

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
August 3, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on August 3, 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: Chair of Board Assessment Review John Gilbert, Salem Fire Chief Bob Graham, Christine Eldred of the Eagle arrived during the Highway Report.

Salem Fire Department Report - Salem Fire Chief Bob Graham was present to report on the Department's activity for the past few months.

March:

- 12 calls (7 in Salem and 5 in Mutual Aid)
- Completed several trainings and attended meetings
- 2,695 total hours thus far in 2022

April:

- 10 calls (6 in Salem and 4 in Mutual Aid)
- Completed training, did a walk through of the Salem School
- Held a couple of very successful fundraising events (Sunday Breakfast, Kevin Baylor event)
- 3,251 total hours thus far in 2022

May

- 15 calls (8 in Salem and 7 in Mutual Aid)
- Completed training including several drills with Granville, Hebron, Cambridge, Rupert and Shushan
- Held a Mother's Day Breakfast as well as a Memorial Day Chicken BBQ
- Monthly meeting, Chief and Officer's meeting, Board of Director's meeting
- 3,892 total hours thus far in 2022

June

- 14 calls (6 in Salem and 8 in Mutual Aid)
- Several trainings
- Held a Father’s Day Breakfast
- 4,601 total hours thus far in 2022

July

- 24 calls (20 in Salem and 4 in Mutual Aid)
- Station maintenance and vehicle extrication training
- Completed OSHA mandated hose testing
- 5,089 total hours thus far in 2022

RESOLUTION #70-22

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed ~~4-0 5-0~~, **to accept the July 6th meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #71-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed ~~4-0 5-0~~, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for July 2022 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$233.65
Supervisor Receipts	\$105,775.47
Supervisor Disbursements	\$324,547.28

REPORTS

Highway – Supt. Carney reported on the month of July, stating that the Highway crew has been spending time replacing more culverts as well as cleaning up trees after the bad storm we had. He noted that all the paperwork for CHIPS reimbursement has been sent in. They’ve been taking several loads to the scrap yard, and are still looking for a place to get good quality sand. Some of the trucks have been getting work done from seals leaking and they’ve ordered tires for two of the Highway vehicles. Supt. Carney assisted in putting in a window for the Town Clerk’s desk at Town Hall. He also attended a meeting regarding the Bridge NY project with the engineers, who now think the pieces of the Tappan Zee may not work but perhaps a box style would. They also noted that construction on the project probably won’t begin until 2024. Supt. Carney has put in an ad in the Eagle in hopes of getting somebody to fill the vacancy in the Highway Department, but hasn’t had much luck.

Planning Board – There was no Planning Board Report this week as there wasn’t much to report on from Tuesday’s meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Supervisor Skellie spoke to suggest Jeff Ruggles as Deputy Highway Superintendent stating that Jeff's position as Shop Steward is not within the Board's control and he still is the most qualified to be Deputy, despite it giving him 2 titles.

RESOLUTION #72-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0 5-0, **to approve appointing Jeff Ruggles as the new Deputy Highway Superintendent.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Sup. Skellie pointed out that we can appoint an Assessor to finish out the year and recommended we go forward with appointing Jean McLenithan to fill the spot until the end of December. He also shared the Board of Assessors' view that Jean would make the best fit as Chairman. The Town Board agreed.

Deputy Court Clerk Resignation – On August 2nd, the Town Clerk received the resignation of Deputy Court Clerk Victoria Ruggles, effective August 31st, 2022. Jacqueline Donisthorpe will be returning to the position of Court Clerk in September.

RESOLUTION #73-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0 5-0, **to approve appointing Jean McLenithan as Town Assessor and Chairman of the Assessors until December 31st, 2022.**

Supervisors Report-

- The Shushan Bridge construction has been moving along and road blocks are in place so locals should be cautious of detours. Sup. Skellie noted a nice poem written about the Bridge that will be posted at Yushak's if anyone is interested in reading it.
- The County is going forward with engineering plans to replace Battenville Bridge within the next few years. Sup. Skellie stated that due to corrosion and prevalent rust it will need to come down, despite it upsetting some people.

8:33 PM

RESOLUTION #74-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0 5-0, **to move into an executive session to discuss pending litigation as well as a personnel issue.**

8:55 PM

RESOLUTION #75-22

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0 5-0, **to close the executive session.**

RESOLUTION #76-22

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0 5-0, to approve the Town finding an attorney to move forward in pending litigation.

RESOLUTION #77-22

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0 5-0, to approve the following budget transfers:

- A1990.4 Contingent – A1910.1 Insurance for \$2,200.00
- DA5110.1 General Repairs – DA5130.1 Machinery for \$8,000.00

RESOLUTION #78-22

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0 5-0, to approve the following budget amendment:

- Increase General Repairs DA5110.1A by \$18,000.00 to reflect money from Compensated Absences Fund for payout of sick time due to retirement (total dollars includes Town’s share of SS/Medi.)

RESOLUTION #79-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0 5-0, to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on August 3, 2022, Abstract #8 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	75-83	\$17,799.38
Highway	124-140	\$41,829.41

RESOLUTION #80-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0 5-0, to adjourn at approximately 9:05 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

[Amendments in Tracking](#)

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk