

**Town of Jackson Town Board  
Budget Meeting  
October 20, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson held a Budget Meeting on October 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.

**Member Present:**

- Supervisor Alan Brown
- Councilman Mike Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea
- Councilman Carol Rich
- Councilman Edward Rouse (7:45)

**Others Present:**

- Budget Officer Donna Nolan
- Historian Sharon Dunn
- Town Clerk Tammy Skellie-Gilbert

**Also Present:**

- Jay Skellie

**RESOLUTION NO. 82-15**

Approval of minutes

Resolution by Councilman Rich

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members present, 4-0

**RESOLVED**, that the September 23, 2015 Town Board minutes be approved as amended.

**7:39 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2015**

Supervisor Brown opened the public hearing and welcomed comments regarding Local Law #1 of 2015

– Override the Tax Levy. There were no comments from the public. The hearing closed at 7:43 pm.

**OPEN REGULAR MEETING**

**Fuel Bids** – Two fuel bids were received with the proper paperwork.

**RESOLUTION NO. 83-15**

2016 Fuel Bid

Resolution by Councilman Nolan

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members, 5-0

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accept Main-Care Energy's 2016 fuel bid:

- #2 ultra low sulphur fuel oil – Albany rack plus \$.1700/gallon

- Ultra low sulphur fuel diesel – Albany rack plus \$.2000/gallon

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**2016 Preliminary Budget** - The Board reviewed 2016 Preliminary Budget and discussed potential cuts. In the past few years, the budget has passed with increases under the 2% tax cap. This year, in order to stay under the 2% tax cap, the budget can only be increased 1.37%.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 84-15**

General Fund Salaries

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Rich

And passed by board members, 4-1 with Supervisor Brown voting against

**RESOLVED**, to increase the 2016 salary by 1% for each person in the General Fund budget who requested an increase.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 85-15**

Highway Fund Salaries

Resolution by Supervisor Brown

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by board members, 4-1 with Councilman Nolan voting against

**RESOLVED**, to increase the salary of each highway worker by 1.5% in 2016.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 86-15**

Highway Fund Salaries

Resolution by Supervisor Brown

Seconded by Councilman Nolan

And passed by board members, 3-2 with Councilman Rich & Rouse voting against

**RESOLVED**, to increase the salary of each highway worker by 1% in 2016.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 87-15**

Amend Health Insurance Policy

Resolution by Councilman Rich

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members, 5-0

**RESOLVED**, to amend the health insurance policy and buyout option by offering \$4,000 annually to only the Superintendent of Highways and any full-time highway staff, whether or not the employee has had health insurance through the Town and **[must]** provide proof of alternate insurance.

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-15**

2016 Health Insurance

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

**RESOLVED**, to change health insurance providers in 2016 to the MVP EPO Silver program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 89-15**

Highway Superintendent Salary

Resolution by Councilman Rich  
Seconded by Councilman Rouse  
And defeated by board members, 2-3 with Supervisor Brown, Councilman Nolan & Rea voting against

**RESOLVED**, to increase the salary of Superintendent of Highways by 2% in 2016.

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-15**

Fire District Budgets

Resolution by Councilman Rich  
Seconded by Councilman Rea  
And passed by board members, 4-0 with Supervisor Brown not voting

**RESOLVED**, to approve the requested amounts for each of the following fire districts in 2016:

- Cambridge Fire Department - \$29,433.00 (1% increase)
- Easton Fire Department - \$3,100.00 (same as 2015)
- Salem Fire Department - \$15,400.00 (3.36% increase)
- Shushan Fire Department - \$49,000.00 (2.1% increase)

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-15**

Highway Budget Request

Resolution by Supervisor Brown  
There was no second

**RESOLVED**, to decrease the highway budget request on .4 line items by \$53,000.

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-15**

Highway Budget Request

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

**RESOLVED**, to decrease the highway budget request on .4 line items by \$50,000.

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-15**

Local Law #1 of 2015

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

**RESOLVED**, to pass Local Law #1 of 2015 allow for an override of the 2016 tax levy effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Brown	AYE
Councilman Nolan	AYE
Councilman Rea	AYE
Councilman Rich	AYE
Councilman Rouse	AYE

The Town Clerk shared an information sheet that demonstrates how to make the dog licensing program pay for all dog control fees and licensing expenses. She would like the board members to review it before the next meeting.

A public hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Budget will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 8:00 pm prior to the regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC  
Town Clerk

**[amendment in bold]**