

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

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on November 6, 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
- Sean Carney.....Highway Superintendent (8:05)
- Tammy Skellie-Gilbert..... Town Clerk
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer
- Sharon Dunn.....CARES

Also, present: Christine Eldred, Eagle Press

8:04 PM PUBLIC HEARING - 2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Skellie opened the public hearing to welcome comments regarding the 2020 preliminary budget. There were no comments from the public. The hearing closed at 8:05 pm.

Fuel Bids – One fuel bid was received from Main-Care Energy along with a Non-Collusive Affidavit.
Ultra-Low Sulfur #2 Fuel Oil – 18.5 cents over rack
Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel - 21 cents over rack
Ultra-Low Sulfur Kerosene – 23 cents over rack

RESOLUTION #86-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept 2020 fuel bid from Main-Care Energy.**

RESOLUTION #87-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the October 2, 2019 Town Board minutes as amended.**

RESOLUTION #88-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the October 15, 2019 Town Board minutes as written.**

RESOLUTION #89-19

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the October 2019 Town Clerk and Supervisor Reports as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$321.79
Supervisor Receipts	\$149,400.30
Supervisor Disbursements	\$145,479.77

REPORTS

Highway – The Highway Department has been:

- Replacing culverts;
- Patching;
- Shimming on Content Farm Road; and
- Preparing for “winter” weather.

The Murray Hollow Road Bridge project has been completed. There may be a ribbon cutting ceremony if Senator Betty Little can attend.

The Village of Cambridge has a 1997-wheel loader with 8,500 hours for sale. After some discussion, the Board decided not to pursue purchasing it in hopes of finding a newer model. Supt. Carney also stated that the pick-up truck should be replaced soon. If the Town orders a truck now, it should be available by Spring 2020. Supt. Carney will check the prices of the new models.

Planning Board – No Planning Board report since the meeting is scheduled for November 12th

CARES – Mrs. Dunn shared the following:

- There are flyers available to apply for HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program).
- The legal program at the Greenwich Library on December 13th will be on *Financial Planning for Retirement and Long-Term Care*. Register by calling 518-746-2572.
- Remember to get one’s flu and pneumonia shots.
- Medicare open enrollment continues until December 7, 2019. Contact the Office of the Aging and Disability Services for unbiased help navigating the Medicare programs.
- The Cambridge Library is getting positive recognition and feedback about the variety of programs they offer weekly for babies, preschoolers and elementary-age children.

OLD BUSINESS

Assessor position – Prior to the Town Board meeting, Jean McLenithan shared with Supervisor Skellie that she has reconsidered resigning from her assessor seat so the Town will not have to seek a certified assessor for 2020. She also asked the Town to pay for her and the two assessor-elects to attend training on December 6, 2019. The topic will be on property assessment re-evaluation which Jackson will be undergoing in 2020. The cost will be \$100 for Assessor McLenithan and \$150 each for the newly elected assessors.

RESOLUTION #90-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve spending \$400 to send Assessor McLenithan and Assessor-Elect Tim Grogan and Arek Gordon to the December 6th training on property assessment re-evaluation.**

2019 Preliminary Budget –

RESOLUTION #91-19

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adopt the 2020 budget as amended which includes a 4.4% increase (3% tax cap for 2020).**

Total Appropriations:	\$1,043,296.81 (includes fire contracts)
Total Revenues:	-\$261,172.81
Total Unexpended Balance:	<u>- \$79,000.00</u>
Amount to be raised by 2019 Taxes	\$703,124.00

Roll Call:

Supervisor Skellie	YES
Councilman Nolan	YES
Councilman Rea	YES
Councilman Rich	YES
Councilman Rouse	YES

NEW BUSINESS

Debra & Keith Rich’s Subdivision – Debra and Keith Rich had planned to subdivide one of their parcels. They submitted their application and paid the fee in May 2019 with the intent of being on the agenda in June. However, before the June meeting there were last minute issues with the survey. For few months, they tried to finalize the map until the buyer decided to back out of the purchase. Mr. and Mrs. Rich have asked to be refunded their subdivision fee of \$100. The Town had no expense invested in their subdivision.

RESOLUTION #92-19

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Supervisor Skellie; Resolution passed 5-0, **to refund the minor subdivision fee of \$100 to Debra and Keith Rich.**

Supervisor’s Report – The County is still finalizing the 2020 budget.

RESOLUTION #93-18

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

- **\$14.82 from A1620.4 Town Building Misc. to A1620.4 Town Building Garage**
- **\$243.44 from A1990.4 Contingent to A1620.4 Town Building Garage**
- **\$321.38 from DA5110.4 General Repairs to DA5130.4 Machinery**
- **\$896.95 from DA5140.4 Brush & Weeds to DA5130.4 Machinery**

- **\$5,000.00 from DA5130.2 Machinery to DA5130.4 Machinery**

RESOLUTION #94-18

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on November 6, 2019, Abstract #11 and authorize the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	119-134	\$2,515.02
Highway	191-215 (excluding #211)	\$30,790.25
Capital-Machinery	211	\$46,113.00

[Councilman Nolan left the meeting at 9:24 pm]

9:25 PM

RESOLUTION #95-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk