

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting  
June 1, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on June 1, 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:** Christine Eldred of the Eagle.

\*Former Chair of Assessors Jean McLenithan arrived at 8:08 pm during the reading of the minutes.

**RESOLUTION #51-22**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as read.**

**RESOLUTION #52-22**

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$20,647.65
Supervisor Receipts	\$26,643.87
Supervisor Disbursements	\$57,945.45

**REPORTS**

**Highway** – Superintendent Carney reported that the Highway workers have been patching and capping ditches for grading. They spent time hauling gravel from Murray Hollow Road and ditching on Carney Cassidy and Skellie Roads, as well as installing culverts on Reafield. They have been repairing and updating the Highway trucks as necessary. Supt. Carney also reported that the Highway workers completed classes given by the Association of Towns for mine safety and flagger training. They cut a large amount of trees and brush and began paving, as well.

**Planning Board** – There was no Planning Board report as there had not been a PB Meeting for the month yet, seeing as the Town Board Meeting fell on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Superintendent Carney informed the Board he had not yet gone out to bid for a generator.
- Jean McLenithan was present to report that Grievance Day went smoothly for the large amount of people that wanted to grieve their assessments. She has been filling in for Chair Assessor Arek Gordon during his leave and wanted to relay to the Board her feelings on the recent revaluation of the Town done by GAR Associates LLC, feelings that are shared by the other Assessors as well as Board of Assessment Review. They feel that GAR Associates LLC had done a poor job in adequately revaluating properties in the Town and they are concerned they don't have the information needed to base future assessments and adjustments off of. She also raised concerns for people who were not able or aware to grieve. At this time, Jean told the Board of her many hours filling in as Assessor for Jackson to help during this grueling process. She advised that she needs to be contracted by the Town so she can continue working and move forward on signing documents with the County. She requested \$15 an hour to contract with the Town and to be compensated for some of the time she has already spent working. She informed the Board that she will limit her hours the best that she can.

## **RESOLUTION #53-22**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve contracting with Jean McLenithan as Town Assessor for \$15 an hour.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A resident of the Town brought to the Clerk's attention that the American flag on Town Hall is in need of replacement as it has been torn and worn out due to weather conditions. The Board discussed price options for getting a new flag and Councilwoman Rich suggested that if we buy a new flag every year from the Dollar General, it would be cost effective and we would be purchasing goods manufactured in the United States. The Board agreed and decided no resolution was necessary for the Town Clerk to purchase a new American flag from the Dollar General.
- Supervisor Skellie and Budget Officer Nolan presented the Board with the 2022-2023 heating program options from Blue Flame Gas Co. They thought the best option for the Town would be the fixed pre-paid plan for \$1,092.62 for 273 gallons.

## **RESOLUTION #54-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the Blue Flame Fixed Pre-Paid Plan for the 2022-2023 heating season at \$1,092.62 for 273 gallons.**

**Supervisors Report-**

- Supervisor Skellie reported that things have been calm at the County level, although there have been lots of meetings as of late, including talks of fixing other bridges in the area.
- Construction on the Shushan Bridge should be beginning in the next week or two.

**RESOLUTION #55-22**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the following budget transfers:**

- A1355.2 Assessors - A1355.4 Assessors for \$500
- A1990.4 Contingent - A1355.4 Assessors for \$500
- A1620.4 Town Building Misc. - A1620.4 Town Building Fuel – schoolhouse for \$900
- DA5110.1 General Repairs - DA5130.1 Machinery for \$536.96

**RESOLUTION #56-22**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on June 1, 2022, Abstract #6 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	52-64	\$5,964.45
Highway	89-104	\$14,187.14

**9:03 PM**

**RESOLUTION #57-22**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to move into an executive session to discuss a particular Town employee.**

**9:09 PM**

**RESOLUTION #58-22**

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

**RESOLUTION #59-22**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adjourn at approximately 9:09 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk