

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
September 7, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on September 7, 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
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer

Also present: Planning Board Chair Amy Maxwell; Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad Chief of Operations Mark Spiezio; Christine Eldred of the Eagle; Sharon Dunn; a resident of the Town

Absent: Highway Superintendent Sean Carney

Presentation – Mark Spiezio, Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad

Mark Spiezio of the CVRS was present to give a detailed report on both 2021 and 2022, which included statistical data, sustainability for the department, budgeting and financing (as well as issues with funding), current and future initiatives and their mission statement to continue as dedicated service providers. With an ever-increasing demand of services and struggles with workforce and funding, he advised that a conversation should be had amongst county and local governments on how to better fund the EMS system so it can continue to serve our communities. He welcomed anyone to come check out the operation at the station for themselves.

RESOLUTION #81-22

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed ~~4-0~~ 5-0, **to accept the August 3rd meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #82-22

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$299.08
Supervisor Receipts	\$20,721.34
Supervisor Disbursements	\$104,714.53

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney was not present but passed along the Highway Department’s report for the month to Town Clerk Molly Dixon:

- Gravel was hauled from the Murray Hollow pit and sand was hauled from Foster’s.
- Highway worker Dean Catellier was out for a week in early August due to contracting poison ivy while working.
- Ditches were cleaned on the dirt section of Cambridge-Battenville Road.
- Six culverts were capped that were replaced.
- John Deere replaced the computer on the back hoe and did a 500 hour service on the loader.

Planning Board – Planning Board Chair Amy Maxwell reported on Tuesday’s meeting:

- A resident of the Town approached Amy prior to Tuesday’s meeting at Town Hall to demand \$500,000,000 from her in compensation for asking him to leave at a previous Planning Board Meeting. Amy stated that at this meeting there was no public hearing and therefore he did not have a platform to speak at the time, which he continued to attempt to do.
- There were 3 minor subdivisions, each with an applicant present; One resident has been struggling to get an adequate map for his subdivision but will hopefully be on the agenda for October, the next application looked good but still needed a survey map, and the last (on Colfax) had been awaiting reviewal from the Town Attorney, but was granted variance after Planning Board Member ~~Erie Vandenburg~~ Erik Vandenberg looked into the Town’s planning regulations a little further and discovered they were allowed to accept variance due to the fact that the resident cannot widen entrance to regulation 50 ft without disturbing the road’s culvert.
- Some subdivision applicants have brought to the Planning Board’s attention that they have been receiving an inaccurate subdivision checklist from an unofficial website of the Town. She wanted to remind everyone to use the correct site (www.townofjackson-ny.com) when gathering documents for an application. They will soon be reviewing the current checklist and website to update or make any necessary changes.
- The draft solar law is still in the works; Amy noted that Planning Board Member Kelly Donahue has done a wonderful job formatting and organizing the draft. It is still with Terresa Bakner currently, who will have it back with any notes or suggestions by the 16th of September so we can aim to get hard copies by the week of the 19th. Once the draft is ready, we need to set a joint Planning Board/Town Board meeting to review.
- The Planning Board requests an extension on the Solar Moratorium for some time to continue working on the Solar Law. Amy says this will offer some cushion for any future solar projects.
- A member of the PB (who is also an Election Inspector) requested the Town power-wash the side ramp before the next election as the ramp is currently covered in bird poop.

OLD BUSINESS

- Attorney Dave Klingbeil will represent the Town in pending Supreme Court cases from this year's revaluation. He will be meeting with the Town Assessors and Board of Assessment Review soon to evaluate the cases.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Town has been notified to make a SEQR determination for the Murray Hollow Bridge project. The Board members reviewed the language for the determination and advised to keep it.
- The Board discussed the Post Office's recent decision to no longer carry keys to locked boxes in their mail truck, a decision that affects the Judge as well as the Town Clerk. The Board opted to pursue the issue further and take no formal action now.

RESOLUTION #83-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed ~~4-0 5-0~~, to **approve the following SEQR determination for the upcoming Murray Hollow Bridge Project:** *In accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), the Town of Jackson has determined that this project is a SEQR Type II Action. No further SEQR processing is required. The project has been identified as a Type II action, per Subdivision 617.5(c)(22): "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part;". This allows the project to be classified as Type II since the project does not violate any of the criteria contained in Subdivision 617.7(c) and does not exceed the thresholds of a Type I Action as defined in Section 617.4.*

Supervisors Report- There was no Supervisor's Report this week.

A resident of the Town spoke to request Supervisor Skellie and the Town of Jackson compensate him \$500,000,000 for being directed to leave a previous Planning Board Meeting. He stated that the police had put their hands on him and that this was a violation of the NYS Open Meetings Law. He complained that during the Mask Mandate, he was asked to wear a mask even though he didn't have to, he says due to medical reasons. He also claimed that GAR was trespassing on his property during the recent revaluation and that he had "ordered the Commissioner" to not use aerial photography. He also stated troubles with several neighbors and an issue with the milk trucks driving down Route 22, as well as the rumble strip. He claimed the Town has a plate reader outside and that the Town has an unlawful website. Supervisor Skellie spoke to suggest he consult with a lawyer if he truly believes he has been wronged, otherwise there is nothing the Town can take from what he says as being tangible. He also stated that the Town does not get involved with disputes between neighbors. The resident said he would not consult a lawyer and would instead put a lien on everyone's properties, including the Town's. There was no more discussion at this point.

RESOLUTION #84-22

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 September 7, 2022, Abstract #9 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	84-95	\$800.57
Highway	141-159	\$27,153.11

9:42 PM

RESOLUTION #85-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed ~~4-0 5-0~~, **to move into an executive session to discuss contractual litigation.**

9:58 PM

RESOLUTION #86-22

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

RESOLUTION #87-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed ~~4-0 5-0~~, **to adjourn at approximately 9:59 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Amendments in Tracking

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk