

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting  
August 7, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on August 7, 2019 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
- Tammy Skellie-Gilbert..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Noel Hanf..... Planning Board Chair
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer
- Sharon Dunn..... CARES

**Also, present:** Christine Eldred, The Eagle; Herb Vedder

**8:02 PM PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2019**

Supervisor Skellie opened the public hearing to welcome comments about Local Law #2 of 2019 which provides for a parking regulation on certain Town roads, specifically Eagleville Road. Basically, the law prohibits parking or standing of any vehicle on the south side of Eagleville Road from State Route 313 to the Eagleville Covered Bridge. There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Nolan stated that he believes the law isn't necessary because laws aren't always enforced and that more problems should occur before a law is passed. Supt. Carney shared a *Traffic Count Hourly Report* that was completed on Eagleville Road from June 24<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>. It showed that during the four-day 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend between the hours of 12noon-7 pm each day, a total of 2,150 motor vehicles traveled across Eagleville Road/bridge with almost 900 crossing on July 4<sup>th</sup> alone. Public hearing closed at 8:12 pm.

**RESOLUTION #61-19**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the July 3, 2019 Town Board minutes as written.**

**RESOLUTION #62-19**

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

Town Clerk	\$307.58
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Supervisor Receipts	\$54,738.63
Supervisor Disbursements	\$46,296.89

## **REPORTS**

**Highway** – Supt. Carney’s report outlined the department’s activities since May including paving projects; safety and MSHA trainings; mowing, grading; screening gravel and sand; and the removal of the Murray Hollow Road bridge. A few days after the July meeting, the culvert on Legry’s Road collapsed forcing the road to be closed. Supt. Carney expects to repair the culvert this month.

Supt. Carney is scheduled to meet on August 8<sup>th</sup> with a County official and three others who are involved with the shared services study to help determine if it’s feasible for municipalities to share highway buildings in the future.

Supt. Carney has been unable to find a replacement for the Town’s 2007 truck. Since the truck itself is still in good condition, proposed replacing the decaying body of the current 2007 truck which Zwack’s could complete before October. Two options are available: (1) a mild steel body for \$39,588 or (2) a stainless-steel body for \$46,113. Concerned about the cost, Councilman Rouse thought the mild steel body should be purchased.

## **RESOLUTION #63-19**

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-1 with Councilman Rouse voting against, **to approve the purchase of the stainless-steel body for \$46,113 from Zwack’s.**

## **Planning Board** – The Planning Board:

- Approved one-lot minor subdivision for Curtis Patrick; and
- Approved a boundary line adjustment for Hedges Lake, Inc./Harold Gilbar.

## **Washington Co. CARES** – Sharon Dunn shared the following:

- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides coupons for low-income seniors. The Office for the Aging has the coupon booklets. For more information, contact Sharon Zayachek at 518-746-2420.
- Fresh Food Collective by Comfort Food Community provides free fresh produce at a variety of locations every Friday from July 12<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently, the locations are in central Washington County on northward. If interested, contact the Town Clerk for a listing of sites and times.
- August Pop-Up lunch events are scheduled with the following activities:
  - Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, both at 12noon at Proudfit Hall, Salem and the Cambridge Library respectively will include Stacey Barcomb from the Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Initiative.
  - Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 12noon at the Greenwich VFW will include an ice cream social; and,
  - Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 12noon at the Greenwich Library will include Kristin Stewart, Registered Dietitian from the Washington County Nutrition Program.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Shields Road** – As requested, Herb Vedder researched speed humps used to slow vehicles traveling on certain roads. He spoke with several people including the Town of Greenwich Highway Supt. Stanley Mattison. Cossayuna Lake has removable speed humps during the warmer weather. Supt. Mattison stated that the Town purchased one hump and the Cossayuna Lake Association purchased a second one. He believes the humps have slowed traffic along Cossayuna Lake.

Mr. Vedder also spoke with Mark Spiezio from the Cambridge Rescue Squad to learn that the Rescue Squad would not have an issue with seasonal speeds humps being placed on Shields Road. Mr. Vedder was unable to connect with someone from the Shushan Fire Department.

Mr. Vedder commented that he recognizes the cost for these humps is expensive and the Town hasn't budgeted for them. Additionally, he said that since he's the only person complaining that perhaps the issue should be tabled until others complain.

**Town Hall Repairs** – The westside door of the Town Hall has been replaced. No estimate has been received for the ramp roof.

**Murray Hollow Bridge Update** – see highway report

**Town Picnic** – Another successful Town picnic was held on July 26<sup>th</sup> with approx. 85 people attending.

**RESOLUTION #64-19**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-1, with Councilman Nolan voting against, **to pass Local Law #2 of 2019 which will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Town Supplies** – The Town Clerk recently analyzed the cost of purchasing office supplies from four different companies. She determined that Amazon.com was by far the least expensive and asked permission to make purchases from that company using the Town's credit card. A tax exemption account was established last fall with Amazon. The Board agreed to purchase supplies from Amazon using the Town's credit card, however, added that the Town Clerk be the only one to place orders on behalf the Town.

**Salem Fire Department** – The Town Clerk shared that the Salem Fire Department routinely sends monthly reports to the Town Clerk, usually following the Town Board meeting. In the 2019 contracts, it states that *the fire department will provide a written and verbal presentation to the Town Board detailing activities for the prior year, including call statistics, at a meeting designated by the Town.* The Town Clerk will send an invitation to the four local fire departments to ask them to send a representative to the September Town Board meeting.

**County Report** – Supervisor Skellie shared that

- The County is caught up on its paving projects; and
- Plans are being made to move the county offices at 415 Lower Main Street (stone-front building where Public Health, Code Enforcement and Cooperative Extension are located) to the Burgoyne Street site (former Hudson Falls School District Administrative Offices).

**RESOLUTION #65-19**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on August 7, 2019, Abstract #8 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	81-93	\$14,370.44
Highway	138-153	\$9,011.22

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC  
Town Clerk