



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE JACKSON TOWN BOARD NOVEMBER 14, 2024

1. **Call to order** – Chairman Hartwig called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Eichner confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed.
2. **Roll call** – Present Chairman Bob Hartwig, Supervisors Dave Behringer (7:03pm), Joe Kufahl, Marcy Bishop, and Steve Fischer, Town Attorney Paul Alexy, Zoning Administrator Jim Micech, Treasurer Jean Wills, and Clerk Eichner.
3. **Approval of the meeting agenda** – Motion by Fischer, second by Kufahl to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0, Behringer not present yet.
4. **Approval of the minutes** – Motion by Bishop, second by Fischer to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2024 Town Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Resident comment on any agenda item** – The following residents spoke to Item 12, consideration of amending Ordinance TOJ-10-75 Discharge of Firearms in the Town of Jackson, urging that no changes be made to the Ordinance:

Randy Block, 1035 Western Ave, stated there is no need to change the ordinance to be less restrictive with respect to discharge near a residence. Any reduction in distance is dangerous and a proposed 100' distance is extremely dangerous. He also feels the fine for violation should be considerably higher than the current \$25. He stated that there needs to safety for all, or there is safety for none.

Dan Filter, 2958 Crosswind Tr, is also uncomfortable with a lesser distance to residences.

Tracy Anderson 2840 Church Road walks dogs on their 2-plus acres with woods and would feel very unsafe with a reduction of the distance.

Jeff Bikowski 1348 Sandy Lane is an avid hunter and would not feel safe with shooters so close to residences.
6. **Washington County Sheriff's Department Report** – Deputy Wright was not present but did provide a report for review.
7. **Jackson Fire Department Report** – Members of the Fire department were present to answer questions on the new contract. They also reported that the open house at the Fire Department in October drew about 1000 guests. There was no monthly report available.
8. **Discussion and possible action – Consideration of the 2025 Emergency Services Contract with Jackson Fire Department** – Motion by Fischer, second by Bishop to approve the 2025 Emergency Services Contract with the Jackson Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.
9. **Discussion and possible action – Consideration of an application for a two-year Operators License for Justin Olson, The Jailhouse** – Motion by Behringer, second by Bishop to approve the Operator's License for Justin Olson. Motion carried 5-0.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action – Consideration of Resolution J-2024-015 A Resolution Setting the 2024 Levy Limit for Approval by the Town Electors** – Motion by Bishop, second by Behringer to approve Resolution J-2024-015. Motion carried 5-0.
11. **Discussion and possible action – Proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 21-03 which amended Title X of the Municipal Code for Accessory Building Heights and Area in R1, R2, R3 and A1 Zoning Districts** – Micech presented draft ordinance TOJ-24-002 for final consideration at the December 12, 2024 Board Meeting, following a public hearing. The final draft will be presented to the Parks & Plan Commission for recommendation at the December 4 meeting.



- 12. Discussion only – Consideration of Possible Amendment to Ordinance TOJ-10-75-76 Discharge of Firearms in the Town of Jackson** – DNR Warden Steve Swirtz introduced himself and was present to answer questions anyone had regarding this item. The consensus of the Board is to revisit this ordinance to see if there are some minor amendments that can be made as the original ordinance is 50 years old. Clerk Eichner will post the current ordinance on the Town Website.
- 13. Discussion and possible action – Consideration of Proposals for Gutter Installation at Transfer Station** – Motion by Bishop, second by Fischer to award the installation of the Transfer Station gutters to Oostburg Seamless Gutters for \$960. Motion carried 5-0.
- 14. Discussion and possible action – Consideration of End-of-Year performance reviews** – The Board will hold performance reviews Eichner, Micech, Fischer, and Deputy Clerk Diaz at 6:00pm before the December 12, 2024 Town Board Meeting. They will hold reviews with the Highway Patrolman Brei, Town Hall maintenance and parks employees, the Recycling Center/Transfer Station employees, and the seasonal plow truck operators, at the Town Garage on Saturday December 14th, and Saturday December 21st if necessary.
- 15. Washington County Board report.** – The County Exec, Josh Schoemann presented the County Budget, two employees from Samaritan and one from the Sheriff's Department were recognized.
- 16. Treasurer's report.** – The Treasurer's Report and facility rental report was presented. Wills is happy with her first month and she likes the accounting software. We are set for Tax collection except for the credit card machine. We are still trying to get it operational. We have raised almost \$14,000 in facility rentals.
- 17. Buildings report** – Behringer did not formally present the costs for gutter guard installation because they are extremely high. The consensus of the Board is to purchase the materials and have staff install. Maintenance in the last month includes winterizing the hoses and bibs on the outside of Town Hall, hung pictures in offices, helped setup and take down booths for early voting and the election, took down the flag and light at the Pavilion, winterized the Pavilion, hung a clock in the south conference room, and replaced batteries in several thermostats.
- 18. Grounds report** – Rehung the trail map box, final mowing, cut trees down in the south tree line, and blew leaves into the tree lines.
- 19. Weed Commissioner's Report** – No report.
- 20. Transfer Station report** – Lenny will be coming on 11/18 to remove his equipment. We will use another vendor to reinstall cameras after the security fence is installed.
- 21. Highway Superintendent/Equipment Manager Report** – The contractor is trying to get in before the end of the year to install the security fence and gate, probably in December. The lot is cleaned up and the transfer station interior is working well and staying clean. Concentrating on prepping equipment for winter maintenance.
- 22. Highway/Chairman's report** – Burned brush 3 times, shouldered Sherman Road, and Spring Valley Road, picked up the Pleasant Valley Road bridge railing from the county, removed concrete and stones from the east side of the salt shed. Installed radios in truck 24 and the tractor backhoe, put up road signs, cleaned up downed tree limbs, the County striped Sherman and Spring Valley Roads, and cleared downed trees after the high winds.
- 23. Zoning Administrator's report** – Cedar Jacks is opening November 21st. Micech sent letters to 2702-2706 CTH P for yard clean-up. Owner has been allowing junk to be stored there. The hoarding situation at Sherman & Division Roads is improving. Tony Matuszczak is hoping to resubmit his Preliminary Plat for Windmill Trace in January or February. KMLHS remodel is progressing with block walls going up and some plumbing being done.



24. Clerk's report – Election results – County wide 95.67% turnout, Town of Germantown had 93.2% and Town of Jackson had 92.6% turnout, with 117 election day registrations and Germantown had 6. Jackson is at 95.8% of all eligible voters registered. The referendum did fail. There were 1676 absentee/early voters in Jackson and 63 in Germantown.

25. Communications and announcements - None

26. Review of bills and authorization of payment – Motion by Bishop, second by Fischer to except the Vouchers and approve the bills. Motion carried 5-0.

27. Adjournment – Motion by Kufahl, second by Bishop to adjourn at 9:17pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Eichner

Clerk

Approved: December 12, 2024

Robert H. Hartwig

Chairman