

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting  
February 3, 2016**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on February 3, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

**Members Present:**

- Supervisor Jay Skellie
- Councilman Mike Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea (1:05)
- Councilman Carol Rich
- Councilman Edward Rouse

**Others Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

- Richard Farrell, The Eagle

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-16**

Approval of minutes

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

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the January 6, 2016 Town Board meeting be approved as written.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-16**

Approval of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk and Supervisor Reports for January 2016 be approved as follows:

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$13,481.52
Supervisor Receipts	\$654,210.76
Supervisor Disbursements	\$78,259.25

**REPORTS**

**Highway** – The Highway Superintendent shared the department’s recent activities. There was a question about one of the Murray Hollow Road bridges that was struck by a plow. Supt. Carney said they repaired the broken guiderails.

There was more discussion about the highway garage, specifically the leaking roof. It was suggested to Supt. Carney to contact the man who last worked on the roof to determine what to do with about the current problem.

Supt. Carney also mentioned the need to replace the 1990 John Deere wheel loader stating that the Town has spent a lot of money in repairs over the years. In addition, he suggested that we should consider replacing the pick-up truck before it begins to cost the Town money. He mentioned that the Town had been rotating the pick-up trucks on a three-year schedule and the current truck is now four years old.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 16-16**

Highway Report

Resolution by Councilman Rea

Seconded by Councilman Rich

And passed by board members, 5-0

**RESOLVED**, to approve the highway department report.

### **Planning Board –**

- The board reviewed Don & Lisa Otey’s project. A public hearing will be held in March.
- A joint Town/Planning Board meeting will be held on March 8, 2016 at 7:30pm.
- The Town Board decided not to sign the Washington County Planning Board review agreement discussed last month. It simply doesn’t apply to the Town of Jackson.

### **Washington County CARES –**

- Sharon Dunn stated that she will be attending an upcoming CARES meeting.
- In addition, she and Supervisor Skellie attended a recent meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Cambridge. The church is considering options to provide community services in their available space. One suggestion from Supervisor Skellie was to encourage a “satellite location” for County employees to meet with clients (i.e. office for the aging services, veteran services, etc.). Mrs. Dunn commented that getting information out to the public is a big challenge and perhaps this could be another resource.
- Mrs. Dunn also mentioned that she attended an Opiate Summit sponsored by the Village of Cambridge in partnership with their Police Department about the increasing drug use, discarding unused medications and disseminating information to the public.

**Historian** – There will be a 100 year celebration of the Battenville Bridge entitled *Celebrate the Bridge* on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. More details to come.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Annual Appreciation Town Dinner** – Councilman Rich shared that Tina Rowland can host the Town Dinner on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The Town Clerk will coordinate the invitation list. Councilman Nolan mentioned that we should have a short program and suggested asking Dick McGuire come to share old stories about Jackson. Supervisor Skellie said he will invite Mr. McGuire.

**NYS Department of Transportation (DOT)** – After a brief discussion about NYS DOT’s emergency service sharing agreement, the Town Board decided NOT to sign the agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Website** – On January 24<sup>th</sup>, the Post-Star printed a lengthy article about Washington County municipal websites. Positive comments were made about Jackson’s **website** including “...*several of the best [websites] are from smaller towns including Putnam, Jackson and Dresden.*” It went on to mention that it has up-to-date information and that “*All of the bases are covered with this simply website that is easy to navigate and offers laws, forms and documents and some knowledge about the area.*”

**Town-wide Picnic** - The Town Clerk has been asked several times about whether or not the Town-wide Picnic will be held this summer. The Board agreed it should be held again and asked for Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> as the date. The Town Clerk will call Washington County Parks & Recreation about scheduling the Lake Lauderdale pavilion.

**Tasting Room Project at the Ag Park** – Ted Berndt offered a presentation on the latest venture at the Washington County Agri-Business Park on State Route 313 (former Mushroom Farm). The plan is to establish craft beverage tasting rooms as well as a farm market at the site. A possible 10 tasting rooms will house farm-level breweries, wineries, cideries and distilleries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-16**

Payment of Bills 2/3/16

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members, 5-0

**RESOLVED**, that the following bills on Abstract #2 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from the respective funds:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>BILL #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
General	6-24	\$99,762.30
Highway	7-26	\$14,549.39

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC  
Town Clerk

Correction in **BOLD**