

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
December 30, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on December 30, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall for the End of Year 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: Lewis Steele, Chair of Assessor’s Jean McLenithan and Assessor Tim Grogan

Absent: Highway Superintendent Sean Carney

Jackson resident Lewis Steele was present to speak about his long-standing issue not receiving cable service at his home on Stanton Road. He has been without broadband for the 30 years he has lived at his home and wishes for equitable service to be provided to underserved areas. He questioned why the state-wide broadband initiative has provided neighboring roads with service and not Stanton. He also requested to know the information the Town has given the State for access maps and how he would be able to get on a list. Supervisor Skellie said that due to his road being contracted by Hughes net service, SLIC service as well as other broadband services will most likely not step on their contracts. He also stated that the Town had no say in which roads were provided access first.

[Jean and Tim enter at 1:07 pm]

He has been speaking with Chief Operating Officer of SLIC Kevin Lynch, who has been overseeing broadband service throughout Washington County. He is hoping to meet with him sometime the first week of January to discuss providing access to any skipped houses in the Town.

[Travis enters at 1:08 pm]

Sup. Skellie pointed out that he has had many meetings with Washington County Director of Economic Development Laura Oswald to try to get more access to Jackson, as it is the most underserved in the County. Mr. Steele thanked him and stated that it is difficult feeling like you’re not apart of the world due to these issues.

RESOLUTION #122-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the December 7, 2022 Town Board meeting minutes as read.**

REPORTS

Highway – There was no End of Year Highway Report as Superintendent Carney was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Assessors:

- Assessor Tim Grogan questioned if the Town Board was aware of the new 30% conservation law passed in NYS, an initiative by the state to acquire 30% of land and water by 2030. He also pointed out the plan to phase out fuel burning furnaces with non-emitting systems by 2030.
- Tim also wanted to make the Board aware of the Condo Law vetoed by Governor Hochul, a law that would have closed the loophole permitting large homes passing as condominiums from receiving tax breaks. This affects the Town as there are many year-round homes on the lakes as well as airbnbs.
- The Assessors acknowledged the turn out of the revaluation small claims cases, all of which were lost. They pointed out the defeat they had felt from the get go of the process. They spoke of the upcoming Supreme Court cases that still need to be addressed and Chair Jean McLenithan pointed out that they simply want everyone to pay their fair share. They are working hard to do the job that GAR Associates LLC never finished and there is a long process ahead, as GAR did not finish taking pictures and ignored many responses from concerned tax payers.
- Jean and Tim pointed out that they have ordered new office equipment, such as a new shredder and printer. They will be contacting the County about acquiring a new computer. They also pointed out their need for more storage as storage in Town Hall is already quite filled. Supervisor Skellie said that ARPA funds can be used for purposes of adding on to Town Buildings, so it's something we may need to look into.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisors Report-

- The Shushan Bridget has still not finished completion yet but the County is hoping to have it done soon. They have encountered a couple of set backs that have pushed back their completion date.

RESOLUTION #123-22

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

- A1620.4 Town Building Misc. – A1620.4 Electric for \$180.49
- A1620.4 Town Building Misc. – A1620.4 Telephone for \$142.01
- A1355.1 Assessors – A1355.2 Assessors for \$438.95
- A1990.4 Contingent – A1910.1 Insurance for \$454.00
- A1990.4 Contingent – A8020.4 Planning Board for \$211.50

RESOLUTION #124-22

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

- Move \$131.65 from the Compensated Absences Fund to the Highway Fund. Money will be reflected in DA5110.1a General Repairs – Sick day payout.

RESOLUTION #125-22

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on December 30, 2022, Abstract #12A and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	136-151	\$3,317.70
Highway	220-230	\$13,812.46

RESOLUTION #126-22

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adjourn at approximately 2:08 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Molly Dixson, Town Clerk