

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting  
October 3, 2018**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on October 3, 2018 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

**PRESENT:**

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Mike Nolan..... Councilman
- Travis Rea..... Councilman
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman
- Edward Rouse..... Councilman
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Tammy Skellie-Gilbert..... Town Clerk
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer
- Noel Hanf ..... Planning Board Chair
- Sharon Dunn..... CARES

**Also Present:** Christine Eldred, Eagle Press

**RESOLUTION #75-18**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Supervisor Skellie; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the September 5, 2018 Town Board minutes with one correction and the September 19, 2018 minutes as written.**

**RESOLUTION #76-18**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the September 2018 Town Clerk and Supervisor Reports as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$234.20
Supervisor Receipts	\$172,418.22
Supervisor Disbursements	\$57,913.67

**DOG WARDEN** – Jackson Dog Warden Nancy Quell was expected to attend the meeting, but wasn't able to at the last minute. Animal Safe-Home Rehabilitation, LLC has issued a new contract to each municipality they serve and has revamped their fees for 2019. Before signing a new contract, the Town has questions that need to be answered. Ms. Quell plans to attend the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**REPORTS**

**Highway** – The Highway Department has completed a variety of tasks including grading roads, replacing culverts, screening and hauling sand as well as completing repairs on equipment. Supt. Carney has also met with engineers at Johnson Road to continue plans for improvement that were discussed at the special September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Planning Board** – The Planning Board:

- Approved the Dailey minor subdivision;
- Reviewed a sketch plan for site plan review of the Hedges Lake Campers Association two-sided, enclosed signboard that they hope to construct next spring.
- Discussed the recent development from NYS that states that solar farms no longer require a building permit if no building/structure exists on the lot. Regardless of the exemption, the Planning Board wants to know who will be responsible for inspecting the electrical hook-up and if the site meets fire codes requirements.
- Due to the Election on November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Board will hold its November meeting on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CARES** – Mrs. Dunn shared the following:

- Medicare open enrollment begins soon. There are people at Washington County Office for the Aging and Disability Resources who can help seniors decide on the best plan for one's needs. REMINDER: Medicare NEVER calls on the phone! If they do, it's a SCAM!!
- Free legal programs continue to be offered at the Greenwich Library on the second Thursday of each month. November 13<sup>th</sup> topic: *Power of Attorney & Guardianship for Adults and Children with Disabilities*.
- Support groups for various needs are offered throughout Washington County. A new program for Caregivers and Family Support will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Cambridge Library.
- Anyone wishing to receive monthly emails with CARES information, contact the Jackson Town Clerk who will be happy to add you to a discrete email list.

**Historian** – Supervisor Skellie had found resident interested in the Historian position, but just prior the Town Board meeting had to decline. The Town Clerk will put an article in the local paper hoping to seek an interested person.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SAM Grant** – Given the challenge of receiving a timely reimbursement from the State for expenses associated with work completed at the Murray Hollow Road Bridge Project, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. said they will wait until 2019 to bill the Town for any services provided in 2018.

**Town Hall Ramp** – Progress continues on the Town Hall ramp. Although the ramp will be completed before the Election, Mr. Mahoney is doubtful that the roof will be completed in 2018. In addition, the heating unit will need to be relocated so that the roof extension won't obstruct ventilation.

**Town Hall Repairs** – Supervisor Skellie stated that repairs to the exterior of the Town Hall need to be completed soon. A local contractor who has worked on the building before has been contacted for a quote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Salem Family Health Center** – Salem Town Supervisor Sue Clary has been notified that Glens Falls Hospital is planning to close the Salem Family Health Center in the near future. Supervisor Clary has asked if the Jackson Town Board would write a letter to support keeping the facility open.

### **RESOLUTION #77-18**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve writing and sending a letter of support to keep the Salem Family Health Center open for residents.**

**2019 Preliminary Budget** – The Budget Officer provided the Town Board with copies of the 2019 Preliminary Budget.

### **RESOLUTION #78-18**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-1, with Councilman Nolan opposing, **to hold a budget meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:30 pm.**

### **RESOLUTION #79-18**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 3-2, with Councilmen Nolan and Rea opposing, **to hold the January, February and March 2019 Town Board meetings at 1:00 pm and return to 8:00 pm meetings April through December 2019.**

### **RESOLUTION #80-18**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Supervisor Skellie; Resolution passed 5-0, **to grandfather the current, part-time, elected and appointed officials who currently receive health insurance from the Town to continue to have the option to do so; and**

**Resolved, that any current, part-time, elected and appointed official who chooses to discontinue to receive health insurance from the Town does so with the understanding that s/he will not have the option to re-enter the program at later time; and,**

**Resolved, that all newly elected or appointed, part-time officials will no longer have the option of health insurance; and**

**Resolved, that the above changes will take effect January 1, 2019.**

### **Other Discussion:**

- The Town discussed that fire proof, locked cabinets are on sale at Tractor Supply.
- The Toshiba printer in the Town Clerk's office still needs repairing and needs to be moved to the Town Hall for the Assessors use. The machine is more efficient and cost-effective than buying toner for Assessor McLenithan's printer at home. The Town Clerk will talk with Assessor McLenithan again about this topic.

**Supervisor's Report** – Supervisor Skellie has been very busy with all of the County departments presenting their budgets to the Finance Committee. In addition, he shared that \$350,000 has been earmarked by the County to pave County Route 61 from State Route 22 over the hill to the Shushan bridge. It is the hope that the County DPW will complete the job this fall IF the weather cooperates.

**RESOLUTION #81-18**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the following budget transfers:**

- **\$100.00 from A1620.4 Telephone to A1620.4 Miscellaneous**
- **\$5,000.00 from DA5130.2 Machinery to DA5130.4 Machinery**
- **\$18.61 from DA5140.4 Brush & Weeds to DA5130.4 Machinery**

**RESOLUTION #82-18**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on October 3, 2018, Abstract #10 and authorize the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	110-122	\$3,609.85
Highway	176-195 (excluding #193)	\$11,786.62
Machinery	193	\$252.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC  
Town Clerk