

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
December 5, 2018**

<These minutes are subject to Town Board approval>

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on December 5, 2018 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Mike Conklin; Christine Eldred, Eagle Press

RESOLUTION #93-18

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the November 7, 2018 Town Board minutes as written.**

RESOLUTION #94-18

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the November 2018 Town Clerk and Supervisor Reports as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$108.70
Supervisor Receipts	\$20,757.46
Supervisor Disbursements	\$46,530.83

REPORTS

Highway – The Highway Department:

- Screened sand;
- Cleaned ditches on Wallace Road;
- Plowed and sanded six times; and
- Worked on equipment maintenance.

One of the tandem trucks is getting repaired at Delurey's.

Planning Board – The Planning Board

- Held a lengthy public hearing for the Hedges Lake Campers Association site plan project where they wish to construct an enclosed sign to be built near the boat launch next spring. Due to several concerns identified by HLCA, the Planning Board agreed to keep the public hearing open until July 2, 2019 after HLCA holds its June meeting and the majority of residents are available;
- Was informed that the Calabrese/Monolith solar project application is still not complete; and
- Discussed the training that Mark Mahoney, Cheryl Record and Tammy Skellie-Gilbert attended at the County on solar regulation and how it might impact Jackson as well as other Towns. The presenters from the Department of State commented that it's the goal of the New York State to have 50% of all NYS energy usage come from solar by 2030. They also stated that most Towns are not prepared for the potential changes. The Town Board asked a few questions about solar. Chairman Hanf stated that the Town should determine if Jackson is prepared for more solar projects. Sharon Dunn commented that this might be an opportunity for the Town to be proactive in planning for potential solar projects.

CARES – Mrs. Dunn shared the following:

- The legal program at the Greenwich Library on December 13th will be *Financial Planning for Retirement and Long-Term Care*. Register by calling 518-746-2572.
- Medicare open enrollment goes until December 7, 2018. Contact the Office of the Aging and Disability Services for help navigating Medicare programs.

Mike Conklin – Mike Conklin was present to ask the Board about the *Right to Farm Law*. He wanted to know if there is protection in the law for property owners who live adjacent to a farm. Frequently, pigs from the neighboring farm escape and travel on his and other neighbors' properties damaging portions of their properties. The farmer has tried to contain his pigs but they still wander. The Town Board suggested that Mr. Conklin either file a small claims case against the farmer or file a claim with his homeowner's insurance for the cost of the damages.

OLD BUSINESS

Fuel Bids – One fuel bid was received from Main-Care Energy.

#2 Fuel Oil - 18 cents over rack

On Road Diesel - 21 cents over rack

RESOLUTION #95-18

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept 2019 fuel bid from Main-Care Energy.**

Historian – A press release has been written to seek a volunteer for the Town Historian position. The Board would prefer the interested person reside in Jackson. Before the press release is sent, we'll try to find someone by word of mouth.

Murray Hollow Road Bridge Project – At GPI’s request, letters have been sent to the two property owners on Murray Hollow Road who are directly adjacent to where the bridge replacement will occur. They’re being asked to sign a letter that grants the Town permission to go 50 feet beyond the Town’s right of way line, if necessary, when working on the bridge replacement. Supt. Carney has already received verbal approval, but a signed letter from the property owners will confirm their approval.

Town Hall Repairs (external) – A bid was received from Lee Foster for the repairs to the Town Hall. Before making a decision, the Board wants to be certain the two quotes have matching tasks.

Justice Training – The costs for the Justice Training will be capped at \$700 for lodging and food.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #96-18

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to appointment Noel Hanf to a seven-year term on the Planning Board beginning January 1, 2019 ending December 31, 2025.**

Town Hall Flag – Mark Mahoney would like to the Town to purchase a smaller flag that’s made of materials that are more resistant to weather elements. The current flag is too large to be lowered to half-staff when it should be. The Town Board recognizes the need for a different flag, but would like to wait until 2019 when the Town’s budget is a little healthier.

Year-End Meeting – The Town Board will hold its year-end Town Board meeting on Friday, December 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Supervisor’s Report – The County may be rotating some of its trucks which might give Town’s an opportunity to buy some used vehicles.

RESOLUTION #97-18

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the following budget transfers:**

- **\$570.00 from A1990.4 Contingent to A1620.4 Town Building**
- **\$275.00 from A1620.4 Website to A1620.4 Miscellaneous**
- **\$30.24 from A1990.4 Contingent to A1410.4 Town Clerk**
- **\$250.00 from A1620.4 Electric to A1620.4 Miscellaneous**
- **\$260.00 from A1990.4 Contingent to A1620.4 Miscellaneous**
- **\$790.99 from DA5140.1 Brush & Weeds to DA5142.1 Snow Removal**
- **\$4,392.80 from DA5140.4 Brush & Weeds to DA5142.4 Snow Removal**
- **\$2,687.57 from DA5130.1 Machinery to DA5130.4 Machinery**

RESOLUTION #98-18

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on December 5, 2018, Abstract #12 and authorize the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	135-151	\$14,813.01
Highway	224-245	\$32,895.91

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk