

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

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on December 7, 2022 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman
- Edward Rouse..... Councilman
- Jennifer VanDeWater..... Councilwoman
- Molly Dixson..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer

Also present: Sharon Dunn.

Absent: Councilman Travis Rea

RESOLUTION #108-22

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the November 2, 2022 Town Board meeting minutes with one correction.**

RESOLUTION #109-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the November 28, 2022 Joint Town Board/Planning Board meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #110-22

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for November 2022 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$115.97
Supervisor Receipts	\$4,382.16
Supervisor Disbursements	\$81,184.27

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney was present to report on the activities over the month of November. He stated that there were some issues with the loading dock that are being worked on. Leaves have been cleaned out of culverts, gravel has been stockpiled and the Crew finished hauling sand. Roads were sanded and plowing was done twice. Parts were replaced on the '08 dump truck and the Chevy truck was taken to Mackey Auto to receive all new breaks. Supt. Carney hasn't talked to the County yet regarding the plans for the Highway Barn's salt shed, which the Town could potentially use ARPA funds for.

The Supt. also reported on the Town High. dept's recent issue with plowing Murray Hollow Road. Over the years, the High. dept. has plowed the road on the Vermont side. After trying to contact the Selectmen in Arlington and not hearing anything back, the High. Crew put in a turnaround at the end of the road. Upon speaking with the man who lives at the end of Murray Hollow on the Border of NY and VT, the Supt. talked with the Arlington High. Dept. who said they will maintain the culvert on their end if the Town of Jackson can assist with plowing. The Supt. stated that he believes contracting with them for \$125 every plow would be fair. He will have our Town Attorney review the contract to make sure it looks good.

RESOLUTION #111-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve entering into contract with the Arlington Highway Department, pending contractual review from the Town Attorney.**

Planning Board – The Town Clerk/Planning Board Clerk reported on Tuesday's Planning Board meeting:

- There was a public hearing at 6:30 pm for a subdivision on State Route 22 that was subsequently approved. The applicants were unable to attend the hearing but will set up a time at a later date to have their mylar map stamped and signed.
- The Planning Board passed a motion to give a previously approved subdivision project a negative SEQR declaration as well as classify it as an unlisted action. This is due to the fact the Clerk noticed there was not one previously recorded in the minutes.
- The Board discussed the Conditions of Approval for the Jackson Solar 1, LLC project, particularly the section about notifying the Town of their transfer of ownership. It was decided that the Clerk would contact the company to request a formal letter to keep on file at Town Hall.
- Board member Steve Chuhta asked the PB whether they would be interested in purchasing a new ag. district map to reference at Town Hall. They voted in favor of purchasing or receiving a new paper map with ag. districts and parcel owners, with a budget of up to \$300.
- The PB discussed revisions made to the Solar Law draft after November's Joint TB/PB meeting. They added final thoughts before the draft reaches the Town Attorney.
- A map for a subdivision application was reviewed after some confusion from both the applicant and the surveyor of the applicant. The Board all agreed that remaining lands need to be shown on the map and should be available through deed references.
- The Board discussed returning to the Comp. Plan Draft after finishing the Solar Law process, hopefully sometime next year.
- The PB agreed to invite Washington Co. Planner Pamela Landi to a future meeting to give a presentation about using the Co. Planning Dept. as a resource.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Town Board reviewed the \$15,000.00 Engineering Services Agreement with Barton and Loguidice for the Jackson Solar 1, LLC project to be paid by the company operating the project. The contract was reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney.

- The Town Board reviewed the Decommissioning Agreement for the Jackson Solar 1, LLC project. The agreement was reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION #112-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve contracting with Barton & Loguidice as the Engineering Services Firm for Jackson Solar 1, LLC.**

RESOLUTION #113-22

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the Decommissioning Agreement for Jackson Solar 1, LLC.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #114-22

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to appoint Alexis Knouse to the position of Town Court Clerk effective immediately.**

RESOLUTION #115-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to sign the *Municipal Letter of Acknowledgement/No Objection* for the 2023 Tour of the Battenkill with an accompanying letter stating the following:**

- **All emergency vehicles must be permitted to get through any location along the course routes regardless of what stage the race is in;**
- **All trash along the course routes must be collected within 24 hours after the end of the day's events; and,**
- **The race is not held on a closed course. Competitors must be alert to all farm equipment and slow-moving vehicles along the course routes and understand many of these pieces of equipment do not have turn signals. Furthermore, operators may not be able to see cyclists coming from behind their equipment.**

RESOLUTION #116-22

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve signing the Social, Economic and Environmental Resources Checklist (SEERC) by McFarland Johnson for the Murray Hollow Road Bridge Project.**

Supervisors Report-

- The County is working hard on the Shushan Bridge and are still hoping to have the project done by the end of the year.
- Sup. Skellie spoke with the Attorney handling the Town's Article 7 Supreme Court cases. He stated that they are currently in negotiations and that he is involving the Town Assessors in the process.
- Governor Hochul recently signed a bill allocating solar fees to farmland protection programs such as the Washington County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

Year-end Town Board Meeting – The year-end Town Board meeting will be held on Friday, December 30th at 1:00 pm.

RESOLUTION #117-22

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

- A1990.4 Contingent – A1340.4 Budget Officer for \$26.45.
- A1990.4 Contingent – A8020.4 Planning Board for \$606.99

RESOLUTION #118-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on December 7, 2022, Abstract #12 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	121-135	\$12,981.16
Highway	189-219	\$56,157.22
Capital	3	\$30,781.17

9:30 PM

RESOLUTION #119-22

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to move into an executive session to discuss the employment of a particular corporation.**

10:02 PM

RESOLUTION #120-22

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

RESOLUTION #121-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to adjourn at approximately 10:03 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 pm.

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk