

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting July 6, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on July 6, 2016 at 8:00 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
- Town Historian Sharon Dunn
- Assessor Chair Jean McLenithan

Also Present:

- Ted Berndt
- Carman Bogle, Mayor V/O Cambridge
- Jamie Caligure
- Richard Farrell, The Eagle
- Mark Mahoney
- Ty McLenithan
- John Pedersen
- Valerie Reagan
- Lewis Steele
- John Tully

8:01 PM PUBLIC HEARING -

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2016 – MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN SOLAR USES

A number of people were present to comment on Local Law #1 of 2016 – Moratorium on Certain Solar Uses.

Valerie Reagan suggested that the following bolded words be added to Part D, three lines from the bottom of the paragraph: “...to affix to residential buildings for their use, **small businesses and farms** or municipal or educational buildings...”

John Pedersen agreed with Ms. Reagan’s comments and added that the correct term for *solar farms* is *solar arrays*.

Ted Berndt requested that the Town Board vote down the moratorium so that he can continue with his business plans to install solar arrays without competition from the Village of Cambridge.

Carman Bogle shared that the Village of Cambridge is hoping to place solar arrays on the old landfill property which is owned by the Village but lies in the Town of Jackson. She has asked that the moratorium be delayed three months. Public hearing closed at 8:35 pm.

TY MCLENITHAN – Ty McLenithan was present to comment about dog issues where he lives on Johnson Road. A few weeks ago his dog was attacked by another dog housed at the apartments at 4 Johnson Road (Mr. McLenithan had his veterinary bill with him.) The Dog Warden was called twice, but didn't show. Just a few days prior to the Town Board meeting, the Dog Warden was called by a different resident at 4 Johnson Road stating that Mr. McLenithan's dog was wandering at the apartments. The Dog Warden came and stated that tickets will be issued to Mr. McLenithan for not keeping his dog on a leash. While Mr. McLenithan understands that his dog should not be freely wandering, he's angry that the Dog Warden didn't respond to his calls after his dog was attacked. In addition, any dogs located at 4 Johnson Road are not licensed. No action was taken by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-16

Approval of minutes

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the June 1, 2016 Town Board meeting be approved as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-16

Approval of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

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

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$474.45
Supervisor Receipts	\$3,405.93
Supervisor Disbursements	\$72,042.95

REPORTS

Highway

- The highway department has completed Safety Day Training and First Aid Training.
- Backhoe repairs were over \$500.
- The loader repairs were over \$7,000.
- Supt. Carney and the Town Clerk attended a local meeting in preparation to complete the Hazard Mitigation worksheets.
- The highest bid for the 2012 Chevrolet pick-up on Auctions International online site was \$15,100. The Board had hoped to get at least \$18,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-16

2012 Pick-up Truck Bid

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

RESOLVED, to contact Auctions International to set a minimum acceptable bid of \$18,000.

Planning Board – The Board did not hold a public hearing for Harold Gilbar’s (Hedges Lake, Inc.) property since the survey update was not complete. However, Mr. Gilbar presented two separate sketch plans for different portions of the nine section waterfront parcel.

Historian/Wash. Co. CARES

- Mrs. Dunn continues to respond to individual historian questions.
- July 23rd the Cambridge Seniors will hold the basket raffle at Jacob’s Well.
- The next CARES meeting will be in September.

OLD BUSINESS

Town-wide Picnic – Lewis Steele presented the 2016 picnic poster and provided copies to those who would display them. He also offered to contact Stewarts about ice cream sundaes and soda. John Tully had suggested that Dick McGuire be asked to speak at the picnic as he did for the Jackson Volunteer Dinner this past winter. Supervisor Skellie will speak with Mr. McGuire. If Mr. McGuire will speak, a microphone and speaker will be needed. The Town Clerk will contact Cambridge Valley Auction Barn for equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-16
Approve Local Law #1 of 2016

RESOLVED, to approve as written, Local Law #1 of 2016 – Moratorium on Certain Solar Uses.

Roll Call:

Councilman Nolan	Nay
Councilman Rea	Aye
Councilman Rich	Nay
Councilman Rouse	Aye
Supervisor Skellie	Aye

Dog enumeration – The dog enumeration has been going slow. The Board requested that we continue the program longer.

NEW BUSINESS

2016-17 NYMIR Renewal Proposal – Prior to the Town Board meeting, Supervisor Skellie reviewed the 2016-17 NYMIR insurance proposal of \$14,256.65. This represents an 8% increase over last year. Supervisor Skellie held a meeting with the Town’s insurance agent to better understand our policy and the increase.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-16

NYMIR 2016-17 Proposal

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Jackson approves the 2016-17 insurance proposal provided by NYMIR in the amount of \$14,256.65.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-16

Shared Regional Highway Operation Centers

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

WHEREAS, Washington County has proposed a feasibility study for the project titled Shared Regional Highway Operation Centers; and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund the development of a plan to optimize the delivery of highway and maintenance services and identify ways to reduce costs. The project will identify ways to improve efficiency, identify shared equipment possibilities, and reduce overall administrative expenses, while reducing taxpayer burden; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has made Local Government Efficiency Grants available through the Department of State to promote inter-municipal collaboration; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that we, the Town of Jackson, support and will commit to the Washington County Shared Regional Highway Operation Centers Feasibility Study by the involvement of our personnel and in-kind contributions.

Information:

- Former Highway Superintendent and longtime Jackson resident, Clifford Rowland passed away on July 4th. A card was signed and will be mailed to his wife. In addition, the Town Board and a few others made a donation to the Salem Fire Department in his memory.
- Carman Bogle reminded everyone that the Village of Cambridge and the Cambridge Fire Department's 150th Anniversary celebration is scheduled on July 16th. All are welcome!
- Mark Mahoney again offered to construct something to display the American flag outside the Town Hall. After some discussion, it was decided that a pole could be erected on which to raise the flag. Sharon Dunn thought that the DAR might provide either the solar light or the money to purchase one.

County Update - Supervisor Skellie shared that the County's annual tax auction in June went very well. In Jackson, there was only one property expected to be sold, however, the taxes were paid just prior to the auction.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-16

Approve payment of Highway Voucher [#133 & 134]

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

RESOLVED to give approval to Supervisor Skellie to sign the check for Highway Voucher [#133 & 134] in order to pay for the CHIPS paving prior to the August meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-16

Payment of Bills 7/6/16

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

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #7 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from the respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	87-100	\$1,701.50
Highway	108-132	\$101,058.21

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk

[Amendments in **BOLD**]