

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
October 5, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on October 5, 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, Christine Eldred of the Eagle, as well as some residents of the town.

Absent: Highway Superintendent Sean Carney.

Bev Anderson – Town of Jackson resident Bev Anderson was present to express her concerns regarding the increase of horse and buggies on the roads from the Amish. She pointed out that they are very hard to see when traveling on main and back roads in the town and suggested asking them to use battery operated lights. She also expressed concerns about the poop from the horses and thought using bags to catch the poop would help alleviate the issue. Jay reassured Ms. Anderson that there are discussions currently being held at the County level regarding some of these complaints and they have been addressing these issues.

RESOLUTION #88-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the September 7th meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #89-22

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$189.79
Supervisor Receipts	\$242,232.13
Supervisor Disbursements	\$78,637.00

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney was unable to attend the meeting but Deputy Superintendent Jeff Ruggles passed on some of the activities of the month to Supervisor Skellie:

- The Highway crew replaced some culverts and dug some ditches.
- Sand was hauled from the polo field.
- The Town hired on new Highway crew member Lesley Mattison.

Planning Board – Chair Amy Maxwell was present to report on Tuesday’s Planning Board Meeting:

- There was a Public Hearing for a minor subdivision on Colfax rd. During this hearing a resident of the Town spoke to express his concerns over a variance granted to the applicant at the September meeting. The subdivision was ultimately approved but discussions are currently still in the works.
- The PB took some time to go over the current subdivision checklist and compare it to the subdivision regulations. After discussing some options to make it clearer, it was settled that Board member Kelly Donahue would come up with a working draft to review at the next meeting.
- A map was approved for a subdivision application. The applicant was asked to get his mylar map prepared and his Public Hearing was set for Nov. 1st.
- Chair Maxwell had a zoom meeting with attorney Terresa Bakner to go over some topics of the Solar Law draft. The Board discussed these topics and Chair Maxwell and Board Member Donahue will return to Ms. Bakner with the suggestions. They hope to soon have a prepared Law draft to go over with the TB.
- The Planning Board is requesting a 6-month extension on the Solar Moratorium (which expires at the end of this month) to give them a cushion to continue working on the Solar Law.
- Board members were invited to attend a training seminar at the County building regarding hot topic land issues
- The Planning Board welcomed new Planning Board Clerk hopeful Molly Dixon.

RESOLUTION #90-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve appointing Molly Dixon as Planning Board Clerk.**

At this time, Sup. Skellie asked resident John Pederson if he wanted to speak. Mr. Pederson relayed his message given at the Planning Board meeting regarding the lack of 50 ft. road frontage and the variance given to the subdivision applicant. He offered a suggestion to remedy the situation that will help to plan for any future projects.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #91-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve extending the Solar Moratorium for an additional 6 months.**

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board discussed the best day to set the public meeting for the 2023 preliminary budget. It was decided that the date of the meeting would be Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30 pm.
*The date of the Budget Meeting was later changed to Monday, October 17th, 2022.

Court Clerk Resignation – On August 3rd, the Supervisor and the Town Clerk received the resignation of Court Clerk Jacquelyn Donisthorpe, effective immediately. She thanked the Town for the opportunity to have the position.

Supervisors Report-

- Supervisor Skellie spoke to update everyone about Chair Assessor Jean McLenithan’s recent accident. After taking a bad fall, Jean was rushed to the hospital and has since returned home and is doing better. The Board wished her a speedy recovery.
- Amid ongoing lawsuits from the recent revaluation, Supervisor Skellie has kept in touch with both the Town Lawyer and the Lawyer representing the Town in the Article 7 Supreme Court cases. Mr. Pederson spoke to question GAR’s authority to change tax rates in the revaluation. Sup. Skellie pointed out how difficult it has been to obtain information from GAR and hopes issues start to settle after the next Grievance Day.
- The Shushan Bridge is near completion with an approximate finish time being at the end of October.
- Sup. Skellie has been attending Budget Meetings at the County level where they are trying to keep everything at a 1% tax cap.

RESOLUTION #92-22

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

- A1990.4 Contingent – A1989.4 Adjustment to Taxes by County for \$955.91

RESOLUTION #93-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on October 5, 2022, Abstract #10 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	96-109	\$5,510.45
Highway	160-174	\$9,630.00

8:54 PM

RESOLUTION #94-22

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to move into an executive session to discuss the financial history of particular employees of the town.**

9:09 PM

RESOLUTION #95-22

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

RESOLUTION #96-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adjourn at approximately 9:10 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

[Amendments in Tracking](#)

Molly Dixson, Town Clerk