

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
December 6, 2023**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on December 6, 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
- Jennifer VanDeWater..... Councilwoman
- Molly Dixson..... Town Clerk
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer

Also present: Planning Board Chair Kelly Donahue and Christine Eldred of the Eagle.

Absent: Highway Superintendent Sean Carney

RESOLUTION #119-23

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the November 8th meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #120-23

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for November 2023 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$140.49
Supervisor Receipts	\$54,652.60
Supervisor Disbursements	\$79,181.38

REPORTS

Highway – Highway Supt. Carney was not present at the meeting but passed his report for November onto Supervisor Skellie:

- The Highway Dept. has been busy getting trucks ready for winter. The battery box on the '97 dump truck was rebuilt and the backhoe was serviced.
- The Dept. has started cleaning ditches on Murray Hollow Rd.
- Supt. Carney is still having difficulty finding a pickup available.
- The Dept. has had no luck finding someone to fill the vacant position, but they have received some help from former employee and Deputy Supt. Dick Bentley going into the winter season.

Planning Board – PB Chair Donahue was present to report on Tuesday night’s meeting:
[Christine Eldred entered at 8:15 pm during the reading of the Planning Board Report]

- The Planning Board has had discussions regarding a new solar application that has come forward for a 20 MW solar facility on Ackley Rd. The project applicants wish to separate the project into 4 separate 5 MW facilities so they can qualify for community distributed solar. A meeting between our Town Attorney and the Solar company’s (Norbut Solar) Attorney was held at Town Hall to figure out logistics of the solar application and whether or not 4 separate applications, as well as a major subdivision application, is required. Supervisor Skellie, Town Clerk/Planning Board Clerk Dixson, Chair Donahue, PB member Mahoney and Norbut Solar Project Manager Victor Ciaccia were also in attendance. The application is for a 139-acre solar facility with 9-ft high panels. The application is halted until clarification from the County is received regarding the project’s tax ID #'s that would impact subdivision and site plan requirements with the Town. Chair Donahue will keep the Town Board updated on this issue.
- The PB is considering moving forward with updating the bylaws or devising a renewable energies law. They will discuss this more in the new year.

OLD BUSINESS – There is no Old Business for this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Year-end Town Board Meeting – The year-end Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 27th at 1:00 pm.

RESOLUTION #121-23

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-1 with Councilman Rea voting against, **to hold the January, February and March Regular Town Board meetings at 1:00 pm.**

Supervisors Report –

- No word yet on engineered plans for the addition on Town Hall. The Town Clerk will contact the Engineering firm for an update.
- The 2024 County budget was passed, and was under the cap despite the State shifting more costs onto the County.

RESOLUTION #122-23

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on December 6, 2023, Abstract #12 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	126-145	\$17,531.94
Highway	206-225	\$38,249.55
Capital	12	\$3,291.20

RESOLUTION #123-23

A motion by Councilman Rouse, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adjourn at approximately 8:48 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Molly Dixson, Town Clerk