

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
November 12, 2014**

The Town of Jackson Town Board met on November 12, 2014 at the Town Hall for the monthly meeting.

Members Present:

- Supervisor Alan Brown
- Councilman Mike Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea
- 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:

- Bill McCarty

7:32 PM PUBLIC HEARING - 2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Brown opened the public hearing and welcomed comments regarding the 2015 preliminary budget. There was one question about the tax levy. The public hearing closed at 7:35 pm.

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION NO. 76-14

Approval of minutes

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

RESOLVED, that the October 1st, 15th and 29th Town Board minutes be approved with two corrections on the October 15th minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-14

Approval of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

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

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$168.04
Supervisor Receipts	\$9,982.26
Supervisor Disbursements	\$54,618.12

2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 78-14

Health Insurance Company

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of Jackson will continue to offer health insurance through CDPHP.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-14

Health Insurance Contribution

Resolution by Councilman Rouse
Seconded by Councilman Nolan
And passed said Board, 4-1 with Supervisor Brown voting against

RESOLVED, that in 2015 the health insurance employee contribution for Town Board members will increase to 60% of the premium.

Councilman Nolan commented that he is concerned about the methods used to reduce the budget including adjusting the health insurance buyout policy. He believes it will create problems in the future and plans to vote against adopting the 2015 Budget.

Budget Officer Donna Nolan stated that while amendments are being made to the health insurance policy, a statement should be included that requires any employee using the health insurance buyout option must show proof of health insurance through another entity. The Town Supervisor, the Budget Officer and Town Clerk will work together before the December meeting to amend the wording of the health insurance policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-14

Adoption of 2015 Budget

Resolution by Councilman Rouse
Seconded by Councilman Rich
And passed by said Board, 4-1

RESOLVED, to adopt the 2015 budget as amended which includes a 3.3% increase which is still within the allowable 2% tax cap.

Total Appropriations:	\$920,249.2[9] (includes fire contracts)
Total Revenues:	-\$222,864.72
Total Unexpended Balance:	<u>-\$103,000.00</u>
Amount to be raised by 2015 Taxes	\$594,384.5[7]

Roll Call:

Supervisor Brown	Yes
Councilman Nolan	No
Councilman Rea	Yes
Councilman Rich	Yes
Councilman Rouse	Yes

After the budget passed, Supervisor commented that workman’s compensation rate will be decreasing and the tax assessment will be increasing thereby reducing the tax increase to just under 3%.

REPORTS

Highway – The wood stove at the highway garage continues to need repairs. The staff will finish welding it this week. There was a lengthy discussion about replacing the 24-year-old loader or one of the trucks. Supt. Carney will continue to search for high-quality, used equipment.

Planning Board – No report as the meeting will be November 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Building Maintenance – The Town Hall maintenance project is almost complete with only a few details still to complete.

Outside Lighting at Town Hall – Exterior lighting at the Town Hall the night of the Election was not sufficient. After some discussion, it was decided that a new motion-censored light will be added to the back entrance of the Town Hall. In addition, the motion light near the handicapped parking area will be replaced as well as the bulb on the post at the north end of the parking lot.

Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) – Town Atty. D. Alan Wrigley has prepared a BAN so that the Town can borrow \$10,000 at a rate of 2% for repairs to the Town Highway Garage and the Town Hall. See attachment at end of these meeting minutes for **RESOLUTION NO. 81-14.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 82-14
2015 Town Board Meetings

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Councilman Rouse
And passed by said Board, 3-2

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold the 2015 Town Board meetings on the first Wednesday of each month with January, February and March meetings starting at 1:00 pm and April through December meetings starting at 8:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Brown	No
Councilman Nolan	No
Councilman Rea	Yes
Councilman Rich	Yes
Councilman Rouse	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 83-14

Year-end meeting

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold the year-end meeting on Monday, December 29th at 1 pm.

Country Schoolhouse Association of America – Councilman Rich mentioned that the Country Schoolhouse Association of America will hold its 2015 conference at Skidmore College in June. As part of the three-day event, a bus tour of local schoolhouses will be offered including the Town of Jackson’s Town Hall (Schoolhouse #6). The organization has requested access to the building on Wednesday, June 17th at 8:30 am. Town Historian Sharon Dunn plans to participate. Supervisor Brown suggested that we coordinate a group of volunteers to obtain supplies and paint the inside of the building.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-14

Access to the Town Hall

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

RESOLVED, to welcome the Country Schoolhouse Association of America to the Town of Jackson and allow them access to the building on June 17, 2015.

County Update – Supervisor Brown stated that the County budget tax increase in 2015 will be 2.85%.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-14

Payment of Bills 11/12/14

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

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #11 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from the respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	143-155	\$2,688.55
Highway	235-246	\$6,284.29

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk

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