

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
October 5, 2016**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on October 5, 2016 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

Members Present:

- Supervisor Jay Skellie
- Councilman Michael Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea
- Councilman Carol Rich
- Councilman Edward Rouse

Others Present:

- Highway Superintendent Sean Carney
- Budget Officer Donna Nolan
- Planning Board Chair Noel Hanf
- **[Town Historian Sharon Dunn]-not present**
- Town Clerk Tammy Skellie-Gilbert

Also Present:

- Richard Farrell, The Eagle
- John Sheaff

RESOLUTION NO. 65-16

Approval of minutes

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by board members, 3-0 with Councilman Nolan and Rich abstaining

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the September 7, 2016 Town Board meeting be approved as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-16

Approval of minutes

Resolution by Councilman Rea

Seconded by Councilman Nolan

And passed by board members, 4-0 with Councilman Rich abstaining

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the September 28, 2016 Joint Planning and Town Board meeting be approved as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-16

Approval of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

Resolution by Councilman Nolan

Seconded by Councilman Rouse

And passed by all board members present, 5-0

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$286.81
Supervisor Receipts	\$191,836.12
Supervisor Disbursements	\$49,958.47

REPORTS

Highway – Supt. Carney shared the highway department’s activities in September. He also stated that the 2005 and 2008 trucks will need tires soon.

Planning Board

- The Planning Board reviewed a sketch plan of the Florence Carney Estate where they wish to create two new lots.
- The Board also discussion the recent Joint meeting.

Historian/Wash. Co. CARES – no report

OLD BUSINESS

2017 Town Picnic – Councilman Nolan will ask the American Legion if the Town of Jackson can hold the 2017 Town Picnic on Friday, July 28th. If that date is not available, a back-up date might be Aug. 4th.

Court Audit –

RESOLUTION NO. 68-16

Replacement of Audit Committee Member

Resolution by Councilman Nolan

Seconded by Supervisor Skellie

And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, to appoint Councilman Rea to the 2016 Audit Committee to replace Councilman Rich.

Town Hall Flag – The Town has received \$350 in donations towards erecting a flag pole at the Town Hall. Mark Mahoney received one quote for a flag pole that was quite expensive. The Board suggested Mr. Mahoney contact a business in Gansevoort for a quote. The Town Clerk will send thank you notes to the donors.

Carney-Cassidy Road Issues – The Town Clerk received a lengthy email from the same Carney-Cassidy Road resident who has sent several emails during the past couple of years. He continues to push the Town to improve the road’s width and drainage. The letter is on file with these minutes.

The Town Clerk contacted Henry Van Den Heever, Senior Risk Control Specialist at NYMIR (Town’s insurance company) to ask about liability. Understanding that the road has been inspected by the Town Highway Supt., the Town Supervisor (previous and current) as well as the County Highway Supt., and all agree that the current road condition is acceptable, Mr. Van Den Heever believes *the only obligation the town has at this juncture is to ensure that the resident complaint has been properly recorded in accordance with the town’s defect (prior) notice law*. He also wrote, *You also mentioned that the*

resident has complained that the road may be too narrow in the vicinity of his residence. If the road has been in use at the current width for over 20 years, then the town has no legal obligation to widen it.

A response letter will be written and send to the resident.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 69-16

Appointment Board of Assessment Review

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

RESOLVED, that Ashleigh Yurschak-Brown is re-appointed to a five-year term on the Board of Assessment Review effective October 1, 2016.

2017 Proposed Budget – The 2017 tax cap will be **[0.88%]**. Therefore, the Board felt it was necessary to write Local Law #2 of 2016 to override the tax cap.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-16

Hold Public Hearing for LL #2 of 2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a budget workshop meeting on Wednesday, October 19th at 7:30 pm that will include a public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2016 which purposes to override the tax **[cap]**.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-16

2017 Health Insurance

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of Jackson will continue with the current health insurance providers in 2017 which includes MVP (at a 1% increase) and CDPHP Medicare Advantage (at a 12% increase).

Sandra Vincent

- Sandra Vincent shared that she believes some headstones at the Revolutionary Cemetery located on Wellbrock's property have been damaged. Councilman Rouse commented that there have been damaged headstones at that location for years. Since the cemetery is located on private property, the Town has no jurisdiction. It was suggested that Ms. Vincent contact

the Hoosick Falls police because they have been dealing with cemetery damage in recent weeks and perhaps there's a connection.

- She was also seeking a location to display a sculpture she hopes to create in honor of Bill McMorris, Jr. Although this is not a Town matter, Councilman Rea offered to locate the sculpture on the knoll adjacent to the McMorris property where he owns land.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-16
2017 Town Board Meetings

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Councilman Rouse
And passed by board members, 4-1 with Councilman Nolan voting against

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold the 2017 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.

County Update – Supervisor Skellie stated that the County budget process continues and that the tax revenue is anticipated to decrease in 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-16
Budget Amendment

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

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendment be approved in the Highway fund:

- Add \$10,669.74 to DA5112.2 Improvements to reflect the actual CHIPS money received

RESOLUTION NO. 74-16
Payment of Bills 10/5/16

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

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #10 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from the respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	121-130	\$1,557.71
Highway	168-182	\$11,034.26

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk

[correction in bold]