

## **Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting**

### **April 2, 2025**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on April 2, 2025 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

#### **PRESENT:**

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

**Also present:** Town Historian Carol Mallory, Lewis Steele, Christine Eldred of the Eagle

#### **RESOLUTION #39-25**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the March 5, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes as emailed.**

#### **RESOLUTION #40-25**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for March 2025 as follows:**

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Town Clerk Fees to Town  | \$38.00      |
| Supervisor Receipts      | \$468,376.72 |
| Supervisor Disbursements | \$466,606.02 |

#### **REPORTS**

**Highway** – Superintendent Carney was present to report on the Department’s activity over the month of March. The Dept. has been servicing the trucks and taking the plows off for the year. The plows have been painted. Crew members have attended training. The salt shed is currently full. Councilman Grogan questioned if the hydraulic hose machine has been used since it was purchased. Supt. Carney stated it has not been used as they have yet to get the correct fittings. Following the severe rain this past month, some roads were rutted and needed repairing, including Carney Cassidy which has been stoned and packed in. The Crew has been doing cold patching around town. The 5 towns that currently joint-own the hotbox have recently sold the 5-year old machine and replaced it with a new one, at no additional cost to the towns.

[Councilman Rea entered at 7:37 pm during the reading of the Highway Report.]

**Planning Board** – Town Clerk Dixson reported on Tuesday’s Planning Board meeting:

- There were no new items of action on the agenda. The Board discussed next steps for the Comprehensive Plan draft. Planning Board Clerk Dixson and Chair Donahue will spend the remainder of April working on the draft and identifying any additional information that may be needed, such as photographs, survey data, charts, maps, and a table of contents. A draft link will be shared with the Planning Board ahead of the May meeting for near final review.
- The Board discussed a glare complaint from a neighboring property owner of Jackson Solar 1, LLC. The complaint has been forwarded to Barton and Loguidice and they are working with the property owner and Millcreek Renewables to rectify the issue. Additionally, our solar attorney and some community members have raised concern regarding the overall condition of the site. Barton and Loguidice is addressing this issue, as well.
- The Planning Board is in the process of reviewing and revising the Town’s Solar Law. They are working to compile a list of concerns and lessons learned from our experience with Jackson Solar 1, LLC, as well as examining recent solar regulations adopted by other municipalities. This will be further discussed at the May regular PB meeting.
- They are still searching for somebody interested in filling the open seat on the Board. If anybody has any ideas, please let the Town Clerk or Town Supervisor know.

**Historian** – Town Historian Carol Mallory has been attending historical meetings at the County and provided an update to the Board regarding the upcoming events planned for the 250th anniversary of our nation. Carol distributed additional copies of the schedule to those interested as well as fliers for Benedict Arnold at Saratoga: How a Newly Discovered Letter Changed History, an event hosted by the Washington County Historical Society, as well as The 2<sup>nd</sup> Artillery Regiment, an event presented by the Hebron Preservation Society. Supervisor Skellie stated he had attended a recent Tavern Talk event held by the Washington County Historical Society that had period-themed food as well as reenactors of the American Revolution. The event was well attended.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Murray Hollow Bridge Closeout** – The Town has yet to receive an estimate for the final payment of the Murray Hollow bridge project from engineering firm McFarland Johnson. Supt. Carney reviewed the estimated numbers and found one small tax that needed to be removed. The Supervisor will update the Board when final numbers are received.

**Town Hall Storage Addition** – Work on the addition is close to being finished. We are currently waiting on Firstlight to rewire some lines for the phone and internet system. The generator will be installed soon and soon after Superior Co-Op HVAC will be in to install the heat pumps in both rooms.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Anti-Harassment Annual Training** – Town officials are due to receive annual anti-harassment training. The Town Clerk has reached out to the Town of Salem as they typically hold a joint session at

the Salem Highschool or at the Salem Firehouse. They will notify the Town when this session will be scheduled so Jackson officials can attend.

**2025 Town Picnic Committee** – The Town Clerk is looking for people interested in joining a committee to get ideas for the 2025 Town Picnic, following the poor turnout of last year’s event. Councilwoman VanDeWater offered to assist. The Town Clerk will set a time to meet and discuss the event.

**Town of Jackson Comprehensive Plan** – The Planning Board is working to get a final draft of the Comprehensive Plan. Part of this process involves getting together pictures of the Town. If anybody has photos they would like to incorporate into the document, please contact the Town Clerk.

**Supervisors Report-**

- The County is struggling to keep the budget under the 2% cap due to unexpected expenses and the State's reduction in funding for previously shared costs.

**RESOLUTION #41-25**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the following budget amendments:**

- Show \$10,000.00 in A8020.4b Planning Board Solar Escrow account to reflect money from Generate for Jackson Solar 1, LLC project engineering fees.
- Show \$30.00 in A8020.4a Planning Board Solar Project Expenses to reflect money from Generate for Jackson Solar 1, LLC project attorney fees.

**RESOLUTION #42-25**

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on April 2, 2025, Abstract #4 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

| FUND    | BILL # | AMOUNT      |
|---------|--------|-------------|
| General | 32-41  | \$8,359.17  |
| Highway | 54-68  | \$12,763.51 |
| ARPA    | 3      | \$817.00    |

**RESOLUTION #43-25**

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adjourn at approximately 8:24 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk