

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting June 4th, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on June 4, 2025 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Travis Rea..... Councilman *[enters 7:37 pm]*
- Jennifer VanDeWater..... Councilwoman
- Tim Grogan..... Councilman
- Molly Dixon..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer

Also present: Lewis Steele, Christine Eldred of the Eagle

Absent: Councilwoman Rich

RESOLUTION #49-25

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 3-0, **to accept the May 7, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes as written.**

[Councilman Rea entered at 7:37 pm.]

RESOLUTION #50-25

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for May 2025 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$185.52
Supervisor Receipts	\$234,700.52
Supervisor Disbursements	\$235,570.10

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney was present to report on the Department’s activity over the month of May. The Dept. has been patching roads and repairing areas damaged by washouts from the rain. They cleaned ditches on Stanton Road and cleaned up fallen trees from the storm. Most roads at this time have been swept. The Dept. attended safety training at Fort Edward. There was a new exhaust put on the '07 truck. Supt. Carney stated that the Town has \$235,000.00 from PAVE NY that could cover close to a mile of paving, possibly on Colfax, Kenyon Hill or Hedges roads. The Board requested Supt. Carney look into prices at Peckhams and compare with other options. Supt. Carney will measure the roads to get an accurate idea of material needed. He would like to pave hill roads to keep them maintained for plowing.

RESOLUTION #51-25

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, to approve the following bids for items on Auction's International:

- Gravel Screen - \$15,000.00
- Seed spreader - \$120.00
- Wood splitter - \$260.00

The Board opted to not approve the bid of \$150.00 for the sander.

Planning Board – Clerk Dixon was present to report on Tuesday's Planning Board meeting:

- The surveyor for the 4-lot major subdivision on County Route 62 was present with updated sketch plans of the project. The Planning Board is still awaiting a formal application.
- The Board discussed the Jackson Solar 1, LLC project. Engineering reviews are currently halted until Amendment No. 3 to the Escrow Agreement is approved by the Town Board and funds are dispersed into the Escrow account by the project applicants.
- The Planning Board reviewed additions made to the Solar Law draft by the Planning Board Chair. The Chair hopes to have all revisions made by the Board so that the draft can be sent to both the Town Attorney and Solar Attorney in August.
- Chair Donahue and Clerk Dixon will work on the Comprehensive Plan over the next month to get a final draft at the July meeting.
- The Board is still searching for an additional member and request assistance from the Town Board in finding one.

Historian – There was no Historian's Report for the month.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Propane Tank Options – Supervisor Skellie called a few propane companies to get pricing options on a new tank for Town Hall and has yet to hear back. He stated that other propane companies will most likely have us buy the tank outright like Blueflame. Board members agreed to have Supervisor Skellie reach out to Blueflame to purchase the tank and order the service work for the generator, the estimate totaling \$2,371.60.

RESOLUTION #52-25

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, to approve the Audit Committee's review of the 2024 Town Clerk/Tax Collector books on May 6, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #53-25

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, to approve Supervisor Skellie signing Amendment No. 3 to the Escrow Agreement dated December 15, 2022 between the Town of Jackson and Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C., to continue site

inspection engineering services for the Jackson Solar 1, LLC project and to request additional funds be added to the Escrow Account by the Project Sponsor.

CHIPS Discussion – The Town currently has about \$420,000.00 in rollover CHIPS funds from last year that can be used for paving and other highway-related improvements. The Town of Hebron recently saved a couple years’ worth of CHIPS funds to renovate their highway garage. Supervisor Skellie asked Board members to think about how to best use the money and come back with ideas for the July regular meeting. Supervisor Skellie agreed to talk with the County about bidding out for construction, which would take roughly a year to get engineering and construction bids in place if we were to renovate the highway garage.

Highway Superintendent Resignation –At this time, Sean Carney provided the Town Board with his resignation as Town of Jackson Highway Superintendent, effective June 27th, 2025. Board members thanked Sean for his 30 years of service to the Town, and 20 years as Highway Superintendent.

Deputy Superintendent Dan Carney has agreed to step in as interim Highway Superintendent until the end of year.

RESOLUTION #54-25

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept Sean Carney’s resignation from the position of Town of Jackson Highway Superintendent, effective June 27th, 2025.**

Supervisor’s Report-

- The Board of Supervisor’s is looking for ways to keep the budget under control the best they can with increases and cutbacks from the State.

RESOLUTION #55-25

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on June 4, 2025, Abstract #6 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	51-64	\$5,669.23
Highway	92-106	\$10,713.31

8:33 PM

RESOLUTION #56-25

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article Fourteen of the Civil Service Law.**

8:49 PM

RESOLUTION #57-25

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to close the Executive Session.**

RESOLUTION #58-25

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to appoint Dan Carney as interim Highway Superintendent, effective June 27th, 2025 and concluding on December 31st, 2025.**

RESOLUTION #59-25

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to adjourn at approximately 8:50 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk