

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting

August 4, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on August 4, 2021 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
- Heather Greenawalt.....Temporary Town Clerk
- Donna Nolan.....Budget Officer
- Amy Maxwell.....Planning Board Chair

Absent: Ed Rouse

Also Present: Richard Michaud, James Carey, Sharon Dunn, Kelly Donahue, Christine Eldred from the Eagle

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #58-21

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

Town Clerk Report

- **As of Monday, August 2nd – 2021-2022 hunting license sales have started. DMP – Doe Permits are on sale till October 1st.**
- **22 Dog licenses – 21 Renewals/1 Original**
- **1 Death in the Town**
- **Planning Board Subdivision fees**
- **Total money collected month of July \$305.51**
- **Amount remitted to the Town \$269.51**

Approving of the Town Clerk & Supervisor's Reports

Resolution #59-21

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve Town Clerk & Supervisor's Reports for July 2021 as follows:**

Town Clerk's Fees to Town	\$537.14
Supervisor Receipts	\$612,106.34
Supervisor Disbursements	\$376,313.76

Guests

James Carey resident living at 935 County Rt. 61 brought to the Town Board issues concerning his neighbor across the street. He said that his neighbors have type of recording studio with Rolling Stones music, amps and electric guitars. He mentioned that he can set on their deck and the nuisance noise is terrible. He has called the Sheriff 2 times and the State Police twice. He was requesting of the Town to do a possible temporary injunction till they set a noise ordinance. Mr. Carey mentioned that where he lives is being destroyed and disturbed. He said that 2 days ago he had 2 flat tires. Now when the neighbors go by his house they lay on the horn. The board mentioned that this is considered harassment and he should call the Sheriff and take further action. The Supervisor mentioned that the Town of Jackson doesn't have a noise ordinance it was never adopted. Mr. Carey had a copy of the Washington County Noise Ordinance. Each Board member was given a copy, and Supervisor Skellie said that they would review it.

Rachel Michaud and Howard Freed own a home on Colfax Road. Mrs. Michaud attended the meeting in regards to the funding money received from the state. The ARPA money. Mrs. Michaud has concerns that this money can not be used for expanding Rural Broadband. She is requesting that the Town invest money in Rural Broadband. Her concerns are the White Space on the Broadband map where no service is available. The Town could possibly invest money with the County to expand into Broadband areas that have white space. Mrs. Michaud concerns are not only for themselves but for the small businesses, students, teacher, etc.

Highway Report

Supervisor Skellie reported in Sean Carney's absence. Sean has been sick in the hospital for the past 4-5 days. The highway department has finished paving and the CHIPS paperwork has been filed and hopefully payment will be received in September. The Payloader has arrived. There is a question of what model the loader is? The loader received was JD 524P instead of JD 524L. Sean Carney has reviewed the specs and hasn't seen a difference. Supervisor Skellie, Councilman Nolan and Rea reviewed the specs at the meeting. There were tremendous rain storms, Jackson had only a few small washouts. However, Salem had tremendous washouts, Jackson helped Salem along with the County and many other towns. The highwaymen have been out mowing roads, the tractor is up and going again.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Chair Amy Maxwell reported that the Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, Consultant Steve LeFevre, which concerns Site Inspection Engineering Services for proposed Jackson Solar 1, LLC Project needs to be signed. Supervisor Skellie and Councilman Nolan wondered if they should contact the Town Attorney to review the Agreement. They had concerns legally what happens if this project falls through and does not move forward. They discussed that Boreggo Solar project has not been on the agenda the last couple months. Chair Maxwell said that she was not surprised, they had a long list of things to comply with.

Agreement with B & L Resolution #60-21

Councilman Nolan motioned, Seconded by Councilman Rea **to sign the Agreement with Barton & Loguidice for Site Inspection Engineering Services proposed Jackson Solar 1, LLC Project, Town of Jackson**; Resolution passed 4-0.

