

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting  
January 5, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on January 5, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall for the annual organizational meeting.

**PRESENT:**

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Travis Rea..... Councilman
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman
- Jennifer VanDeWater..... Councilwoman
- Molly Dixson..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer

**Also present:** Christine Eldred, Eagle Press; as well as several local attendants.

**Absent:** Councilman Ed Rouse

**Salem Fire Department** – Bob Graham from the Salem Volunteer Fire Department was present to share year-end activity totals for 2021.

- 156 calls.
- 34 active members, 7 active support members.
- Annual testing and/or inspections for equipment were evaluated and either passed or were repaired in accordance with OSHA.
- Many meetings were held and fundraisers were completed.
- Total hours for the year 2021 were 7,940.

**RESOLUTION #1-22**

Following the reading of the minutes, a motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the December 30, 2021 Town Board minutes with the amendment of adding Highway Superintendent Carney to those sworn in for their oath.**

**RESOLUTION #2-22**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for December 2021 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$20.17
Supervisor Receipts	\$36,913.99
Supervisor Disbursements	\$147,479.14

**REPORTS**

**Highway** – Highway Sup. Carney reported that the Highway Dept. has been keeping up with sanding and plowing of the roads. He also has been getting prices for a new stove and has been waiting on responses back, as it has been in discussion that we replace the old wood-burning stove with a newer, more efficient furnace. The board discussed price differences between Main Care and Braymer and lifetime warranty packages, and the cost difference of having to pay someone to load the stove throughout the year and for buying a backup generator, which would be about the same.

*Side Note:* Amy Maxwell, Planning Board Chair, could not make it the Town Board Meeting. The Planning Board report was missing from the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting due to a miscommunication error on the Clerk’s part, the report was retrieved after the meeting and reads as follows:

**Planning Board** – Planning Board Report from the January 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting:

- Survey checklist for minor subdivisions has been updated online.
- Addressing concerns from a Jackson citizen about the interpretation of our current Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Board would like our Town Attorney to review the language of the regulation as it is confusing. The specific area of confusion is with the difference between major and minor subdivisions and whether or not they need to be located on a public road. The discussion arose due to a minor subdivision located in Battenkill Evergreens.
- The goal of the Planning Board is to have a draft Solar Law to Teresa Bakner after our February 1, 2022 meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION #3-22**

A motion was made by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rea: Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the agreement for the 2022 Tour of the Battenkill.**

### **RESOLUTION #4-22**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to purchase a new Thermo Pride 0L33-200 furnace with 200,000 BTU and a Lifetime Warranty for the Town’s Highway Building at the cost of \$9,726.10.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman VanDeWater requested we begin our meeting with a prayer after the Pledge of Allegiance, the board agreed and noted that no Resolution was required.

### **RESOLUTION #5-22**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the following appointments for the year 2022:**

- Deputy Supervisor Travis Rea
- Deputy Town Clerk/Collector/ Registrar Victoria Ruggles
- Deputy Highway Supt. Jeff Ruggles



**RESOLUTION #11-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **giving the Town Supervisor permission to pay certain monthly bills in advance of the regular monthly meetings if the due date is too close to the meeting date, thus making the payment late (i.e. phone bill, internet, electric).**

**RESOLUTION #12-22**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to appoint Councilman Rea and Rouse to audit the Court accounts and, Councilwoman Rich to audit the Town Clerk-Tax Collector accounts.**

The Board discussed The Association of Towns 2022 Legislative Program and showed interest in the proposal to provide all towns with the authority to set speed limits on local roads, which currently requires state approval. They also discussed a program that gives towns allowances per parcel in town jurisdiction. Sup. Skellie said that Jean McLenithan is looking into the program for specific details.

**RESOLUTION #13-22**

A motion made by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to allow Sup. Skellie to sign paperwork for a program giving town’s allowances of \$1.50 - \$2.00 per parcel, pending further inquisition.**

**Supervisor Report –**

**RESOLUTION #14-22**

A motion made by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to put \$10,000 into the Compensation Absences Fund.**

**RESOLUTION #15-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on January 5, 2022, Abstract #1 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	1-3	\$262.19
Highway	1-3	\$1,261.33

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Dixson Town Clerk