

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting

May 5, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on May 5, 2021 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

- Jay Skellie.....Supervisor
- Mike Nolan.....Councilman
- Travis Rea.....Councilman
- Edward Rouse.....Councilman
- Heather Greenawalt.....Temporary Town Clerk
- Sean Carney.....Highway Superintendent
- Donna Nolan.....Budget Officer
- Amy Maxwell.....Planning Board Chair

Absent: Carol Rich

Also Present: Sharon Dunn, Debbie Craig, Christian Eldred from the Eagle, Jim Kennelly, Clauda Blacker

Presentation Battenville Cemetery

Presentation from Debbie Craig President of North Star Historical Project and Clauda Blacker the Vice President of North Star Historical Project who are both members of the Willard Mountain DAR. They presented to the Town Board that the DAR would like to raise money for a second plaque to honor Susan B. Anthony's brother. They see this to be fit due to last year being Susan B. Anthony's 200th anniversary of her birth. Debbie Craig handed out a portion of a letter requesting a wish of Susan B. Anthony: which was for a plaque to be placed in honor of her brother DR Anthony. The exact wording was in this letter. The DAR would like to fulfill this wish. This plaque would be placed next to the Susan B. Anthony monument in the Cambridge Battenville Cemetery with the exact wording that was requested by Susan B. Anthony 116 years ago.

RESOLUTION #40-21

A motion was made by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to give permission to the Willard Mt. DAR to raise money for a plaque for Susan B. Anthony's brother. This plaque will be placed in the Battenville Cemetery next to the monument for Susan B. Anthony.**

Babson Family Cemetery

Jim Kennelly the Town of Jackson Historian reported on the meeting April 12th for the Babson Family Cemetery at corner of State Route 313 and Eagleville Road. At this meeting the cemetery was looked over to get an idea of the perimeters. They will possibly be meeting May 18th or 19th with DEC to get idea of what can done with cemetery. It was discussed whether to fully clean the cemetery up or to compile information, find stones for OPRHP records and then to put cemetery back as found. The other option was to clean up, place sign and fencing. There were concerns of vandalism if restored and maintained. Supervisor Skellie inquired who would maintain the cemetery after the cleanup? The State or the Town? It was mentioned that there are graves from Embury family (graves 1774 – 75) which is connected with Embury Church in the Village of Cambridge. Mr. Kennelly will know more once they get in the cemetery and look around more. The Town Historian thanked the Town Board for the appointment and said he doesn't know a lot about the Town but is learning. He will be helpful where he can.

Approving of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #41-21

Following the reading of the minutes, a motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the April 7, 2021 Town Board minutes as written.**

Approving of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

RESOLUTION #42-21

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for April 2021 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$231.91
Supervisor Receipts	\$88,466.93
Supervisor Disbursements	\$62,469.65

REPORTS

Highway – Supt. Carney shared the following:

- All roads swept once and will possibly need to be done again
- Graded - 2/3 Cambridge Battenville and Wood Lane

- Cleaned School house lawn and put in a new pole for outside light
- Center Falls cut brush/trees
- Installed 350 ft. culvert and 250 ft. tile Cambridge Battenville – he plans to pave
- Had to rebuild the screen feeder for approx.. \$1,900
- '05 Truck barring went in steering column – had to purchase brand new \$1,700
- Gravel hauled back to the shop for culvert replacement

Agreement of Highway Spending

- Supt. Carney requested the Town Board sign Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys. This is an agreement between the Town Superintendent of Town of Jackson, Washington County, New York, and the members of the Town Board. This agreement lists the road to be paved commencing at Center Falls (Cozy-Hollow Intersection) and leading to Dunbar Rd. a distance of approx. 2.8 miles would put a 50 ft. apron on it – cost approximately \$255,000 to \$260,000– possibly receive \$262,725 in CHIPS.
- Will use the remaining money left over to shim.

Planning Board Report

Chair Maxwell reported on the May 4, 2021 Planning Board meeting.

- Boundary line adjustment at Allens Alley Way, off Nesbitt Road. Adjustments need to be made, no decision.
- They moved forward with the Borrego Solar project. The Planning Board approved part 3 narrative of the SEQR, with a minor adjustment made.
- A Negative Declaration of Environmental significance was found contingent on the regulations of the Resolution. Chair Maxwell does not sign and stamp until everything is all set. The Borrego Project will not be on the June agenda which is the first time in a year. Must now go through their court to satisfy all conditions of approval.
- Chair Maxwell has requested that the Town Board look over the Decommissioning Documents, the Town/Town Supervisor must sign off on these. Going into an agreement with Jackson Solar 1, LLC in regards to the Decommissioning of the project if needed. The bond money is there to use if have to for the Jackson Solar LLC. However, whoever is the owner at the

time is responsible for the Decommissioning project. The goal is to protect the Town.

- Town of Jackson will also be going into an Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Barton & Loguidice: Barton & Loguidice will be monitoring landscaping and contracting with the engineer service for Jackson Solar LLC, to make sure the project is built following the plans and up to code.
- Was an issue with a resident refusing to wear a mask and out of order. Law Enforcement was called once again. The gentleman was asked to leave and statements were taken.

Old Business

Supervisor Skellie mentioned that Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Company would not go any higher on the amount for the bond for seven years. They would however, do the higher amount at the five year. It was decided to stay with the Bond on the wheel loader only per resolution #36-21 at the April 7, 2021 Town Board meeting.

Resolution #43-21

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to appoint Heather Greenawalt Temporary Town Clerk as the Registrar of Vital Statistics and Records Management Officer effect May 5, 2021 to December 31, 2021.**

New Business

Speed limit Reduction

There was a speed limit reduction request for O'Donnell Hill Road, due to the excessive speed. There are concerns of after hour traffic of the Amish and their safety.

Resolution #44-21

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph on Route 61 between Route 22 and Route 62 also known as O'Donnell Hill Road.**

Supervisor's Report

- Not sure what money is for or how to spend money that is on its way due to COVID.

- As Sean Carney mentioned CHIPS money and the paving will be started weather permitting.
- Mentioned that in regards to the County paving, it would be the upper end of the County and also County Route 59, Town of Cambridge.
- Supervisor mentioned that Deputy Town Clerk Vicki Ruggles would be paid \$14.50 per hour the same as Temporary Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt.

Auditing of the Bills

Resolution #45-21

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, for **Budget Transfer/Amendment in General Fund to reflect money in the amount of \$10,000 being added to A1620.4 Town Building for repairs/painting. This money is from funds leftover from 2020 Budget and not used in 2021 Budget.**

Second Budget Transfer/Amendment being of the Highway Fund; Budget Amendment to reflect insurance money received from damage to 2020 Chevy Silverado Pickup (DOL – 3/9/21) money added to DA5110.4 in the amount of \$1,887.99.

Resolution #46-21

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution 4-0, to approve payment of the following bills as audited on May 5, 2021, Abstracts #5 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General 5	55-67	\$7,742.50
Highway 5	77-92	\$9,267.83

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Temporary Town Clerk

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