

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
March 6, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on March 6, 2019 at 1:00 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
- Tammy Skellie-Gilbert..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Noel Hanf..... Planning Board Chair
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer
- Sharon Dunn..... CARES

Also Present: Dick Farrell (Eagle Press)

RESOLUTION #25-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the February 6, 2019 Town Board minutes as corrected.**

RESOLUTION #26-19

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to amend the January Town Clerk Report.**

RESOLUTION #27-19

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the Supervisor Reports for February 2019 as follows:**

Supervisor Receipts	\$18,342.15
Supervisor Disbursements	\$743,807.30

[The Town Clerk report for February will be approved at the April meeting]

REPORTS

Highway – The Highway Supt. share the department’s work in the month of February. He reminded the Board that the pick-up truck is three-years old with 47,000 miles. The Board recommended that the Supt. look around to see what trucks are available.

Planning Board – The Planning Board reviewed a sketch plan for Keith and Debra Rich.

Washington Co. CARES –

- The quarterly CARES meeting was postponed two weeks.
- Mrs. Dunn informed the Board about “fake ticket” email scams claiming to be from DMV telling the person s/he has several outstanding traffic violations. Be aware that by clicking on one of two links you will exposure your personal information.
- She also expressed concern about the multiple enrollment periods for Medicare’s various services (such as the current Medicare Part A and/or B enrollment period). She feels multiple enrollment periods could confuse consumers.
- Pop-Up Events continue to be planned by the Washington County Office for the Aging & Disability Resources (WCOADR). If you would like to be notified of the events send an email to the Town Clerk at jacksontownclerkny@gmail.com or contact the WCOADR at 518-746-2420.
- The WCOADR and Argyle Central School’s Drama Club is presenting *Clue, The Play* on Thursday, April 4, 2019. It will be held at the Argyle School. Dinner will be at 5 pm with the show to follow. This special presentation is open to Washington County Seniors 60 and over. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation. Tickets are available through the Washington County Office for the Aging until March 28th. Tickets will not be available at the door.
- A local man named Anthony Acevedo is providing non-emergency medical transportation to residents in Washington, Warren, Saratoga and Rensselaer Counties. To find out if one qualifies for this service through your insurance company, please call 1-855-360-3544.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Repairs – The Board reviewed the two quotes for the repairs to the Town Hall. For now, they decided to only fix the west door, the trim and siding.

RESOLUTION #28-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 5-0, **to select Lee Foster to complete the repairs to the Town Hall (west door, trim and siding) at a cost \$978.97.**

2019 Elections/Assessor seats – As Supervisor Skellie shared at the February meeting, the two incumbent assessors whose terms will expire at the end of this calendar year, do not plan to seek re-election. Supervisor Skellie recently received an email from Assessor Chair Jean McLenithan with her opinion as to whether Jackson should continue using a three-person assessor team or consider other options. Having served as both an elected assessor (within a three-person team) in Jackson and as an appointed assessor in the Town of Salem, she prefers the role of sole assessor for the following reasons:

- Coordinating a three-person team to meet can be difficult;
- Occasionally, three assessors have three different opinions;
- Training is extensive (about four weeks) and is mostly offered in the daytime, often a distance away from this area which makes it difficult for those who have full-time jobs;
- With two open assessor seats, it would take a couple of years to get newly elected people up and running.

She did comment that one downside of a sole assessor is if the assessor gets sick and is unable to work. Supervisor Skellie commented to the Board that if an assessor becomes unable to do the job, the County can provide someone to fill in. He also stated that the Director of Washington County Real Property Tax Services Laura Chadwick is also in favor of a sole assessor. Currently, Jackson is only one of two towns remaining in Washington County with a three-person assessor team.

The Town Board would like to get input from residents and asked the Town Clerk to submit an article to the Eagle to encourage residents to give input on the topic on or before the April 3rd meeting.

Salem's Sample Law – In February, the Town of Salem passed Local Law #2 of 2019 which provides a list of deductions that are to be used when computing income for purposes of qualifying for a partial exemption from real property taxes to qualified residents who are sixty-five years of age or older. The Town Board would like to consider this law for Jackson in 2020 and asked the Town Clerk to put it on the January 2020 agenda.

Murray Hollow Bridge Update – The bid notice for the Murray Hollow Road Bridge project is almost complete. GPI has asked that the Town Board schedule a special meeting in April to open the sealed bids. Afterward, GPI will review the bids to be sure they match the specifications and return them to the Town Board for their final decision at its May 1st meeting. The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 1:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Tour of the Battenkill – Organizers of the 2019 Tour of the Battenkill have once again requested the Town's support and permission to use the roads in Jackson for the May 11th event. This year the route will change and include more roads in Jackson (Skellie, Carney-Cassidy, CR 61, Cambridge-Battenville, Center Falls, McCormack, SR 313 and Eagleville). The *Municipal Letter of Acknowledgment/No Objection* will state that *the Town of Jackson requests the following:*

- All emergency vehicles must be permitted to get through any location along the course routes regardless of what stage the race is in;
- All trash along the course routes must be collected within 24 hours after the end of the event; and,
- Competitors must be alert to all farm equipment/slow-moving vehicles along the course routes and understand that such equipment does not have turn signals and that operators may not be able to see cyclists coming from behind their equipment. The race is not held on a closed course.

RESOLUTION #29-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to support the 2019 Tour of the Battenkill and approve the use of several roads in Jackson for the race.**

RESOLUTION #30-19

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to appoint Nick Rowland to fill Doug Gordon’s three-year term on the Planning Board effective April 1, 2019 and conclude on December 31, 2021.**

RESOLUTION #31-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve Sharon Dunn attending the regional meeting of the Association of Public Historians of New York State at a cost of \$15.**

Information/Comments

- Sharon Dunn received a letter dated March 15, 2019 from *Old Saratoga Associates* that states the following:
To control excessive growth of the aquatic plant species Invasive weeds EURASIAN MILFOIL AND CURLEY LEAF PONWEEDS IN SCHOOLHOUSE POND AND LAKE LAUDERDALE the Lake Lauderdale Improvement Association (LLIA) proposes to conduct an application of aquatic herbicide; Sonar PR. ... We anticipate the treatment to occur between April 15-May 15, 2019 and will proceed only after LLIA obtains a permit for the treatment from the DEC.

Residents have 21 days to respond to the notice. Since the above information is not the complete letter, one can contact the Town Clerk’s office to review it in its entirety.

Supervisor Report –

- The County is still struggling with the back taxes in the Town of Fort Edward relevant to General Electric’s closure as well as the dewatering treatment plant.
- The property on County Route 61, formerly owned by Brand New Beginnings Youth Center, has been sold.

Highway Equipment – Councilman Nolan expressed his concerns that the Highway Department’s equipment is quite outdated. He wondered how other small towns are able to update their equipment more frequently. Do they have a replacement schedule? The Board agreed to discuss this topic in depth at the special meeting on April 24th after the Murray Hollow Road Bridge bids are opened.

RESOLUTION #32-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on March 6, 2019, Abstract #3 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	25-32	\$1,368.86
Highway	36-58	\$26,205.73

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk