

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

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

PRESENT:

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

Also present: Christine Eldred from The Eagle and Sharon Dunn

Absent: Councilwoman Carol Rich

RESOLUTION #25-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to amend the time of adjournment of the February 2nd meeting to 2:22 pm.**

RESOLUTION #26-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the February 2 meeting minutes as read with the amendment of changing the time of adjournment to 2:22 pm.**

(Superintendent Carney arrived during the reading of the minutes at about 1:10 pm.)

RESOLUTION #27-22

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$49.63
Supervisor Receipts	\$1,129.09
Supervisor Disbursements	\$178,633.28

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney said that February had been a busy month for the Highway Department with all the plowing and sanding that was required. They have also been cleaning dirt and ice from culverts, maintaining trucks and filling holes with crushed stone. The new furnace for the Highway Garage was put in on the 23rd of February and has been running smoothly. Superintendent Carney said there was a small meeting about the culvert on Carney Cassidy Road and that everything is currently in progress for the grant. He has also been looking around at options for generators after discussions at the last meeting regarding possible purchases that can be funded from the CARES Act and what wattage would suffice for the Highway Barn as well as possibly the Town Hall.

RESOLUTION #28-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve Supt. Carney finding backup generator(s) within means of funding from the CARES act.**

Auditors – Chair Assessor Arek Gordon was unable to attend the meeting due to being out of town but Supervisor Skellie shared some information they had spoken about:

- Everyone in the Town of Jackson should soon be receiving revaluation letters from GAR Associates LLC (the Contractor for the Washington County Multiple Town Assessment Equity Project 2022) about the assessed values of their homes.
- The Assessors will be having a series of meetings before grievance day to resolve any issues with the project's assessments. If anyone is to have any issues, they should call either the assessors or GAR Associates LLC directly.

Planning Board - Chair Amy Maxwell was unable to attend the meeting but passed the March 1st Planning Board Report along to the Supervisor and Town Clerk to give at the Town Board meeting:

- The Planning Board requests a six-month extension on the current moratorium for new commercial solar applications. The current moratorium expires in April 2022.
- The Planning Board has a draft Solar Law that will be sent to Teresa Bakner this month (March 2022).
- Town Attorney Alan Wrigley has a copy of the Battenkill Evergreen Estates property to address concerns about our Subdivision Regulations that were brought forward by a concerned citizen of the Town of Jackson.
- Our next planning board meeting is April 5, 2022.

RESOLUTION #29-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to extend the current moratorium for new commercial solar applications for six months.**

OLD BUSINESS

- The Supervisor wanted to let anyone who is interested know that the Advisory Council for the Washington County Office for the Aging is looking for a Senior Advisor from the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Hall Key’s List – Supervisor Skellie discussed the current situation regarding keys to the Town Hall and who has them/needs them. Currently, every person who is on the list that has a key needs it and we should limit it to these people unless otherwise specified as to limit issues with security and the loss of keys.

Vacation Time – Upon inquisition from the Town Clerk regarding her taking a week-long vacation in April, Supervisor Skellie asked The Board what the formal requirements should be involving her time away. The Board resolved that the Deputy Town Clerk would not need to come in as long as the Town Clerk gave time in advance to residents by putting notices in The Eagle, on The Jackson Town Website, and on the door of the Town Hall building.

Supervisor Report –

- The Shushan Bridge Committee will be setting up a time in the spring for an engineering firm to begin work on the steel-deck bridge in Shushan that drives over the Battenkill after a 6 month long set back.

RESOLUTION #30-22

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

- \$11,000 from the General Fund balance added to the 2022 Budget of A1620.4 for the installation of the new furnace at the Highway Garage.

RESOLUTION #31-22

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

- A1990.4 Contingent to A1320.4 Auditing

RESOLUTION #32-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on March 2, 2022, Abstract #3 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	22-33	\$13,514.94
Highway	29-41 29-43	\$19,519.87

RESOLUTION #33-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to adjourn at approximately 2:01 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 pm.

[Amendments in Tracking](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk