

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
November 6, 2024**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on November 6, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

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

Also present: Planning Board Chair Kelly Donahue, Christine Eldred of the Eagle, Town Historian Carol Mallory and residents Sharon Dunn and James Reid

7:35 PM PUBLIC HEARING – 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Skellie opened the public hearing on the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Budget Officer Nolan Stated that the budget currently sits at a 2.25% increase following changes made at the Budget Workshop. Resident James Reid asked for a copy of the budget changes. There being no further comments from the public, Supervisor Skellie closed the public hearing at 7:36 pm.

7:37 PM OPEN REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION #106-24

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the October 2nd, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #107-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the October 23rd budget meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #108-24

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$95.46
Supervisor Receipts	\$89,982.16
Supervisor Disbursements	\$80,742.32

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney was present to report on the Dept.’s activities over the month of October. The Highway crew has been doing patching on roads around Town. The salt shed is complete asides from painting which will be done sometime next week and the County has completed paving around the shed. One of the trucks has been at Delurey’s for a couple of months getting work done so they are still waiting to hear about that.

Planning Board Report – There was no Planning Board Report as the November meeting will be on the 12th, but Chair Donahue advised the Town Board that the Planning Board is requesting an extension on the Commercial Battery Energy Storage Moratorium ahead of the December deadline for the remaining 3 months allowed.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Town Building Projects/ARPA Funds – The salt shed at the Highway Barn will be complete once painting is done and the addition at Town Hall is set to begin construction soon. Blue Flame will be removing one of the fuel tanks and moving the other out of the way of construction so there will still be heat during the excavating and building phases. Supervisor Skellie is looking into prices for a furnace in the addition that will heat the whole building. Leftover ARPA funds following these projects will need to be allocated before the end of the year. Supervisor Skellie, Deputy Supervisor Rea and Budget Officer Nolan will meet to discuss how to budget the remaining funds and will bring their ideas to the rest of the Board in December.

RESOLUTION #109-24

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to extend the current moratorium on Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems by three months concluding March 11, 2024.**

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Preliminary Budget – Budget Officer Nolan requested to add the \$1,000.00 back into the Town Clerk contractual expense. The Board agreed to raise Veteran’s Services by \$100. The unexpended balance for Highway was raised to \$197,116.00 and General was lowered to \$15,000.00, putting the budget at the 2% cap of \$807,206.00.

RESOLUTION #110-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote, **to adopt the 2025 budget as amended which includes a 2.00% increase (0% tax cap increase for 2025).**

Total Appropriations:	\$1,362,644.00 (includes fire contracts)
Total Revenues:	-\$343,322.00
Total Unexpended Balance:	<u>-\$212,116.00</u>
Amount to be raised by 2025 Taxes	\$807,206.00

- Councilwoman Rich – Aye
- Councilwoman VanDeWater – Aye
- Supervisor Skellie – Aye
- Councilman Grogan - Aye
- Councilman Rea – Aye

Supervisors Report – Supervisor Skellie advised that the County will most likely be at the cap or just under for the 2025 Budget.

Historian Report – Town Historian Carol Mallory reported that she has been attending Historian meetings at Washington County and hopes to get together some ideas for the Town to commemorate our Nation’s 250th anniversary in 2026.

RESOLUTION #111-24

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

- A1990.4 Contingent to A1989.4 Misc (adj to taxes by the County) for \$8,380.92
- A1990.4 Contingent to A3510.4 Assessor for \$61.00
- A1990.4 Contingent to A8020.4 Planning Board for \$180.00
- A1990.4 Contingent to A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage for \$830.55

RESOLUTION #112-24

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

- Show \$2,537.50 in A8020.4a Solar Project Expenses to reflect money from Generate for Planning Board bills.

RESOLUTION #113-24

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on November 6th, 2024, Abstract #11 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	101-112	\$18,942.14
Highway	170-185	\$25,467.60
Capital	9	\$48,860.39
ARPA	7-10	\$12,025.39

RESOLUTION #114-24

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adjourn at approximately 8:38 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk