

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting  
February 2, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on February 2, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

**PRESENT:**

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

**Also present:** Town Historian Jim Kennelly and Christine Eldred from The Eagle

**Absent:** Councilman Travis Rea

Jim Kennelly, the town’s Historian, was present to make a formal request to the board that we move many of the town’s historical records to a more safe and accessible space, both to preserve the records and to allow for more room in the Town Hall. He suggested we move them to the County Historian’s office as it is, in his opinion, the best option.

**RESOLUTION #16-22**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve Jim Kennelly’s request to move old Town Documents to the County Historian’s office.**

**RESOLUTION #17-22**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the January 5, 2022 Town Board minutes as read.**

**RESOLUTION #18-22**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for January 2022 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$137.09
Supervisor Receipts	\$776,653.22
Supervisor Disbursements	\$65,059.48

## **REPORTS**

**Highway** – The Highway Superintendent shared the department’s activities in the month of January which included snow plowing and sanding as well as equipment maintenance. He also stated that the oil tank was installed for the new furnace, which may be arriving in a few days, weather depending. He has been calling around to get prices on a 4-yard dumpster. The board discussed price differences and whether or not it could be funded out of the Highway’s current budget, which they agreed it could. The Highway Sup. recommended Ace Carting’s waste collection service, as it is the cheapest option. The board suggested we see if they would provide pickup just once a month at a cheaper rate. The Highway Sup. also mentioned that we are in the application process of receiving a grant from DEC that will cover a 70-75 foot-long culvert on Carney Cassidy Road, work that the Highway Dep. will do.

## **RESOLUTION #19-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Supervisor Skellie; Resolution passed 3-1, **to approve getting a 4-yard dumpster with Ace Carting at the rate of \$88 a month or less, pending further inquisition.**

**Planning Board** – The Planning Board:

- No quorum for the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- There was a Minor Subdivision sketch plan presented by Jeremy Alexander for 1203 State Route 313.
- The Planning Board had a group discussion for the Solar Laws draft, they will work on the draft at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Chair Amy Maxwell has an email out to Town Attorney Alan Wrigley about the language of subdivision regulations based on concerns from a resident.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Appointments** – Upon realization that some appointments for the year needed to be amended after the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the board agreed to correct those appointments at this time.

### **2022 Appointment corrections:**

*Deputy Highway Superintendent* - Richard Bentley

*Chairman Assessor* - Arek Gordon

*Court Clerk* - Jacqueline Donisthorpe

*Deputy Court Clerk* - Victoria Ruggles

## **RESOLUTION #20-22**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the amendment of the appointments.**

**State Rebate on Revaluation** – Supervisor Skellie Signed the paperwork for the State Rebate on Revaluation, which has since been sent in by Assessor Jean McLenithan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Farm Worker Housing Grant** – The Board discussed a state grant that upgrades farm worker housing and is done by municipality, something that would benefit the town and the many farms in our rural community.

**RESOLUTION #21-22**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to apply for the State Grant that improves farm worker housing.**

**Supervisor Report –**

- The Supervisor advised of a group that is paid to find every house within Jackson limits that does not have internet, as there are a lot of underserved people in our town. He reminded the Board that the first step in the process to get internet to everybody in rural communities such as ours is to apply for grants that provide service throughout the county. He also reminded them that this was an approved use of funds for the CARES Act, which may contribute money towards the issue as well as a grant.
- The Highway Department is in need of a generator, another expense that could be funded by the CARES Act, as a backup generator for both the Highway building and Town building would be beneficial in case of power outages. The Supervisor will be looking into different options to compare.

**RESOLUTION #22-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the following budget transfer:**

- A1410.4 – A1410.1A FOR \$222

**RESOLUTION #23-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on February 2, 2022, Abstract #2 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	4-21	\$115,748.12
Highway	7-28	\$30,811.24

**RESOLUTION #24-22**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, ~~**to adjourn at approximately 2:28 pm.**~~ **To adjourn at approximately 2:22 pm.**  
~~The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.~~ **The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amendments in Tracking

Molly Dixson, Town Clerk