

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
May 6, 2020**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on May 6, 2020 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Although this meeting was held amid the COVID-19 pandemic, those present exercised social distancing throughout the meeting.

PRESENT:

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Mike Nolan..... Councilman
- Travis Rea..... Councilman
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman (present via phone)
- Edward Rouse..... Councilman
- Tammy Skellie-Gilbert..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer

Also present via GoToMeeting: Sharon Dunn, Christine Eldred, The Eagle

OPEN BIDS

Roof Over West Ramp – No bids were received by the April 1st nor the May 6th deadline to build a roof over Town Hall’s west ramp.

Pick-up truck – Two bids were received for a 2020 Chevy 3500HD, 4x4 pick-up truck:

- Ross Chevrolet, Inc, (Whitehall) - \$33,450.00
- DePaula Chevrolet (Albany) - \$34,426.00

(The Highway Supt. will review the bids while the meeting continued~~s~~)

RESOLUTION #25-20

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to dispense with the reading of the March minutes.**

RESOLUTION #26-20

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the March 4, 2020 Town Board minutes and the April 1, 2020 Town Board notes as written.**

RESOLUTION #27-20

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for both March and April 2020 as follows:**

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$273.56	\$4,222.07
Supervisor Receipts	\$32,214.62	\$35,906.67
Supervisor Disbursements	\$48,248.34	\$49,757.86

REPORTS

Highway – The Highway Department has been fully staffed and working during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite having \$218,000 for paving this summer, both the Highway Supt. and the Supervisor have been alerted that New York State could take back some of the CHIPs money earmarked for paving in order to help the state’s budget challenges. To protect the Town’s finances, the Town Board instructed the Highway Supt. to not spend more than 75-80% of the allocated money. If it’s later determined the money is still available, the department may be able to pave another small section.

After reviewing the truck bids, it was determined that one dealership matched all of the bid specifications.

RESOLUTION #28-20

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-1 with Councilman Rouse voting against, **to accept DePaula Chevrolet’s truck bid of \$34,426.00.**

RESOLUTION #29-20

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to put the Town’s current pick-up truck on Auctions International after the new truck is received and tested.**

RESOLUTION #30-20

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to send a letter to Washington County Department of Public Works to request a speed limit reduction to 30 mph on Rexleigh Road between State Route 22 and Rexleigh Bridge.**

Councilman Rouse asked Supt. Carney if a meeting had been scheduled with the residents who had approached the Town Board last October about the water run-off issues at the intersection of Nesbitt Lane and Haynes Way. Due to COVID-19, a meeting had not yet been scheduled, however, Supt. Carney and Councilman Rouse agreed to schedule a time with the residents at the site.

Planning Board – Due to COVID-19, the Planning Board did not meet on April 7th nor on May 5th, 2020. The board members did, however, connect on May 5th using the virtual resource GoToMeeting.com. No planning board business was discussed. The sole purpose was to ensure that each board member could connect from their residences and to determine if maps for the current projects could be easily seen on screen. The next meeting will be a virtual meeting on June 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS

Tour of the Battenkill – The 2020 Tour of the Battenkill scheduled for May 9th was cancelled due to COVID-19. The Organizers have rescheduled the event for September 12, 2020 and requested an updated *Municipal Letter of Acknowledgment/No Objection* from the Town. Like the previous acknowledgment approved by the Board January 8, 2020, the same notes will be included with this updated acknowledgment.

RESOLUTION #31-20

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to sign the *Municipal Letter of Acknowledgment/No Objection* supporting the rescheduled 2020 Tour of the Battenkill on September 12, 2020.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #32-20

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to grant the assessors a one-time extension of June 1, 2020, to complete the 2020 Tentative Assessment Roll as per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.22.**

Supervisor Report – Washington County is making plans to re-open various County Departments. The Department of Public Works will have split crews for two weeks and then on the third week be fully staffed again. Code Enforcement has been instructed to begin reviewing permits in order to be ready when New York State allows construction work to resume. Social Services is still serving clients both remotely and by appointment.

Councilman Nolan expressed his frustration regarding the emergency disaster policy which provides hourly, County employees time-and-a-half wages when working in the office during the pandemic. The increased wages are a substantial drain on taxpayer resources when so many residents in Washington County are struggling financially and not permitted to work. He requested that Supervisor Skellie bring his concern back to the Board of Supervisors.

RESOLUTION #33-20

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the audit committee's review of 2019 Justice books.**

RESOLUTION #34-20

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

- **Add \$14,383.93 to A1110.4a to reflect the 2019-20 JCAP grant money received**

RESOLUTION #35-20

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited n May 6, 2020, Abstract #5 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	46-56	\$1,626.83
Highway	74-96 (excluding 91- 9293)	\$22, 429049 .26
Capital-Machinery	91-9 23	\$ 566946 .00

9:25 PM

RESOLUTION #36-20

A motion by Councilman Rouse, 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.**

9:38 PM

RESOLUTION #37-20

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to come out of Executive Session.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk