

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting  
April 6, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on April 6, 2022 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

**PRESENT:**

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

**Also present:** Sharon Dunn, Planning Board Chair Amy Maxwell, Christine Eldred of The Eagle, Sue Preece and Pastor Jim Cramer of the Cambridge Food Pantry.

**RESOLUTION #34-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the March 2 meeting minutes as read.**

**RESOLUTION #35-22**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for March 2022 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$385
Supervisor Receipts	\$2,793.10
Supervisor Disbursements	\$67,519.59

**REPORTS**

**Highway** – Superintendent Carney reported that the Highway crew spent a lot of time cleaning up, digging ditches and cleaning culverts this month, as well as tending to repairs and maintenance of the Highway trucks and equipment. They have been looking for prices on paving and are also considering the best and closest bid options to buy gravel at the many gravel pits in the area.

Pastor Jim Cramer and Sue Preece were present on behalf of the Cambridge Food Pantry to make a request to the Board in regards to funding from the Covid Relief Fund. They relayed to the Board the work the Pantry has done to serve several communities in the southern parts of Washington County, offering weekly food pickups and well balanced nutrition to many people in need, including children during the school year or throughout their summer vacation. They are in need of operating funds that could be financed through the CARES Act as they require a new box truck to travel the many miles a

year necessary to transport a few tons of product a week. They asked the Board to consider them in reference to the funds and welcomed anyone to stop by the Pantry to see the operation for themselves.

*(There was no Auditors Report this week as the Auditors have planned their Audit for a later date this month.)*

**Planning Board** - Chair Amy Maxwell was present to report on Tuesday night's Planning Board Meeting at the Town Hall:

- A Minor Subdivision on 313 was tabled to next month as the applicant was unavailable for the meeting.
- The Planning Board discussed the Battenkill River Sports project which they will try to move next month following the site plan review process. The business has a goal to be open this season and continue to grow on their venture with cabins and buildings.
- A citizen approached the board about a solar project and upon discussing the rules and regulations of the Solar Moratorium, the Planning Board decided it fit within its means thereby suspending the application going forward.
- The Board discussed reviewing extensions on solar projects after a year regarding a formal extension requested by Borrego Solar on grounds of the price of material and lack of workers.
- The Solar Law has been with Teresa Bakner who is putting it into a comprehensive format after the board presented her with a 49-item draft composed by evaluating many factors and hashing out several ideas from other Town's Solar Laws.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Highway Superintendent Carney informed the Board that an electrician had come to the Highway Garage to see what was needed for wattage in regards to a generator, of which would be a 24,000 W. He priced it at roughly 10 to 11 thousand between the cost of the generator and hooking it up. It was assumed by the Board that something of that expense would need to go out to bid whereas a generator for the size of the Town Hall might not. The Town Supervisor expressed that he was favorable to a portable generator that we could move back and forth between buildings. At this time, former Town Historian Sharon Dunn spoke up to acknowledge that in regards to funding for the CARES Act (of which the generator is being considered for), the idea is that Town buildings could potentially be functioning centers during emergencies or outages for residents in need. The Board agreed that a good sized portable generator would be handy to have in case of emergencies and that before we officially move forward Supt. Carney should check on available warranty prices.
- The person holding the missing key discussed at the March meeting has been found and will soon return the key to the Town Clerk.
- As of right now, there are 150 residents that will not be getting internet during the newest wave of state funded internet being provided across the County. The Supervisor is looking into options to ensure the whole town has internet access sooner rather than later amidst this ongoing process.

- The new property revaluation letters have been sent out to all property owners, if you have not yet received a letter please contact the Town Clerk or GAR Associates LLC directly. The Supervisor wants residents to please know that assessments are not yet final and they should still continue to contact GAR first if they have any issues.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector officially closed collection of property taxes by the end of business hours on March 31<sup>st</sup> and has submitted closing numbers to the County Treasurer, still awaiting final settlement results.

**Supervisor Report –**

- The Supervisor discussed participating in a town-wide cleanup run by the Battenkill Conservancy along with other neighboring communities. The Board questioned the best options to facilitate garbage clean up such as using the Highway Barn’s new dumpster or purchasing stickers for garbage bags. The discussion was tabled till the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION #36-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on April 6, 2022, Abstract #4 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	34-44	\$2,345.02
Highway	<del>44-62</del> 44-65	\$20,809.11

**9:07 PM**

**RESOLUTION #37-22**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to move into an Executive Session to discuss pay for a particular Town Employee.**

**9:24 PM**

**RESOLUTION #38-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to close the Executive Session.**

**RESOLUTION #39-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-1, **to agree to a budgetary raise in pay for the position of Town Clerk in pursuant to NYS Town Law §27, pending results from a Public Hearing.**

**RESOLUTION #40-22**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to set the date for the Public Hearing regarding the Town Clerk’s pay to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:00 pm.**

**RESOLUTION #41-22**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adjourn at approximately 9:27pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

[Amendments in Tracking](#)

Molly Dixson, Town Clerk