

## **Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting May 6, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on May 6, 2015 at 8:10 pm at the Town Hall for the monthly meeting.

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Others Present:**

- Highway Supt. Sean Carney (8:23)
- Budget Officer Donna Nolan
- Town Clerk Tammy Skellie-Gilbert
- Planning Board Chair Noel Hanf
- Town Historian Sharon Dunn

### **Also Present:**

- Dick Farrell, The Eagle
- Lewis Steele

### **RESOLUTION NO. 31-15**

Approval of minutes

Resolution by Councilman [Nolan]

Seconded by Councilman Rouse

And passed by all board members present, 4-0

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the April 8, 2015 Town Board meeting be approved and accepted as written.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 32-15**

Approval of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members present, 4-0

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$5,446.60
Supervisor Receipts	\$2,728.63
Supervisor Disbursements	\$43,954.96

## **REPORTS**

### **Highway**

- Supt. Carney reported that the grader has arrived.
- The department will continue to sweep roads after some rain has fallen.
- The Town will look into the insurance policy to determine how to handle damage to rental equipment.

- Only one sealed bid was received for a used tandem truck from Clark's Truck Center.
- The Board discussed the 2015 paving projects.

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-15**

Approve purchase of truck

Resolution by Councilman Rea

Seconded by Supervisor Brown

And passed by all board members present, 4-0

**RESOLVED**, to purchase a 2005 International truck for \$68,000 from Clark's Truck Center subject to the Highway Superintendent negotiating a few details such as delivery of truck and a front tire issue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-15**

Agreement to spend highway funds

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members present, 4-0

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, the Jackson Town Board agrees that moneys levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways and received from the State for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

General Repairs: The sum of no more than \$240,000.00 may be expended for general repairs upon 57.75 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

Improvements: The following sum shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of the following town highway:

- (a) On the road, commencing at County Route 61 / Stanton Road intersection and leading to a distance of 1.6 miles northeast. There shall be expended not over the sum of \$160,000.00.

Type:	6
Thickness:	1.5 - 2.0 inches
Width of traveled surface	19 feet
Sub base	pavement, gravel

- (b) On the road, commencing at any roads and leading to "where need" to a distance "as needed." There shall be expended not over the sum of \$80,000.00.

Type:	what's needed
Thickness:	n/a
Width of traveled surface	16 - 22 feet
Sub base	n/a

## **Planning Board**

- Washington County is still negotiating the boundaries of the Jackson Transfer Station.
- Three people are possibly interested in serving on the Planning Board. The Town Board would like the interested individuals to submit short biographies for the June meeting.

**Historian** – Historian Sharon Dunn attended a conference in May. She has also been working the bi-centennial banner with John Pedersen and Sean Carney. There will be a gathering at the Town Hall on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to clean-up the Town Hall prior to the visit from the Country Schoolhouse Association of America on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**PrimeLink Internet** – Justice Ackley received input about fiber optic internet service from the security office at Unified Court System. He was told the fiber is more stable than cable with next to no disruption of service. He also learned that there is no significant difference between Time Warner's 7M and PrimeLink's 6M power.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 35-15**

Switch internet service for Town Hall

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members present, 4-0

**RESOLVED**, that the internet service at the Town Hall be switched to PrimeLink at a rate of \$49.95 per month for three years.

**Cambridge Fire Department** – Councilman Rouse expressed his concerns about the Cambridge Fire Department's efforts to become a fire district. He stated he would not be in favor of such a change. Both Supervisor Brown and Councilman Nolan said they have reservations, but will keep an open mind until a meeting is scheduled by the department. Councilman Rea also needs more information.

**Jackson's Bi-Centennial/Summer Picnic** – Lewis Steele has agreed to again be the honorary chairman of this summer's Town picnic. He suggested that in light of the Town's bi-centennial, we hire local folk artist Dena Smith to perform at the picnic. He offered to begin efforts to seek donations for the \$300 needed to hire her.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Shushan Post Office Closure** – The sudden closure of the Shushan Post Office has prompted local residents to seek support to re-open the building and re-establish full service in the community. Lewis Steele drafted resolution for the Town Board's review hoping they would adopt it.

**RESOLUTION NO. 36-15**

Support to re-establish a Shushan Post Office

Resolution by Councilman Nolan

Seconded by Supervisor Brown

And passed by all board members present, 4-0

**WHEREAS**, the emergency suspension of the Shushan Post Office has negatively impacted many residents of the Town of Jackson in addition to many other residents who also regularly use that Post Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Jackson has been informed that there are significant health and safety concerns relevant the building's structure requiring the emergency suspension; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Jackson Town Board supports a full-service Post Office in Shushan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Jackson requests that the United States Postal Service immediately contact the Washington County Code Enforcement and the New York State Department of Health to inspect the existing Shushan Post Office to determine what steps need to be taken in order for the current building to be in compliance with the rules and regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if, after the inspection, the current building is not in compliance, that an alternative site be identified in order to reinstate a Post Office in the Shushan community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Jackson would be willing to sponsor a public meeting to discuss this matter and to hear comments and feedback from Shushan-area residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Jackson Town Clerk will send by certified mail, a certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Thomas F. Kelley, Acting District Manager, Albany District, United States Postal Service and request an acknowledgment within seven (7) business days of receipt that it has been read; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Jackson Town Clerk will also send certified copies of this resolution to the following individuals:

- Supervisor Seth Pitts, Town of Salem
- Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, United States Congress
- Senator Charles Schumer, United States Senate
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senate

Roll Call:

Supervisor Brown	Aye
Councilman Nolan	Aye
Councilman Rea	Aye
Councilman Rouse	Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 37-15**

Approve audit of Justice's 2014 books

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Nolan

And passed by all board members present, 4-0

**RESOLVED**, that the Justice's 2014 books were audited and approved on April 26, 2015 by the auditing committee to the best of their ability.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Brown	Aye
Councilman Nolan	Aye
Councilman Rea	Aye
Councilman Rouse	Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 38-15**

Payment of Bills 5/6/15

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members present, 4-0

**RESOLVED**, that the following bills on Abstract #5 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	52-59	\$1,021.86
Highway	92-114 (excluding #105 & 113)	\$15,117.83
Machinery	105 & 113	\$5,086.00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC  
Jackson Town Clerk

[Correction in **BOLD**]