

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
November 8, 2023**

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

PRESENT:

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

Also present: Resident Sharon Dunn and Christine Eldred of the Eagle.

Absent: Councilman Edward Rouse

8:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2023

Supervisor Skellie opened the public hearing on Local Law #4 of 2023, a Local Law to override the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the purposes of creating a budget for the 2024 fiscal year. There being no comments from the public, Supervisor Skellie closed the public hearing at 8:01 pm.

8:02 PM PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Skellie opened the public hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget. There being no comments from the public, Supervisor Skellie closed the public hearing at 8:03 pm.

8:04 PM OPEN REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION #109-23

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the October 4th meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #110-23

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the October 17th budget meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #111-23

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$181.77
Supervisor Receipts	\$100,201.03
Supervisor Disbursements	\$114,653.29

REPORTS

Highway – Highway Supt. Carney was present to report on the Highway Dept.’s activity over the month of October. The Highway Dept. cleaned ditches on Reafield Farm Road. Equipment was put into for repairs. The ’95 dump truck was getting rusty under the frame so the dept. had the frame sandblasted and plows and lights on the other dump trucks were fixed ahead of winter. Supt. Carney stated that the dept. is still down one man and hiring. The Board discussed ordering a new pickup off of a County piggyback bid if available, for roughly \$49,000.00-\$52,000.00.

RESOLUTION #112-23

A motion by Supervisor Skellie, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve Highway Superintendent Carney to piggyback off of County pickup truck bid if truck is available.**

Planning Board – There was no Planning Board Report as the Planning Board meeting is set for after the Town Board meeting this month.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #113-23

VOTE ON LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2023 – Override the Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0 by roll call vote, **to adopt Local Law #4 of 2023 effective immediately upon filing with the Department of State.**

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

RESOLUTION #114-23

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0 by roll call vote, **to adopt the 2024 budget as amended which includes a 4.52% increase (2.65% tax cap increase for 2024).**

Total Appropriations:	\$1,325,311.16 (includes fire contracts)
Total Revenues:	-\$342,933.00
Total Unexpended Balance:	<u>-\$191,000.00</u>
Amount to be raised by 2024 Taxes	\$791,378.16

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

NEW BUSINESS

Engineering Proposal for Town Hall Addition – Supervisor Skellie stated that the Town has received a proposal from consultant engineering firm Cottrell Associates to draw the plans for the storage space addition on Town Hall. With a billing rate of \$100 an hour the estimated cost of services is \$8,000.00. The funds for the engineered plans will come from existing ARPA grant money the Town has. The State requires stamped engineered plans from a NYS certified engineer before building on Town buildings can begin.

RESOLUTION #115-23

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the proposal from Cottrell Associates Consultant Engineering to furnish engineering services for the storage addition on Town Hall.**

Supervisors Report –

- The JCAP grant applied for to receive half the cost of a generator at Town Hall was approved and will be moving forward.
- Planning Board Chair Donahue requested the Town Board be notified of an upcoming solar application that will be on the November Planning Board agenda on the 14th. Board members are welcome to attend to learn more about the project.

RESOLUTION #116-23

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

- A1420.4 Attorney – A1355.4 Assessors for \$480.00
- DA5140.1 Brush and Weeds – DA5120.4 Bridges for \$126.42

RESOLUTION #117-23

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on November 8, 2023, Abstract #11 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	116-125	\$1,861.09
Highway	178-205	\$42,190.73

RESOLUTION #118-23

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, to adjourn at approximately 9:01 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk