

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
February 7, 2024**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on February 7, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

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

Also present: Planning Board Chair Kelly Donahue, Resident John Pederson, Jimmy Morris of the Eagle, Engineer Bill Cottrell

Absent: Councilwoman Jennifer VanDeWater

RESOLUTION #15-24

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the January 3, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #16-24

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for January 2024 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$467.00
Supervisor Receipts	\$836,005.67
Supervisor Disbursements	\$58,243.43

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney was present to report on the Department’s activity over the month of January. The Highway Dept. has plowed a few times but there’s been more mud than snow this season so there hasn’t been a need for much plowing. They’ve been cutting trees and servicing trucks. Supt. Carney attended a meeting with the other Towns that joint own the hotbox as they are considering purchasing a new one. There are no issues with the current one, they are just trying to keep up on equipment. After some discussion, the Board had no issue with looking into purchasing a newer model hotbox. Supt. Carney will advise the other Highway Departments. He still has not received word on a new pickup available.

Planning Board – Chair Kelly Donahue was present to report on Tuesday’s Planning Board meeting:

- There was one item of action on the agenda for a minor subdivision on Alan Brown’s property at 64 Waites Lane. Applicant Ashleigh Brown explained the subdivision sketch plan to PB

members that showed that they wish to subdivide 98 acres from the 223.14-acre lot to create lot 1 and remaining lands. Lot 1 containing the house and barn will be conveyed to Colin and Ashleigh Brown. As the property is under a conservation easement through the Agricultural Stewardship Association, the ASA has given approval along with the National Resources Conservation Service. The Board requested a letter to have on file from the ASA giving approval for the subdivision. Ashleigh will return at a future date with the letter and the final survey plat.

- There was a meeting held on January 23rd at the Town Hall for the Comprehensive Plan Committee to begin work on the project. As only 2 members were in attendance, they decided to reschedule to meeting for another date pending availabilities of all members.
- Planning Board member Tim Thomas sent his resignation to Chair Donahue and Clerk Molly Dixson. The Planning Board will consider potential options for new members and keep the Town Board updated.
- The PB reviewed options to update the current PB bylaws that were written in 1986. Chair Donahue volunteered to draft a newer version to bring to the Board.
- There has been lots of interest in the potential Norbut Solar project on Ackley Road. Chair Donahue made it clear at the meeting that as of this date, we have not received an official application from Norbut to move forward on Site Plan. Some people in attendance at the meeting voiced concerns following regular business. Letters provided to the Town regarding this are on file at the Town Hall.
- The Board reviewed the Commercial Battery Energy Storage Moratorium drafted by Chair Donahue. After some discussion, they voted to request the Town Board approve the 6-month moratorium with the option of 2 (3) month extensions, following the date of the public hearing and reviewal by the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION #17-24

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to re-appoint Steve Chuhta to a seven-year term on the Planning Board beginning January 1, 2023 and concluding December 31, 2029.**

RESOLUTION #18-24

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to re-appoint Irene Headwell to a seven-year term on the Planning Board beginning January 1, 2024 and concluding December 31, 2030.**

RESOLUTION #19-24

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to set the date for the public hearing on LL#1 of 2024 to enact a moratorium on commercial battery energy storage systems for March 6th, 2024 at 1:00 pm.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Supervisor Skellie introduced Bill Cottrell of Cottrell Associates Engineering firm who has drafted up plans for the addition on Town Hall. Board members reviewed the plans and

discussed the different options each plan offered. After some discussion, Supervisor Skellie stated the plans will be on file at Town Hall for further reviewal before they're approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Following receipt of a letter from NYS Association of Towns inquiring on annual dues to become members, Supervisor Skellie asked Board members if they had interest in rejoining the program, as the Town had been members in the past. The Board discussed the different training, informational and legal services they provide to towns that join. Resident and former Planning Board member John Pederson stated he believes the Association is a great resource and provides many educational opportunities to members. Supervisor Skellie stated that many of the Towns in the State are members, we are one of the few that are not. Dues are currently at \$799.00 for the year. The Board tabled the discussion till next month.
- The Board discussed the 2024 Volunteer Dinner and catering options for food. Board members agreed to ask the American Legion if they could hold the event as well as cook the meals again and we will discuss again at the March meeting.

Supervisors Report-

- Supervisor Skellie reported that they County has not yet hired a new Director of Real Property Tax Services and they continue to interview for the position.

RESOLUTION #20-24

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on February 7, 2024, Abstract #2 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	3-20	\$128,060.92
Highway	8-29	\$22,645.60
Capital	1	\$8,467.80
ARPA	1	\$2,400.00

RESOLUTION #21-24

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

- Move \$11,000.00 from Highway Fund balance to Compensated Absences Fund.

RESOLUTION #22-24

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to adjourn at approximately 2:21 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.

Molly Dixson, Town Clerk