

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
November 2, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on November 2, 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: Assessor Tim Grogan, Planning Board Chair Amy Maxwell, Christine Eldred of the Eagle, and Sharon Dunn.

8:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2022

Supervisor Skellie opened the public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2022 – a local law to override the tax levy limit for the 2023 budget. There being no comments from the public, Supervisor Skellie closed the hearing at 8:03 pm.

8:04 PM OPEN REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION #99-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the October 5, 2022 Town Board meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #100-22

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the October 17, 2022 Budget meeting minutes as read.**

8:18 PM PUBLIC HEARING – 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Skellie opened the hearing for the 2023 preliminary budget. Resident Sharon Dunn spoke to question whether or not the library budget has changed. Budget Officer Nolan stated that it has not. Assessor Tim Grogan asked if the equipment budget for the assessors has been increased. Budget Officer Nolan stated that it was raised \$2,000 after the last meeting and the contractual expense was

raised another \$300. Supervisor Skellie asked if there were any other comments from the public. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:19 pm.

8:20 PM

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION #101-22

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$168.52
Supervisor Receipts	\$16,393.16
Supervisor Disbursements	\$57,640.66

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney was present to report on the activities over the month of October. He stated that some of the trucks have had work done. Sand is still being hauled. The Highway crew fixed a spot on Reafield Farm Road with some water issues. They did some ditching on Wallace and installed a new culvert, as well.

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

- There was a public hearing at 6:30 pm for a minor subdivision on Dot Hill Way. After the hearing, the subdivision was approved by the Planning Board.
- An application for a boundary line adjustment was presented and it was decided by the Board that the project must continue as a minor subdivision. The applicants were asked to complete a subdivision application and return with a survey map.
- A map was approved for a subdivision application on State Route 22. The applicant was asked to return with their mylar map prepared and a date for their public hearing was set for December 6th at 6:30 pm.
- A second public hearing was held at 7:00 pm for a subdivision on Colfax Road. The map from the applicant’s October public hearing was rescinded and the applicant presented a new mylar map to accommodate 50 ft road frontage on the parcel. The new map was approved by the Planning Board. The applicant expressed his frustration for having to wait a couple of months for a response on variances from the Town Attorney.
- Three members of the Board attended a training at the County Municipal building regarding hot button land uses and SEQR forms. The Board members received valuable resources such as a helpful SEQR mapper website that will be added to the subdivision checklist and checked by the PB Clerk prior to determinations.
- The PB reviewed the 12-page Solar Law draft and sent back questions with Chair Maxwell to Attorney Teresa Bakner. Chair Maxwell will make revisions and have a copy of the draft for the Town Board to review by November 14th. She also wishes to set a date for the joint Planning Board/Town Board meeting on the law for the end of the month. She is still waiting on a response from Ms. Bakner as to whether or not she can attend.

At this time, the Board as well as Planning Board Chair Amy Maxwell agreed to set the date for the working meeting on the Solar Law to Monday, November 28th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Small Claim Review Update- Assessor Tim Grogan reported on the hearings for the Town’s 5 small claims cases at the County. Tim and other Assessor Amanda Weber were there to represent the Town and Real Property Tax Services Chair Laura Chadwick also sat in. Chair Assessor Jean McLenithan was unable to attend due to illness. Tim stated that they tried to be reasonable with claimants and come up with agreeable numbers. Some numbers were refused, others weren’t. He stated that the Judge of the cases will make a final decision within two weeks. He also stated that it was hard to justify GAR Association LLC’s numbers as they are not the Town Assessors numbers.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #102-22

VOTE ON LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2022 – Override the Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote, **to adopt Local Law #2 of 2022 effective immediately upon filing with the Department of State.**

- Councilwoman Rich – Aye
- Councilwoman VanDeWater – Aye
- Supervisor Skellie – Aye
- Councilman Rouse – Aye
- Councilman Rea – Aye

RESOLUTION #103-22

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-1 by roll call vote, **to adopt the 2023 budget as amended which includes a 3.97% increase (2.88% tax cap increase for 2023).**

Total Appropriations:	\$1,270,459.71 (includes fire contracts)
Total Revenues:	-\$324,813.00
Total Unexpended Balance:	<u>-\$188,500.00</u>
Amount to be raised by 2023 Taxes	\$757,146.71

- Councilwoman Rich – Aye
- Councilwoman VanDeWater – Aye
- Supervisor Skellie – Aye
- Councilman Rouse – Nay
- Councilman Rea – Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisors Report-

- Supervisor Skellie wanted to point out that the Shushan Bridge is looking good and is close to completion, hopefully by the end of December 2022.
- The Town Board wished to recognize and congratulate Phil Rea of Reafield Farm on his receipt of the American FFA Degree.
- Sup. Skellie believes the County will be under the 1% tax cap for the 2023 fiscal year budget.

RESOLUTION #104-22

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

- DA5140.1 Brushes and Weeds – DA5120.1 Bridges for \$2,000.00.
- A1990.4 Contingent - A1910.1 Insurance for \$46.73.

RESOLUTION #105-22

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

- Move \$3,837.74 from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund. Money will be put into A1410.1 Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION #106-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on November 2, 2022, Abstract #11 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	109-120	\$4,452.97
Highway	175-188	\$21,357.48
Capital	2	\$23,425.54

RESOLUTION #107-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adjourn at approximately 9:21 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk