

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting  
July 5, 2023**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on July 5, 2023 at 8:00 PM at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

**PRESENT:**

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

**Also present:** Christine Eldred of the Eagle, several residents including Lewis Steele, Howard Freed, Nancy Krauss, Dina, Henry and Robbie Henke, Michele and Scott Morrissey, and Lorraine Ballard.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Jennifer VanDeWater

**RESOLUTION #68-23**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as read.**

**Citizens for the Battenkill** – Supervisor Skellie prefaced the discussion on the agenda by asking if the group of citizens had contacted the NYS Liquor Authority in regards to the liquor license application for the Preserve on the Battenkill located on State Route 313, which was the group’s original concern with the campground. Lewis Steele stated that they had. Supervisor Skellie advised that there are other State and County departments that address many of the issues the group is bringing forward in regards to the campground. He then welcomed the group to speak within a 5-to-10-minute time frame. Nancy Krauss stated that her concern with the Preserve on the Battenkill is the Battenkill river itself. She stated that the group had uncovered information and urged the Town Board to request the Planning Board allow them time to speak at a future meeting, as she is concerned with the law not being followed. She questioned the site plan review process as well as the sketch plan map on file with the Town. She also stated that the campground was in a flood zone. Howard Freed stated that the Planning Board was asked to make a final decision on the site plan for the project without all of the information, as he worries plans aren’t binding and the future of the river is in question. Howard shared that he had worked for the State Department of Health for many years and knows that although they may issue certification to the campground and have, residents of the Town should not be bound by the Department’s standards. He expressed his concern that sewage waste from RV’s may be dumped in Eldridge Swamp. At this time, Michele and Scott Morrissey spoke to verify they would not be dumping any waste in Eldridge Swamp, and they will no longer be having RVs at the campground. Michele stated that both the State Department of Conservation as well as the Department of Health were at the campground recently and gave the

grounds a clean bill of health. Michele added that the only reason the site plan map has changed is due to the fact they are no longer offering RV camping. They will be providing a new copy of the site plan map to the DOH and offered to provide a copy to the Town as well. Howard expressed his concern with the septic system for the site being in a flood plan. Michele stated that the engineering firm they had worked with for the project specialized in septic systems and everything was approved and more than adequate. Scott Morrissey added that there are several mechanisms in place to lessen any pressure on the septic tanks. Board member Rea stated that most people who live on the Battenkill River have septic tanks, and if anything, the Preserve would be watched more closely than them due to the fact that they are a campground. Resident Doug Reed spoke to express his concerns of flooding of the ground's cabins. Supervisor Skellie requested to have a copy of the engineering statement on file at Town Hall and Michele agreed to provide this.

### **RESOLUTION #69-23**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for June 2023 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$549.58
Supervisor Receipts	\$617,100.02
Supervisor Disbursements	\$387,931.00

### **REPORTS**

**Highway** – Highway Supt. Carney was present to report on the Highway Dept.'s activity over the month of June. The dept. has been mowing along many roads and cleaning up dead trees. There was an issue with the tractor that was then fixed. The brakes were replaced on the '05 dump truck and scrap was taken to the scrap yard. The '07 dump truck was looked at for frame work. Screened gravel and shoulder stone was hauled to Andrews Road after a request at the last TB meeting. The crew attended Safety Day training at the Co. Fairgrounds. Supt. Carney asked the Board if they would be interested in purchasing a new pickup, as other town's ordered new trucks and were able to piggyback off of the County. Board member Rea asked if we could trade the 2020 truck. Supt. Carney stated that we would have to look at auction to see prices and what trading would be possible. Sup. Skellie advised Supt. Carney to get an exact number on a truck and the Board would consider it.

**Planning Board** – There was no Planning Board report for the month as the PB meeting follows the TB meeting, due to the holiday on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Sup. Skellie requested the Board appoint Assessor Tim Grogan as the new Chair, after Jean McLenithan's resignation at the end of May.
- Supt. Carney and Budget Officer Nolan are still gathering prices on ARPA fund expenses to both rebuild the salt shed at the Town Barn, as well as build an outbuilding at Town Hall.

**RESOLUTION #70-23**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve appointing Tim Grogan as Chairman of Assessors, effective June 1, 2023.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The Board discussed the renewal Franchise Agreement for Charter Communications as well as the Resolution to approve the agreement after the Public Hearing.
- Sup. Skellie advised the Board that Bobbi Stone, a local Assessor who has been appointed to several towns in the area, has offered to aid in helping the Town’s Assessors till the end of the year. Bobbi along with Laura Chadwick of Wash. Co. Real Property will provide training in the coming months for the candidates running for the opening Assessor’s positions.

**RESOLUTION #71**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to set the public hearing for the approval of the renewal agreement for Spectrum Northeast, LLC of Charter Communications, Inc. to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 8:05 pm.**

**Supervisors Report –**

- Supervisor Skellie advised the Board of the newly crowned Washington County Dairy Princess, Anna Maxwell, a native to the Town of Jackson. Anna is the 60<sup>th</sup> to take the crown.

**RESOLUTION #72**

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to congratulate the 2023 Washington County Dairy Princess, Anna Maxwell, on her achievement.**

**RESOLUTION #73-23**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the following budget amendment:**

- Show \$136,327.81.00 in DA5112.2 to reflect actual CHIPS money received.

**RESOLUTION #74-23**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the following budget transfers:**

- A1620.4 Schoolhouse – A1620.4 Website for \$282.29.
- A1355.2 Assessors – A1355.4 Assessors for \$700.00.

**RESOLUTION #75-23**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on July 5, 2023, Abstract #7 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	74-86	\$20,967.48
Highway	108-125	\$26,885.91
Capital	4-5	\$11,050.44

**RESOLUTION #76-23**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Rouse; Resolution passed 4-0, **to adjourn at approximately 9:27 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Molly Dixson, Town Clerk