

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting October 2, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on October 2, 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)
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman
- Edward Rouse..... Councilman (8:03)
- Tammy Skellie-Gilbert..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Noel Hanf..... Planning Board Chair
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer
- Heather McLenithan..... Town Justice
- Sharon Dunn..... CARES (absent)

Also present: Linda Ford, Christine Osmond, Sharon Pineo and others

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Haynes Way Drainage Issues – Linda Ford and Christine Osmond were present to talk with the Town Board about the drainage issues on Haynes Way just off Nesbitt Lane (across from the late Bill and Mary Dailey’s parcels). They would like to pave the road, however, they’re concerned that run-off could damage the road once paving is completed. They’ve talked with the Dailey’s adult children who seem open to developing a plan for the water run-off. The Town Board recommended that the Highway Supt. hold a meeting with all of the interested parties to devise a plan for next spring.

Dog Issues on Rexleigh Road – Phil Gould was present to express his frustration regarding the Dog Warden’s response time for handling an issue on Rexleigh Road. Starting in early August, Mr. Gould wanted to file a complaint against his neighbor who has four unlicensed dogs that constantly bark and howl. He visited the Town Clerk’s office multiple times (beginning August 13th) to ask why the Dog Warden doesn’t return his phone messages. Later, after he filed the complaint (on September 18th), he wondered why no action had been taken. The Town Clerk did email the Dog Warden several times with no response until after the fourth email on September 25th. The Town Supervisor said the Board will need to contact the Dog Warden.

RESOLUTION #69-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the September 4, 2019 Town Board minutes with one correction.**

RESOLUTION #70-19

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

Town Clerk	\$341.60
Supervisor Receipts	\$158,238.67
Supervisor Disbursements	\$172,460.57

REPORTS

Highway – The Highway Supt. gave an update of the department’s activities in September.

Planning Board – The Planning Board:

- Reviewed a minor subdivision application for Paul Bartholomew on Wallace Road where he wishes to subdivide 16.53 acres from a 48.70-acre parcel; and,
- Chairman Hanf reported that he’s been trying to contact The Billings’ attorney regarding the parking issues on Sullivan Way that were discussed at the September Town Board meeting.

Washington Co. CARES – Sharon Dunn was unable to attend the meeting but wanted to remind people about the upcoming free legal programs at the Greenwich Library:

- Thursday, October 10th on Special Education and Rights in Education for Disabled Children, Parent Supports ACCES-VR
- Thursday, November 14th on Long-Term Care, Supplemental Trusts & Medicaid Planning

OLD BUSINESS

Fire District Reports – Easton emailed their annual fire district report. Copies have been given to the Town Board members. Also, the Salem Fire District emailed their September report.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #71-19

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **that the Town Board of the Town of Jackson authorizes the Jackson Town Court ~~Justice Heather McLenithan~~ to apply for ~~the maximum amount totaling \$23,879.95 in the a~~ JCAP grant application ~~in order to address some of the needs identified in the Department of Public Safety Security Assessment under the NYS Unified Court System dated February 19, 2019~~ the 2019-20 grant cycle for the exact amount of \$23,879.95.**

RESOLUTION #72-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to give permission to the Washington County Historical Society to place a Pomeroy Foundation historic marker at the cemetery located at the intersection of County Route 61 and Skellie Road.**

RESOLUTION #73-19

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, with Councilman Rea abstaining, **to appoint Neal Rea to five-year term on the Board of Assessment Review effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024.**

2019 Early Voting – For the first time, Washington County residents will have the option to vote prior to the General Election on November 5th. Early voting will take place only at the Washington County Municipal Center in the Board of Election Room A212. Early voting begins on Saturday, October 26th and runs daily until Sunday November 3rd. Check the Town’s website for the hours that voting is open each of those days.

2020 Preliminary Budget – Budget Officer Donna Nolan presented the Board with the 2020 Preliminary Budget. A budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:30 pm and begin with a public hearing for Local Law #3 of 2019 to override the tax levy limit.

RESOLUTION #74-19

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 3-2, with Councilmen Nolan and Rea opposing, **to hold the January, February and March 2020 Town Board meetings at 1:00 pm and return to 8:00 pm meetings April through December 2020.**

RESOLUTION #75-19

A motion by Supervisor Skellie, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve using CHIPs money to pay for the remaining expenses associated with the Murray Hollow Road Bridge Project.**

RESOLUTION #76-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the following budget transfer:**

- **\$2,204.45 from DA5140.4 Brush & Weeds to DA5130.4 Machinery**

Supervisor’s Report – Supervisor Skellie shared

- *Lakes to Locks* is seeking a donation from the Town. However, given the Town’s other financial needs, a contribution will not be made at this time;
- The County now hopes to move the offices (Code Enforcement, Public Health, etc.) currently located in the stone-front Annex building to the recently purchased Hudson Falls School District Administrative Office Building on Burgoyne Avenue in the winter months; and,
- Like the Town, the County is struggling with difficult decisions regarding 2020 budget.

SHARON PINEO -

Sharon Pineo introduced herself to the Town Board. She plans to run for the 113th Assembly seat in 2020.

RESOLUTION #77-19

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on October 2, 2019, Abstracts #9A & #10 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
Capital-DASNY 9A	167 &168	\$42,351.74
General 10	102-118	\$2,327.08
Highway 10	169-189 (excluding #186)	\$22,679.03
Capital-Machinery 10	186	\$672.00

9:38 PM

RESOLUTION #78-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person.**

9:47 PM

RESOLUTION #79-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to close the Executive Session.**

RESOLUTION #80-19

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to terminate the employment of the current appointed Court Clerk effective immediately.**

RESOLUTION #81-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to appoint ~~Jaqueline~~Jacquelyn-Donisthorpe as the Court Clerk for the remainder of the calendar year effective immediately.**

9:49 PM

RESOLUTION #82-19

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk