

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting September 4, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on September 4, 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 (8:05)
- Noel Hanf..... Planning Board Chair
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer
- Sharon Dunn..... CARES

Also, present: Leonard and Helen Billings; Tom Cassidy & Peter Shaw, Shushan FD; Greg Danio, Cambridge FD; and Bob Graham, Salem FD

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS:

The Salem, Shushan and Cambridge Fire Departments each sent a representative to share details from each district which included active members, total volunteer hours and the ongoing budgetary issues. In addition to the “cancer” insurance policy, each department must upgrade their radio equipment to the high-band radio system to be compliant with the County’s system. Fortunately, the districts were able to purchase the radios together which saved one-third of the cost. These are unfunded mandates. The Easton Fire Department wasn’t able to attend.

HELEN & LEONARD BILLINGS – Helen and Leonard Billings who have waterfront property at the end of Sullivan Way (northeast point) were present to share a problem they’ve been having with their adjacent neighbor. Mr. & Mrs. Billings, along with Mary Talmadge are the shareholders of Schoolhouse Pond Inc. which owns Sullivan, Christies and Alyssa Ways. The purchase of these roads was required in the late 90s when they were purchasing other adjacent land from Linda Sullivan. Each property owner along each road was given a right-of-way to access their own property. Despite the longtime no parking signs near the Billings property, one of the neighbors insists on parking on the road which blocks access forcing the Billings to drive onto another neighbor’s property to enter and exit their own property. In addition, parking on the road blocks emergency vehicle access, should the need arise. Mr. and Mrs. Billings sought counsel who told them to approach the Town Board since it was the Town [Planning Board] who required the corporation (Schoolhouse Pond, Inc.) to widen the road in the late 90s. Planning Board Chair Hanf briefly reviewed the documents held by the Billings. He offered to contact their attorney to discuss what options might exist to resolve the issue.

RESOLUTION #66-19

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the August 7, 2019 Town Board minutes as written.**

RESOLUTION #67-19

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

Town Clerk	\$198.99
Supervisor Receipts	\$62,485.39
Supervisor Disbursements	\$52,311.43

REPORTS

Highway – Supt. Carney’s report outlined the department’s activities in August including replacing the culvert on Legrys Road, screening sand, mowing, patching and clearing washouts on the west side of the town. He also stated that the eastside footings on the Murray Hollow Road Bridge are complete.

Planning Board – The Planning Board:

- Reviewed a site plan application for Tim Jansen where he wishes to construct a 72x100 foot commercial building on Dunbar Road; and
- Reviewed a sketch plan for Paul Bartholomew on Wallace Road where he wishes to subdivide approx. 16 acres from a 48.70-acre parcel.

Washington Co. CARES – Sharon Dunn shared the following:

- The free Legal Program offered at the Greenwich Library starts at 6 pm on
 - Thursday, October 10th on Special Education and Rights in Education for Disabled Children, Parent Supports ACCES-VR
- Washington County Office for the Aging is coordinating the Community Fall Festival on Friday, October 4th from 10 am to 3 pm at the Kingsbury Firehouse on Burgoyne Avenue. There will be certified insurance counselors to help with Medicare Open Enrollment questions as well as insurance plan representative. In addition, there will be presentations, outside activities, vendors and a \$5/plate take-away lunch.
- Balance and safety workshops will be held Thursday, September 19th at the Cambridge Valley Senior Center and on Monday, September 23rd at the Cambridge Library, both at 12noon. Lunch will be served. \$3 suggested donation for 60 and over. \$5 for those under 60. For more information, call Elizabeth at 518-746-2420 x3440
- September Pop-Up lunch events are scheduled on:
 - Monday, September 16th at 12noon at Proudfit Hall, (salad bar social); and,
 - Wednesday, September 18th at 12noon at the Greenwich VFW (caregiver support with Jean Marie Lundgren).

- The Cambridge Valley Senior Citizen, Inc. sent a letter to the Town Board thanking them for past donations, explaining their current financial situation and hoping the Town will consider their circumstances when planning the Town’s 2020 budget.
- Sharon Dunn thanked the Town Board for selecting her to represent Jackson on the CARES committee for the last four years, but that she would be stepping down on December 31, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Marriage License Fees – On August 20th, Governor Cuomo signed legislation waiving the state fee for marriage licenses for active duty members of the U.S. armed forces or their spouses. The bill also gives local governments the option to also waive their marriage license fee for active duty service members or spouses. When the Town Clerk receives more detailed information, she’ll share it with the Board.

Supervisor’s Report – Supervisor Skellie shared that the Association of Towns sent a letter encouraging the Town to become a member again. The Town Board will not reconsider joining at this time. Supervisor Skellie received a letter from Assessor Jean McLenithan stating that she will be resigning from her position as Town Assessor effective December 31, 2019.

OTHER

Councilman Nolan congratulated the Washington County Fair on another great week.

RESOLUTION #68-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Supervisor Skellie; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on September 4, 2019, Abstract #8A and 9 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
Highway 8A	154	\$2,030.50
General 9	94-101	\$1,433.52
Highway 9	155-166	\$21,416.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk

[Corrections in tracking](#)