
- Town Clerk Tammy Skellie-Gilbert

Also Present:

- Richard Farrell, The Eagle
- Lewis Steele

RESOLUTION NO. 54-14

Approval of minutes

Resolution by Councilman Nolan

Seconded by Supervisor Brown

And passed by all board members present at that meeting, 3-0

RESOLVED, that the July 2, 2014 Town Board minutes be approved and accepted with two corrections.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-14

Approval of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members,

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and Supervisor Report for July 2014 be approved as follows:

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$304.15
Supervisor Receipts	\$10,389.33
Supervisor Disbursements	\$33,258.26

REPORTS

Highway – The highway department completed annual first aid/CPR training. They also completed chip-seal on 6,000 ft. of Colfax Road and 2,000 ft. on Kenyon Hill Road. The grader’s radiator was replaced for \$2,200. Supt. Carney met with Washington County DPW regarding the drainage issues on Johnson Road. The State might have to get involved with the issue. Large rocks have been delivered to the unused bunker on Jay Skellie’s farm (formerly Ernie Skellie’s farm) adjacent to where the road/river

bank is at risk of collapsing due to previous storms (Sandy, Irene). Trout Unlimited has offered to place the rocks on the river bank at no charge.

Planning Board – No report

Historian – Historian Sharon Dunn continues to review boxes of historical material. She has been spending lots of time on the schoolhouses, their names, locations, dates in session, etc. The Board thanked her for her enthusiasm and the effort she’s put forth for the Town’s history.

Website – Word Press is offering Jackson an upgraded three-year hosting program with increased security, faster user speeds, adaptability to mobile devices, and tech support. With the upgrade, Jackson will have to pay approximately \$12 more per year. Currently, Jackson is at the end of the first year of a three-year hosting program that cost the Town \$214.20. The new program will cost \$250.12, however since Jackson has a credit of \$142.80 the amount due will only be \$107.32. With the upgrade, Jackson will receive a free one-year domain registration for the .com domain, a savings of \$15.99. The Town will still be charged for the other two domains.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-14

Upgrade Word Press Hosting Program

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Councilman Rea
And passed by all board members,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Jackson agrees to pay \$107.32 to upgrade the current Word Press Hosting Program that will last until the summer of 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Picnic – John Pedersen offered sweet corn and gourmet potatoes for the Town Picnic. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to coordinate the work that would need to be done to offer **[corn, but the potatoes were appreciated and very tasty in the potato salad.]**

Town Hall Building Maintenance – Repairs to the Town Hall continue to be made. Supervisor Brown anticipates that the original repairs will still cost approximately \$10,000. Regarding the north entrance ramp, the plan is to try and reposition the concrete ramp so that it may continue to be used. A discussion was held that there needs to be appropriate lighting on the west side of the building near that ramp. Supervisor Brown will talk with the contractor about adding another light.

NEW BUSINESS

Mountain Lake PBS – Mountain Lake PBS asked the Town to pass a resolution supporting programming in the Warren and Washington Counties on Time Warner Cable.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-14

Urge Time Warner Cable (and potentially Comcast)
to include Mountain Lake PBS as part of future
coverage for Warren and Washington Counties

Resolution by Supervisor Brown
Seconded by Councilman Rich
And passed by all board members,

WHEREAS, The University of the State of New York granted on December 20, 1968, pursuant to the provisions of sections 246 and 236 of the Education Law, in the counties of Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Warren, Washington and Hamilton, an educational corporation, Mountain Lake PBS, to provide educational and cultural television programming; and

WHEREAS, today the Mountain Lake PBS signal is not carried in Warren and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, citizens in Warren and Washington Counties are deprived of Mountain Lake PBS programming that is proprietary, unique and customized to the communities in its coverage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Jackson strongly encourages Time Warner, and potential new cable operator Comcast, to include Mountain Lake PBS in future cable channel listings in Warren and Washington Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Jackson shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Representative Bill Owens, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Kathleen Marchione, Assemblyman Dan Stec, Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin, future Assembly member in District 113 (currently vacant), and all others deemed necessary and proper, asking for their support of this resolution.

Information:

- Sharon Dunn, member of the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad Auxiliary, introduced PICs (personal information capsules). The purpose of the PIC is to provide immediate information to local rescue squad personnel who have been trained to look for this item in one's freezer in the case of an emergency. Mrs. Dunn plans to bring some to the Town Picnic for dispersal.
- Lewis Steele mentioned that he heard that another Verizon tower slated to be erected nearby. The Board had not yet heard this information.
- June Hommel from the American Legion's Auxiliary asked Mr. Steele to ask the Town Board to donate a basket for an October 26th raffle. The Board will discuss it at the next meeting.

County Update – No report

RESOLUTION NO. 58-14

Budget Transfers

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Supervisor Brown
And passed by all board members,

RESOLVED, that the following budget transfers be approved:

- \$320.00 from A1990.4 Contingent to A1620.4 Website
- \$2,000.00 from A1990.4 Contingent to A1620.4 Miscellaneous

RESOLUTION NO. 59-14

Payment of Bills 8/6/14

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Councilman Nolan
And passed by all board members,

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #8 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from the respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	88-103	\$15,515.10
Highway	137-167	\$19,661.13

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk

[Amended change in bold]