

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
September 4, 2024**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on September 4, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman
- Jennifer VanDeWater..... Councilwoman
- Tim Grogan..... Councilman
- Molly Dixson..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent

Also present: Planning Board Chair Kelly Donahue, Town Historian Carol Mallory, residents Amy Shaver, Lewis Steele and Michael Ammaturo

Absent: Councilman Rea and Budget Officer Nolan

RESOLUTION #82-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to accept the August 7th, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes as read.**

RESOLUTION #83-24

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

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$274.45
Supervisor Receipts	\$36,201.50
Supervisor Disbursements	\$81,558.36

REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Carney was present to report on the Department’s activity over the month of August. The dept. has been busy mowing roads and picking away at building the salt shed. The ditches were cleaned on the north end of Stanton Road and a tire was blown on the tractor. The dept. spent 6 days fixing Duells Lane after the storm and graded ditches on Carney Cassidy. They have been hauling sand as well. The dept. is currently back up to full staff.

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

- There was a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting held on August 27th at 6:30 pm. Committee members reviewed survey results that were collected after the Town Picnic and throughout the month of August. The common response of survey results was a desire to keep

the Town rural. Broadband was a common concern brought forth as well. Committee member Erik Vandenberg hopes to have a draft Plan together by the October regular Planning Board meeting.

- There has been progress on the Jackson Solar 1, LLC preconstruction drawings and realigning them to the original 2021 site plans. Project contractors Mill Creek Renewables have returned several changes to Barton and Loguidice for review. Barton Loguidice's project engineer Steve Lefevre provided an update via video conference at last night's meeting, advising of changes with more significant impacts and changes with less significant impacts. Of those changes noted with more significant impact were the removal of a wetland protection barrier and gravel diaphragms and the addition of a laydown area to assemble solar panels. They have applied for a waiver from DEC to be able to work on more than 5 acres at a time once construction of the project commences. Resident Lewis Steele sent a letter by email to the Town regarding Article 800 of the Town Site Plan Law that states all land use activities must be complete within one year from the date of project approval with the allowance of 1 1-year extension. Since the initial approval of the project was in May of 2021 with extension granted in May of 2022, there is a concern that the project should have been complete by the May 2023 deadline when the PB chair signed the site plans. The Town's Solar Attorney Terresa Bakner of WOH weighed in on this issue via video conference call and presented the Planning Board with 2 options to proceed with the project, going forward as is or requiring a new site plan review. Board members will meet again on September 18th at 6:30 pm to discuss which option they will be moving forward with.
- There is a draft energy storage law that will be sent out to Town and Planning Board members for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Board Member Appointment – Michael Ammaturo introduced himself to Town Board members to show his interest in the Planning Board vacancy. Coming from an urban area originally, Michael stated that his appreciation for rural areas is what has led him to Jackson and he hopes to keep this area rural.

RESOLUTION #84-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to appoint Michael Ammaturo to fill Tim Thomas's remaining term till the end of the year on the Planning Board effective immediately and to conclude on December 31, 2024.**

Town Hall Storage Addition – Supervisor Skellie has been in contact with a couple of different contractors that may be interested in working on the storage addition. He is still waiting on quotes to get exact costs but will update the Town Board when he has them.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business for the month.

Supervisors Report – The County has completed the impact study on the effects of the Great Meadows Correctional Facility closure and the document should be available on the County website.

RESOLUTION #85-24

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

- A1620.4 Schoolhouse – A1620.4 Misc. for \$32.00
- A1990.4 Contingent - A1340.4 Budget Officer for \$250.00
- A1990.4 Contingent – A8020.4 Planning Board for \$26.00

RESOLUTION #86-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on September 4th, 2024, Abstract #9 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	83-92	\$14,262.85
Highway	140-154	\$20,485.68
Capital 7a	5	\$169,740.00
Capital	6	\$64,118.13
ARPA	5	\$1,215.00

8:21 PM

RESOLUTION #87-24

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person.**

8:38 PM

RESOLUTION #88-24

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

RESOLUTION #89-24

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to adjourn at approximately 8:38 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Molly Dixson, Town Clerk