

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting  
October 2, 2024**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on October 2, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

**PRESENT:**

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Travis Rea..... Councilman [entered at 7:35]
- Jennifer VanDeWater..... Councilwoman
- Tim Grogan..... Councilman
- Molly Dixson..... Town Clerk
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer

**Also present:** Planning Board Chair Kelly Donahue, Planning Board member Erik VandenBerg, Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad Chief Mark Spezio, Christine Eldred of the Eagle and residents Lewis Steele and Ray VanDeWater

**Absent:** Councilwoman Rich and Highway Superintendent Carney

**RESOLUTION #90-24**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes as read.**

[Councilman Rea entered at 7:35 during the reading of the minutes.]

**RESOLUTION #91-24**

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$221.95
Supervisor Receipts	\$129,432.60
Supervisor Disbursements	\$136,251.67

**Presentation – Mark Spiezio, Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad**

Cambridge Valley Rescue Chief Mark Spezio was present on behalf of the squad to update the Town on the current state of emergency rescue services. Mark touched on 6 critical points in his presentation; Funding, workforce, increased need for services, CVRS challenges, what the squad has done to help their situation and next steps for the future. Mark expressed his concern that CVRS will be shut down with lack of funding and workforce and detailed the setbacks emergency services are currently having. He invited Board members for a tour of the facility or a ride along to better understand the limits the department is facing.

## **REPORTS**

**Highway** – Superintendent Carney was not present to report on the dept.’s activity over the month of September, but Supervisor Skellie advised that the Murray Hollow Road Bridge is complete and the highway crew has been working on the salt shed.

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

- The Planning Board held two meetings in the month of September, the regular monthly meeting as well as a special meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the site plan approval of the Jackson Solar 1, LLC project. Project Engineer Steve Lefevre and Solar Attorney Teresa Bakner both sat in via video conference. The Planning Board voted to allow the site plan approval of the project to continue as is and changed the completion date for construction of the project to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Board members all agreed that the Town’s Site Plan Review Law needs to be revisited and revised.
- Board members welcomed new member Michael Ammaturo.
- Barton and Loguidice has come to an agreement with Jackson Solar 1, LLC regarding their preconstruction drawings. They have resolved a discrepancy involving DEC guidance on impervious slopes and they ended up agreeing on the more conservative ruling. B&L will do periodic reviews of the site once construction commences.
- Sztorc Family Battenkill, LLC was on the agenda for a potential subdivision. After reviewing the sketch plan, the Planning Board believes this is a deed issue to be settled with County Real Property Tax Mapping and plans to write a letter stating this.
- NYSEDA has come out with a booklet to help towns draft commercial battery energy storage laws which the PB is now using to reconcile with the current draft law.

At this time, Planning Board member Erik VandenBerg gave a brief presentation on the results that came from the Town of Jackson Comprehensive Plan Committee survey.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Town Hall Storage Addition Quotes** – The Town is waiting on two different contractors to send quotes for work on the storage addition. Supervisor Skellie hopes to have them for review at the upcoming budget meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION #92-24**

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to appoint Neal Rea to a five-year term on the Board of Assessment Review effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029.**

**Battenkill Bike Race** – Anthem Sports is seeking support from the Town of Jackson for the use of 9 preliminary effected Town roads for the bike race event on May 10, 2025. The 9 roads are as follows: Eagleville Road, E. Greenwich Hills Corners Road, Reafield Farm Road, Wood Lane, Keys Road, Rexleigh Road, Fish Hatchery Road, Plains Road and Legrys Road. The Board discussed the pros and cons of having the race on Town roads.

**RESOLUTION #93-24**

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 3-1 with Supervisor Skellie voting against, **to support the use of the preliminary effected Town roads listed in the letter from Anthem Sports dated September 20, 2024, for the Battenkill Bike race that will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025.**

**2025 Preliminary Budget Meeting** - Budget Officer Nolan handed out copies of the 2025 proposed budget. The Town Board set the date for the meeting to discuss and review the preliminary budget to Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**RESOLUTION #94-24**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to set the date for the public hearing on Local Law #3 of 2024, a law to override the tax levy limit for the 2025 fiscal year, to Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm, immediately before the meeting to discuss the 2025 preliminary budget.**

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

**RESOLUTION #95-24**

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

- Transfer: A1990.4 Contingent to A3510.4 Control of Dogs for \$35.00
- Amendment: Show \$750.00 in A8020.4a Solar Project Expenses to reflect money from Generate for Planning Board bills.

**RESOLUTION #96-24**

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, Abstract #10 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	93-100	\$820.96
Highway	155-169	\$12,940.83
Capital	8	\$30,506.17

**9:04 PM**

**RESOLUTION #97-24**

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 4-0, **to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation.**

**9:14 PM**

**RESOLUTION #98-24**

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

**RESOLUTION #99-24**

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to adjourn at approximately 9:15 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Molly Dixson, Town Clerk