

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
July 3, 2024**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on July 3, 2024 at 7:45 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Travis Rea..... Councilman
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman
- Tim Grogan..... Councilman [entered at 7:52 pm]
- Molly Dixson..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer

Also present: Planning Board Chair Kelly Donahue, Town Historian Carol Mallory, Norbut Solar representative Nathan Cobb and resident Lewis Steele

Absent: Councilwoman Jennifer VanDeWater

RESOLUTION #66-24

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 3-0, **to accept the June 5, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #67-24

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 3-0, **to approve the Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports for June 2024 as follows:**

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$144.42
Supervisor Receipts	\$46,302.06
Supervisor Disbursements	\$48,975.80

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney was present to report on the Department’s activity over the month of June. The Department has been busy patching with the hotbox and grading several roads. Highway crew members attended safety days training at the Washington County Fairground. They have been assisting in work on the Murray Hollow Road bridge and have begun work on the town salt shed. The tractor has been repaired but they are still waiting on the mower.

[Councilman Grogan entered at 7:52 pm during the reading of the Highway Report.]

Town Historian – Newly appointed Town Historian, Carol Mallory, was present to report that she has been in touch with former Town Historians Sharon Dunn and Jim Kennelly and they will be helping her to learn more about the responsibilities of the job.

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

- The Planning Board discussed the June 25th Comprehensive Plan meeting where Committee members shared ideas on a draft survey to be handed out at the Town Picnic. The Town Clerk will share the survey with Town Board members for review prior to the Picnic.
- Barton and Loguidice Engineering is working with Jackson Solar 1, LLC contractors to ensure their preconstruction drawings are in substantial agreement with their original site plans, as they have flagged several changes that were made. The Planning Board Chair and Planning Board Clerk have been involved with the discussions between the engineering firm and the EPC firm and will continue to update the Town Board as they learn more.
- The Planning has been working on drafting a Battery Energy Storage law and discussed several components in relation to fire safety, including holding a working meeting with local fire chiefs and involving them throughout the process of drafting the law.
- Due to the recent complications with the Jackson Solar 1, LLC site regulations, Chair Donahue held a discussion with Town Attorney David Klingebiel and attorneys at Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna who had helped the Town prepare its original Solar Law. Based on this conversation, the Town was advised by both our Town Attorney and those at WOH that certain items in our Town Solar Law, which was passed in April of 2023, are already outdated due to changes in industry standards and are in need of revising. They agreed that the Town should return to the Utility Scale Solar Law to make necessary changes and begin drafting regulations in regards to utility scale wind generated and alternative energy facilities as well. For this reason, our Town Attorney has recommended and prepared a draft Utility Scale Solar, Wind Generated, and Alternative Energy Facility Moratorium Law that provides for a 6-month moratorium on applications of these facilities with an option for 2/ 6-month extensions. The Planning Board voted unanimously to request the Town Board set a date for a public hearing on the draft law.

RESOLUTION #68-24

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to set the date for the public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2024, a Law Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on Approvals of Utility Scale Solar Energy Facilities, Wind Generated Energy Facilities and Alternative Energy Facilities within the Town of Jackson, to Tuesday, July 16th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.**

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Storage Addition Bids – The Town has not received any bids for the addition on Town Hall. Supervisor Skellie questioned if the Board would be interested to find other options in regards to hiring a contractor outright for all of the work or for separate parts of the job. Board members agreed to have Supervisor Skellie talk to the County on what our options may be.

RESOLUTION #69-24

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the highest bid of \$25,800.00 for the 2020 Chevy Silverado 3500HD Pickup Truck with Plow on Auctions International.**

NEW BUSINESS

Town Insurance Renewal – The insurance renewal from Northern Insurance Agency, Inc. has come through and the Board will pay the bill to renew the policy for another year at tonight’s meeting.

2024 Town Picnic – The Town will be all set for the Picnic being held at the Cambridge American Legion pavilion on July 26th at 6:00 pm.

Supervisors Report – There was no Supervisor’s Report for the month.

RESOLUTION #70-24

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

- A1990.4 Contingent – A1910.1 Insurance for \$500.00.

RESOLUTION #71-24

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on July 3rd, 2024, Abstract #7 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	56-70	\$24,473.85
Highway	103-117	\$6,679.57
Capital	4	\$5,204.71

RESOLUTION #72-24

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to adjourn at approximately 8:33 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk