

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting

October 6, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on October 6, 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: Sharon Dunn, Jean McLenithan Assessor, Christine Eldred from the Eagle, Kelly Donahue Planning Board member

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #72-21

Following the reading of the minutes with one correction: Amy Maxwell was not present at the meeting and she was listed in the beginning of the minutes as attending. A motion was made by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the September 1, 2021 minutes amended with one correction.**

Public Hearing for Local Law #1 for Solar Moratorium

The Supervisor opened the public hearing for the Local Law #1 for Solar Moratorium at 8:10 PM. Amy Maxwell the Planning Board Chair had concerns of whether or not projects already in progress could continue with this moratorium in place. Jean McLenithan asked about the usage of the word Building Inspector and stated that there was no Building inspector in the Town of Jackson. It was however mentioned that a Building Inspector was used from the County code Enforcement. Sharon Dunn commented that she thought that most Towns were finding themselves in the same position that they had nothing in place for Solar.

There being no more public comments the Public hearing was closed at 8:20 PM.

Town Clerk Report

- **18 Dog License renewals**
- **16 Total Hunting licenses**
- **Bingo proceeds submitted – total \$21.96**
- **1 death in the Town – 1 certificate**
- **Total receipts - \$1,923.97**
- **Total remitted to DEC - \$1,656.10**

- NYS AG & Markets - \$32.00
- Total receipts remitted to the Town - \$235.87

**Approving of the Town Clerk & Supervisor’s Report
Resolution #73-21**

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

Town Clerk’s Fees to Town	\$ 178.40
Supervisor Receipts	\$ 338,192.86
Supervisor Disbursements	\$ 51,749.69

Highway Report

- Very Wet the month of September
- Worked on Skellie Road – looking at paving next year
- Replaced 80ft. – 42” culvert, 40ft – 15” culvert, 80ft – 18” culvert
- County did help do some of the work with excavator on Skellie Rd.
- Also did 500ft. of tile – Skellie Road
- Cleaning out the pit and working on stock piling at the shop, loader came out of the pit yesterday and finished with the sand
- Have graded a few of the Roads
- Colfax patching/chip seal 7,000 ft.
- Sean the Highway Superintendent made the Town Board aware that prices of gravel, stone, and sand may double/triple from what they are now. Right now price \$7.00-12.00/ton
- The Equipment on Auctions International: Pay Loader brought \$21,100 and the mower \$1,025.

Auctions International Bids

Resolution #74-21

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0, to accept the bids on Auctions International for the Pay Loader \$21,100 and the mower for \$1,025.

The Highway Superintendent mentioned that trucks were inspected and the ’95 Old single axle truck is in rough shape. He has found a 2002 new single axle and another truck that is for sale with a good plow and a center discharge sander. The total for both trucks are \$15,000. He requested permission from the Town Board to go look at them. They granted permission.

Planning Board Report

Amy Maxwell the Planning Board Chair reported meeting held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

- Public Hearing held for a minor subdivision, the community showed up and gave their blessing.
- There were two boundary line adjustments approved.

- The Planning Board meeting time has been changed to 6:30 PM, starting on November 9th.
- Chair Maxwell mentioned that saw Debbie Craig and the Susan B. Anthony plaque is ordered. Yes Supervisor Skellie said it is all ordered.
- The Chair thanked the Town Board for entertaining the idea of the Moratorium Law.
- The Planning Board encouraged the Town Board to hire a consultant to help them through creating this law. She mentioned how Theresa Bakner has been helpful in the past and they would like to hire her. There is no Lawyer background on the Planning Board as in the past. The Planning Board would like to make sure that they create an efficient law that will protect the landowner and the Town. They also would like to stay within the timeline of the Moratorium.
- Amy Maxwell has been in touch with Theresa Bakner and she said that fee would be \$365/hr. When she helped with the Boreggo Project, Mrs. Bakner attended 2 Planning Board meetings, had involvement in the Part 3 and with the Resolution writing. The cost to the Town of Jackson was \$5,500.
- The Planning Board is thinking that they may need her to attend 1 meeting, help draft/look at the copy of the Law. It would be no more than \$5,500 but possibly less than \$3500. Not sure yet. The Town Board gave their feelings on this, and thought that it was a good idea to set a dollar limit.
- Chair Maxwell has reached out to Theresa Bakner, however she has not secured anything yet.
- It was discussed if there was anyway that this could be billed to the applicant. It was thought no, however an application fee would be added to cover costs. This would help offset the costs.

Creating Law for Alternative Energy

Resolution #75-21

Councilman Rea motioned, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 5-0 to approve the hiring of a consultant to help with the Solar energy Law – Alternative Energy, with a limit of \$5,000.

Local Law #1 2021 Solar Moratorium

Resolution #76-21

Councilman Rouse motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0 to approve the Local Law #1 2021 entitled “Moratorium prohibiting large scale solar, wind, and alternative energy installations within the Town of Jackson.

Roll call vote:

- Councilwoman Rich – Aye**
- Councilman Nolan – Aye**
- Supervisor Skellie - Aye**
- Councilman Rouse – Aye**
- Councilman Rea - Aye**

Agreement with B&L

Conditions of approval were received from B&L and it was suggested that these be sent on to Town Attorney, Alan Wrigley. After response is received from Alan Wrigley then a decision will be made.

Councilman Rouse asked how the reval was going, Assessor Jean McLenithan said that it was rough.

Jean McLenithan mentioned her concerns about the Amish and that someone is going to get hurt. They really need to have reflectors on their buggies.

New Business

Supervisor Skellie said that needed to have a Budget Meeting this month. The Tax cap override would have to be decided on. It was decided to have the Budget meeting on October 20th at 7:00 PM. The Public Hearing would be held for the Local Law #2 of 2021 the Tax Cap Override. Right now, the 2022 Budget is at a 12% increase.

Foil Request has been received on an individual in the Town of Jackson– the lawyer with the request will be contacted, made known that copies can be made and mailed for a fee.

Councilwoman Rich said that she would like to have the meeting in January, February, March at 1:00 PM.

Resolution #77-21

Councilwoman Rich motioned, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 5-0, **to have the meetings in January/February/March of 2022 at 1:00 PM.**

Budget Transfers

Resolution #78-21

Councilman Rea motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, to approve three budget transfers:

Budget Transfer one from DA5110.1 General Repairs, to DA5120.1 bridges in the amount of \$3,624.50, second transfer from DA5110.1 General Repairs, to DA5140.1 Brush & Weeds in the amount of \$1,087.35, third transfer from A1990.4 Contingent, to A1989.4 Adjustment to Taxes by County in the amount of 1,948.08.

Auditing of the bills

Resolution #79-21

Councilwoman Rich motioned, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution 5-0 to approve payment of the following bills as audited on October 6, 2021 Highway & General Abstract #10, Machinery Abstract #10, and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from respective funds:

FUND	BILL	AMOUNT
General	#116 – 129	\$ 5,040.11
Highway	#166 – 190	\$34,323.47
Machinery	#186 – 187	\$ 2,716.00

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Heather Greenawalt
Temporary Town Clerk
Town of Jackson**