

# Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting

## September 1, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on September 1, 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
- Ed Rouse.....Councilman
- Heather Greenawalt.....Temporary Town Clerk
- Donna Nolan.....Budget Officer
- Amy Maxwell.....Planning Board Chair

Also present: Jerry Preece, John Pedersen, Christine Eldred from the Eagle

**Approving of the Minutes**

**Resolution #65-21**

Following reading of the minutes, a motion was made by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept August 4, 2021 Town Board minutes as written.**

**Town Clerk Report**

- **20 Dog License renewals**
- **9 Dog License purebred**
- **2 marriage licenses**
- **1 copy of marriage license**
- **2 Fishing licenses**
- **Bingo Fees submitted – total \$8.45**
- **Total receipts - \$698.46**
- **Total receipts – submitted to the Town \$178.40**

**Approving of the Town Clerk & Supervisor’s Reports**

**Resolution #66-21**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve Town Clerk & Supervisor’s Reports for August 2021 as follows:**

Town Clerk’s Fees to Town	\$ 269.51
Supervisor Receipts	\$ 95,842.77
Supervisor Disbursements	\$356,551.28

**Guests**

Jerry Preece attended from the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce he is looking at attracting a small handful of jobs to the area. Mr. Preece mentioned that he is very aware that this is an Agricultural Community, he grew up in the Cambridge area. He mentioned that a place like Cambridge can be very attractive to people. He would like to try and tract jobs by short shareable video to attract people to the Cambridge area. He will be working with Black Dog designs Market from Glens Falls. His plan is to do 10-12 short videos and cycle them out once a month. He will target people that already employed and get them to pack up and move to Cambridge. Mr. Preece is requesting 4% of the American Rescue funds from the three towns Cambridge, Jackson and Whitecreek. It was mentioned that Tourism is one of the things that the Rescue funds can be spent on. Mr. Preece did mention that he had spoken with the other Towns and the Mayor and it looked very promising.

#### Highway Report

- **Some Storm Damage**
- **Ditching has been done on Kenyon Hill**
- **Gravel has been put on Murray Hollow and Scotch Hill Rd.**
- **They have been hauling gravel back to the Garage. They have talked to the new buyer of the Gravel bed and he said that they can buy gravel but they can't screen. The Gentleman that has bought the pit is from Long Island.**
- **They will have gravel and sand both stock piled for this year**
- **Mentioned that Culverts have been on order for over 2 months, it is hard to get resin plastic and can't get steel**

#### **Resolution #67A-21**

Councilman Rea motioned, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to put the used Pay loader on Auctions International.**

Highway Superintendent Carey mentioned that it might be worth \$15,000 – 20,000, it was thought that they would wait and see what the bid was and then they could accept or decline.

#### **Planning Board**

Amy Maxwell did not attend the meeting, the Planning Board meeting will not be till September 7<sup>th</sup>.

- It was mentioned that would still like to move forward with the Solar Moratorium
- John Pedersen was present at the meeting and he asked why the Town of Jackson needed a separate law. He said why not refine the questions and put the rules in the Site Plan Review. He suggested to contact Christopher Eastman at the Department of State.

#### **Resolution #67B – 21**

Councilman Rouse motioned, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0 **to set a Public Hearing for Local Law #1 Solar Moratorium on October 6, 2021.**

#### **Old Business**

Supervisor Skellie mentioned that last month a noise issue was brought before the Town Board. The Supervisor said that neither the Town of Jackson or Washington County have a noise ordinance in place.

Another issue was mentioned in regards to an Air B&B with a noise issue. The people come in and rent the Air B&B, they do fireworks, etc. and the grassy fields may be dry, this is a safety issue. The Supervisor had a discussion with Town of Whitecreek Supervisor Jimmy Griffin who is involved with the Air B&B, suggested that restrictions and rules be put in the rental agreements. The cops should be called if there are issues, safety and quality of life should be considered.

### **New Business**

Ashley Yurschak-Brown term for the BAR is coming due. She would like to be reappointed.

### **Resolution #68-21**

Councilman Rea motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution 5-0 to **appoint Ashley Yurschak-Brown for another five-year term(10/01/2021 – 09/30/2026) on the Town of Jackson’s Board of Assessment Review.**

**Lakota Wedding Barn has contacted the Town and they need a letter addressed to the NYS Liquor Authority stating that the Town of Jackson approves of them serving alcohol at their establishment.**

### **Resolution #69-21**

Councilman Rouse motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution 5-0 to **permit the Lakota Wedding Barn to serve alcohol at their establishment and a letter will be sent to the NYS Liquor Authority confirming that.**

### **Reevaluations**

Letters have gone out to residents from GARR Associates in regards to the Property Reevaluations. Some information has been found to be incorrect, it is suggested to fill out the sheets and get them back to GARR Associates. If the assessments are close leave them alone. Residents will have opportunities to meet with GARR Associates.

### **County**

Budget process has started up. Staying within the 2% cap Town/County. County is getting a lot of paving done.

### **Budget Transfer**

#### **Resolution #70**

Councilman Nolan motioned, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution 5-0 to **do two budget transfers the first being from DA5110.1 in the amount of \$306.85 to DA5120.1 and the second being from DA5110.1 in the amount of \$823.72 to DA5140.1.**

**Auditing of the bills**

**Resolution #71-21**

Councilman Rea motioned, seconded by councilwoman Rich; Resolution 5-0 to approve payment of the following bills as audited on September 1, 2021 Abstract #9, #9A Capital Machinery, and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from respective funds:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>BILL</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
General 9	#107 – 115	\$1,316.11
Highway 9	#149 – 165	\$8,996.10
Capital Machinery 9	#159 – 162	\$1,552.00

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Temporary Town Clerk  
Town of Jackson