- Subdivision and Boundary Line Adjustment Rt. 313. SEQR Part II was reviewed. Survey maps will be reviewed September meeting and the Public Hearing will be October.
- Boundary line adjustment Hedges Lake, applicant had all qualifying paperwork. 10 Neighbors present at the meeting, worked things out and all parties agreeable. Will attend next month.
- Solar Law/renewable resources energy law - In 2016 the Town of Jackson passed a moratorium for Solar. The Planning Board would like to pass a Moratorium for 1 year to give them time to create a Solar/renewable energy law. Kelly Donahue Planning Board member was present and is willing to help create the Solar Moratorium. The only concern is to make sure that the Moratorium is worded correctly. This Moratorium would be for Commercial Solar projects, current project is 5 mega watt. The Board felt comfortable making it for one year to give them penalty of time to create the Solar Law. Also, the question was whether or not should include other renewable resources such as wind and methane digester? Amy Maxwell the Planning Board Chair is interested in contacting Terresa Barkner from Whiteman Osterman & Hanna for legal expertise in creating this law. This would give her an idea of cost because the town would have to pay for this. The go ahead was given for Ms. Maxwell to contact Terresa Bakner.
- Amy Maxwell also mentioned to the Town Board that just FYI- By Laws for the Planning Board were created/last approved September 22, 1986.

Old Business

Mentioned that on Hedges Lake 1138 – no longer owned by anyone – lady that used to own the road doesn't – no one is maintaining.

ASA – Kenyon Hill Farm

The vote from the last meeting is null/void due to Mr. Nolan not leaving the room.

Councilman Michael Nolan recused himself from this vote. Councilman Michael Nolan and his wife, Clerk to the Supervisor, Donna Nolan left the Town of Jackson, Town Hall for this matter on the ASA-Kenyon Hill Farm.

Resolution #61-21

Councilwoman Rich motioned,

Seconded by Councilman Rea,

Be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Jackson convey's it's full support for Agricultural Stewardship Association's Kenyon Hill Farm – Legrys Road application to the state for the Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Round 18. The project totals approximately 88 acres, all located in the Town of Jackson. The property is currently owned by Donna and Michael Nolan.

Vote:

Ayes – 3

Noes - 0

New Business

Court Clerk Position

Heather McLenithan, Town of Jackson Town Justice has requested that Vicki Ruggles be appointed Deputy Court Clerk. The current Court clerk has Health issues. Vicki has already taken the Court Clerk test.

Resolution #62 – 21

Councilman Rea motioned, Seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution 4-0, **to appoint Victoria Ruggles to the position of Deputy Court Clerk for the Town of Jackson.**

Sharon Dunn a resident of the Town of Jackson mentioned that over the years the Senior Advisory Council has had Luncheon Coupons, now there is Farmer’s market vouchers for seniors. They are in the second or third year of this now. The Cambridge Library also has a refrigerator with fruits, veggies, and other things. The library is open 30 hours a week.

There has been a resurgence in COVID and the county is still offering Vaccines and clinics.

Gravel Bed

The Gravel bed may be sold in the near future. The new owner may still work something out with the Town, but still need to get stock piles out and the screener. May have to look for other sources.

Auditing of the bills

Resolution #63-21

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution 4-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on August 4, 2021, Abstract #8, #8A, Capital Machinery, and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from respective funds:**

FUND	BILL#	AMOUNT
General 8	#95 – 106	\$21,935.59
Highway 8	#125 – 148	\$11,922.24
Highway 8A	#125	\$64,762.48
Capital Machinery 8	#146	\$142,635.00

Budget Amendments/Transfers

Resolution #64-21

A motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution 4-0, **to do a budget amendment to add CHIPS money in improvements line item DA5112.2 in the amount of \$159,379.48.**

Resolution #65-21

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution 4-0, **to transfer money from Contingent A1990.4 to A1620.4 Town Bldg. Misc. in the amount of \$4,750.00.**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Greenawalt - Temporary Town Clerk