

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
May 1, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on May 1, 2019 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Mike Nolan..... Councilman
- Travis Rea..... Councilman (8:14 pm)
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman
- Edward Rouse..... Councilman
- Tammy Skellie-Gilbert..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent (8:10 pm)
- Noel Hanf..... Planning Board Chair
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer
- Sharon Dunn..... CARES
- Jean McLenithan..... Assessor Chair
- John Gilbert..... BOAR

Also Present: Christine Eldred (Eagle Press)

RESOLUTION #41-19

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the April 3rd and 24th, 2019 Town Board minutes as written.**

[Highway Supt. arrived]

RESOLUTION #42-19

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

Town Clerk	\$5,192.77
Supervisor Receipts	\$57,004.18
Supervisor Disbursements	\$73,306.48

[Councilman Rea arrived]

REPORTS

Highway – The Highway Supt. shared the department’s work completed in April. In addition, the crew attended required training for excavators as well as sexual harassment training. He stated that the Town will receive \$184,255.04 for CHIPS (paving) funding for 2019.

Planning Board – No Planning Board report because the meeting will be held May 7th

Washington Co. CARES – The Cambridge, Greenwich and Schuylerville Libraries have been collaborating to offer the *Better Reader Partners* program. This program offers basic adult literacy instruction. Recently the program was awarded the Southern Adirondack Library Services *Program of the Year for 2018*. All book sale proceeds at the Cambridge Library in the month of May will be designated to that program.

The following “Pop Up” (Lunch) Events have been scheduled in May.

- Thursday, May 9th, 12noon at UP Church-Salem
- Wednesday, May 15th, 12noon at Proudfit Hall-Salem
- Monday, May 20th, 12noon at Cambridge Library

To reserve a seat for any of these lunch programs, call Elizabeth at (518) 746-2420 ext. 3440.

Finally, a reminder that there are drop boxes for unused or expired prescriptions and over the counter medications at the Washington County Law Enforcement Center and all Washington County village police departments. No needles will be accepted. If you are unable to get to a drop box, call a local police department for help to pick up the medication.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Repairs – When Lee Foster starts working on the Town Hall repairs, the Board would like a quote to determine how much it will cost to build a roof on the westside ramp of the Town Hall.

Jackson Assessor Positions – A few people contacted Assessor Chair Jean McLenithan as well as the Town Clerk about switching from a three-person assessor team to a sole assessor. A couple of people expressed interest in the assessor positions, however the extensive training required deterred them from making the commitment to be a candidate. Assessor McLenithan stated that if Jackson switched a sole assessor, a Clerk would be needed for approximately seven hours per week. Given that it’s so difficult to find candidates, the Board decided to have the Town Attorney draft a local law to switch from a three-person assessor team to a sole appointed assessor. The law will be available for review in time for the June Town Board meeting.

Murray Hollow Bridge Update – Following a review of the bids for the Murray Hollow Road Bridge project, it was determined that the lowest bid was \$80,000 higher than the total money available for the job. The County has given permission to the Town to keep the current temporary bridge, although Supt. Carney said repairs had been made recently to that structure. The Town has the option to re-bid the project in the fall which means the replacement would not be completed until the summer of 2020. The Town could also accept one of the bids and obtain a bond for the remainder of the cost. Supt. Carney proposed that a portion of the CHIPs money could be applied to the bridge project. Unfortunately, it would decrease how much paving could be completed this summer. The engineering company, GPI, believes new bids sought in the late fall/early winter for the summer of 2020 would come in lower, however they would probably still exceed the amount of money available. The Supervisor will talk with GPI again. The Board must make a final decision about the bids at the June 5th Town Board meeting.

RESOLUTION #43-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 3 in favor (Rich, Rouse, Skellie) - 1 against (Nolan) - 1 abstained (Rea), **that the Teamsters Local 294 is hereby recognized to be the exclusive bargaining representative for all full-time and part-time Motor Equipment Operators and Laborers employed by the Town of Jackson.**

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Dates:

- Tour of the Battenkill – Saturday, May 11th
- Jackson Democratic Caucus – Wednesday, May 15th (time/location TBA)
- Jackson Republican Caucus – Saturday, May 25th at 9 am, Jackson Town Hall

Highway Equipment Opportunity – Supt. Carney found a 2007 International Dump Truck on the Auctions International website. He suggested that the Town bid on it and if won, make plans to sell Jackson’s 1997 truck.

RESOLUTION #44-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse; **to allow the Highway Supt to bid up to \$67,500 on the 2007 International Dump Truck on the Auctions International website;** There was no seconded to the motion.

RESOLUTION #45-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to allow the Highway Supt to bid up to \$70,000 on the 2007 International Dump Truck on the Auctions International website.**

Supervisor Report – Supervisor Skellie shared the following:

- The County plans to approach the State to help with roof repairs and upgrades to the Lake Lauderdale Pavilion.
- The County recently purchased the Hudson Falls School District Administrative Building on Burgoyne Avenue. It’s expected to be used for extra storage.
- Finally, the County Annex #1 building is in need of extensive repairs.

RESOLUTION #46-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on May 1, 2019, Abstract #5 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	45-56	\$1,059.51
Highway	82-99 (excluding 94-96)	\$9,106.86
Machinery	94-96	\$1,140.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk