

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting April 5, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on April 5, 2017 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

Members Present:

- Supervisor Jay Skellie
- Councilman Mike Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea (8:05)
- Councilman Carol Rich
- Councilman Edward Rouse

Others Present:

- Highway Superintendent, Sean Carney (8:10)
- Budget Officer Donna Nolan
- Town Clerk Tammy Skellie-Gilbert
- Planning Board Chair Noel Hanf
- Town Historian Sharon Dunn

Also Present:

- Ed Braymer
- Richard Farrell, The Eagle
- Beth O'Grady
- Christine Lulla

PRESENTATION – Beth O'Grady & Christine Lulla, Cambridge United Community Center

Beth O'Grady and Christine Lulla were present to share information about the Cambridge United Community Center, a non-profit organization that *promotes intergenerational, personal, social, economic, and community well-being in the greater Cambridge area*. The organization, located in the Brieman Building, strives to connect residents of all ages to resources currently offered and hopefully fill identified gaps where needed. They can be reached at cambridgeunitedcommunitycenter@gmail.com or by calling 677-3863.

EDWARD BRAYMER – Ed Braymer was present to express his concern about Brand New Beginnings Youth Center which has purchase the property directly adjacent to his home. He would like to purchase the property and remove the home. Supervisor Skellie suggested he check the Town's website as well as Brand New Beginnings' website at www.bnbyc.org.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-17

Approval of minutes

Resolution by Councilman Rich

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED to dispense with reading both March 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes and March 15, 2017 public hearing minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-17

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 Reports for March 2017 be approved as follows:

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$14,665.70
Supervisor Receipts	\$348.04
Supervisor Disbursements	\$44,681.35

REPORTS

Highway - The highway department:

- plowed/sanded eight times in March;
- serviced the grader;
- removed trees; and,
- completed a brake job on the 2007 truck.

Supt. Carney has connected with *Culvert NY* to seek funding for bridge replacement on Murray Hollow Road. Applications are due in the summer with selection in late fall. If accepted, the Town would not be the entity to replace the bridge. The funding would provide for design, engineers, staff and inspections. The liability would fall on the company that replaces the bridge. The Town of Arlington has been contacted to determine the number of parcels that could be impacted beyond the NYS line. In addition, Jackson will request a letter of support from Arlington to accompany the application. The Board agreed that the Highway Superintendent should proceed with completing an application.

Planning Board –

- Harold Gilbar (Hedges Lake, Inc.) was present with a sketch plan to complete five boundary line adjustments of the nine-part, non-contiguous, waterfront parcel (#231.59-3-46).

Historian/Washington Co. CARES – Scams continue to be a “hot” topic at Washington County CARES. Also, Mrs. Dunn has been communicating with a UConn professor about an area in Jackson from the late 1800s.

OLD BUSINESS

Local Law #1 of 2017 –

RESOLUTION NO. 30-17

Take Local Law #1 of 2017 “off the table”

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

RESOLVED, to take Local Law #1 of 2017 off the table for discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-17
Approve Local Law #1 of 2017

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

RESOLVED, to pass Local Law #1 of 2017 opting-out of Section 487 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law concerning tax exemptions for qualified solar, wind power and farm waste energy systems effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Skellie	AYE
Councilman Nolan	AYE
Councilman Rea	AYE
Councilman Rich	AYE
Councilman Rouse	AYE

Site Plan Review Law – Following the March public hearings, Supervisor Skellie, Chairman Hanf and Mark Mahoney met with Town Attorney Alan Wrigley to review the changes Mr. Wrigley suggested. While most of Mr. Wrigley’s changes were incorporated, a couple of items are being revised.

Flag Pole Update – The flag pole was picked up this winter. Brian Nilsen will make brackets for it. The Board hopes that the project will be complete before Flag Day so we can notify the donors with the celebratory news.

Cambridge-Battenville Road dust issue – Once again, the resident on Cambridge-Battenville Road who has annually requested that the highway department control the dust on her road, called to ask about a “spring season” road treatment that she thought she heard might be a proactive step for addressing this problem. In her plea, she stated that she is tired of asking for this service each year and commented that if the Town does not follow through, she might take legal action. The Board said they would leave the decision to the Highway Superintendent.

Committee for Town Board Compensation – Councilman Nolan and Rea have discussed the current and future compensation for Town Board members. After reviewing research of what other Washington County Towns offer, they suggested that any newly elected board members receive \$1,500 annually with no option for health insurance while incumbents are grandfathered to receive \$600 annually plus the health insurance option. No further action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Picnic – Councilman Rich will contact Lewis Steele to see if he will again oversee the updating and distribution of the picnic posters.

Town Hall Roof Issues – The Town Hall roof has missing slate pieces. Shelly Clous evaluated the roof and said that about 17 slates need repair. In addition, screens need to be installed near the soffits as critters are entering the attic space and chewing the insulation.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-17
Hire Shelly and Mikel Clous

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

RESOLVED to hire Shelly and Mikel Clous to complete the Town Hall roof repairs and screening for an estimated \$1,300.

Area Code Overlay – The Town Clerk received information on the Area Code Overlay that has already begun in the 518 area code. The information has been posted to the home page of the Town’s website.

County Update – NYMIR, the insurance company for Washington County as well as most townships, recently determined that several municipalities have been overcharge for premiums on their fleet. NYMIR met with several Supervisors to explain how it happened. Refunds have been issued (for up to five years back) to those who have reviewed their policies. Supervisor Skellie and Supt. Carney will review Jackson’s policy. The Town renews its policy annually in early summer.

Thank you – Sharon Dunn thanked the Town Board for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that was held in March.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-17
Payment of Bills 4/5/17

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

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #4 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from the respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	37-50	\$1,269.34
Highway	51-67 (#65 moved to Machinery)	\$14,631.52
Machinery	65	\$300.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk