

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
February 8, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on February 8, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

Members Present:

- Supervisor Jay Skellie
- Councilman Mike Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea
- 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 (1:20)
- Town Historian Sharon Dunn

Also Present:

- Ted Berndt
- Richard Farrell, The Eagle
- John Pedersen
- Mark Mahoney

1:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2017

Supervisor Skellie opened the public hearing at 1:00 pm for Local Law #1 of 2017 to opt-out of Section 487 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law concerning tax exemptions for qualified solar, wind power and farm waste energy systems.

Ted Berndt, owner of the Ag Park on Plains Road, requested that the Board rescind the moratorium extension as well as table the law to opt-out of the solar exemption. Mr. Berndt is in favor of the PILOT program where the Town negotiates with owners of large solar projects to determine a lower taxable assessment. He also questioned why the Town Board included methane digesters in the opt-out law.

John Pedersen question how solar arrays would be assessed.

The public hearing closed at 1:19 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-17
Approval of minutes

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of both the January 3, 2017 Re-organizational meeting and the January 18, 2017 Joint meeting be approved as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-17

Approval of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and Supervisor Reports for January 2017 be approved as follows:

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$130.06
Supervisor Receipts	\$659,418.19
Supervisor Disbursements	\$76,869.35

REPORTS

Highway – The Highway Superintendent shared the department’s activities in January which focused primarily on snowplowing, sanding, equipment maintenance and cold patching. He also shared concerns about the cost to replace a culvert on Carney-Cassidy Road (\$11,300) and Murphy’s Lane (\$7,250). These are just a few examples of large culverts that need replacing. Supt. Carney is reaching out to *Culvert NY* to see if they might provide assistance.

The fourth bridge on Murray Hollow Road, just past Dave Jeskie’s property, must be replaced within the next 12 months. The estimated cost is \$100,000. The other four bridges on that road will also need replacing over the next few years.

The Highway Garage was recently inspected. The department is required to install a back door (west side of building) for evacuation purposes.

Planning Board –

- Harold Gilbar (Hedges Lake, Inc.) presented his updated map to subdivide one section of the nine-part, non-contiguous, waterfront parcel (#231.59-3-46). A public hearing is scheduled on March 7th.

Historian/Washington Co. CARES – Washington County CARES meeting is scheduled for March.

OLD BUSINESS

Local Law #1 of 2017 – The Board further discussed Local Law #1 of 2017. Councilman Rea stated that he felt he needed more information about how the assessment is determined and that he wasn’t ready to make a decision right now.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-17

Table decision on Local Law #1 of 2017

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

RESOLVED, that a decision about Local Law #1 of 2017 be tabled until more information can be gathered regarding assessment calculation of solar arrays.

Site Plan Review Public Hearings – The Board set two dates for public hearings on the Site Plan Review Law.

- Wednesday, March 8th at 2:30 pm (following the 1:00 pm Town Board meeting)
- Wednesday, March 15th at 7:30 pm

Annual Volunteer Dinner – The Annual Volunteer Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2017, at the American Legion Post #634. Dinner choices are Prime Rib (\$21/person) or Turkey (\$15/person). RSVP to Town Clerk by February 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Training for all – Supervisor Skellie mentioned that everyone who is elected, appointed or hired by the Town must complete sensitivity training. Salem Town Supervisor Seth Pitts is coordinating a training where other municipalities will be invited.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-17

Audit of the Town Clerk-Tax Collector 2016 books

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk-Tax Collector’s 2016 books were audited and approved on February 8, 2017 by the Audit Committee.

County Report – Supervisor Skellie talked about the County DPW’s computer tracking system for all of the trucks/equipment. The program is quite extensive and has the capability to demonstrate[e] how costs are, and can be, reduced.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-17

Payment of Bills 2/8/17

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Councilman Rouse
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:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	8-25	\$100,[191.76]
Highway	7-28	\$38,5[39.36]

RESOLUTION NO. 23-17
Audit of the Supervisor's Accounts

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor's 2016 books were audited and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk

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