



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JACKSON TOWN BOARD JULY 10, 2025

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hartwig at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Eichner verified proper posting and notifications for the meeting.
2. **Roll call** – Present: Chairman Bob Hartwig, Supervisors Dave Behringer (7:04), Joe Kufahl, Marcy Bishop, and Paul Huettl, Jackson Fire Battalion Captain Eric Weiss, Zoning Administrator Jim Micech, and Clerk Bob Eichner.
3. **Approval of agenda** – Motion by Kufahl, second by Huettl, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0 (Behringer absent)
4. **Approval of minutes** – Motion by Bishop, second by Huettl, to accept the June 12, 2025 Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0 (Behringer absent).

Supervisor Behringer arrived.

5. **Resident comment** – Ron Eickstedt, 3689 Johnson Lane, requested to be part of the discussion for Items 13, 16, and 18A. There were no other comments.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND STAFF REPORTS

6. **Washington County Sheriff's Department Report** – No report
7. **Jackson Fire Department Report** – 81 EMS calls and 22 fire calls in June; 2 structure fires. The department conducted 109 fire inspections. The FD had vehicles and personnel at a block party and Breakfast on the Farm and gave tours of the station to members of Threshold. They continue to hold training exercises on Tuesdays. The department has a new full-time Firefighter/paramedic starting July 10th and has implemented new EMS protocols for the department.
8. **Treasurer's report.** – The treasurers report and Facility rental report were presented; Treasurer Wills is excused so there is no other report.
9. **Update from the planning committee for an All-Town Picnic.** – The flyer for the picnic is almost done; waiting on information about the band and fireworks. We have received several donations for the silent auction, from the quilting groups, Pleasant Valley Tennis Club, and Paul Huettl. We continue to seek other donations. The picnic will run from 1pm to dusk. We will be selling burgers, brats, hot dogs, beer, soda, and water.
10. **Zoning Administrator's report** – Micech reported that Cedar jacks has received a loan from the Washington County Economic Development to remodel their dining area into a full commercial kitchen and dining and design work will begin soon. Micech responded to a noise complaint for a portable generator to a trailer housing a temporarily displaced family. Micech worked with the family to supply power to the trailer from the house on the property the family had been invited to stay on.
11. **Clerk's report** – WTA is already advertising for convention in October and Fall workshops. The voter registration lists are in the process of being purged for movers and 4-yr voters.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

12. **Consideration of Operator's License renewals from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027** – Motion by Bishop, second by Huettl, to approve licenses for Ray Hoffman, Pleasant Valley Tennis & Fitness; Josh Herman, Bentdale Farms; Craig Lowdermilk, Diana Lowdermilk, Cedar Jacks. Motion carried 5-0.
13. **Consideration of Dump/Plow package for Truck #26** – Huettl asked the Board to consider used trucks for replacement in the future. Chairman Hartwig stated that Burke's estimate for the package is \$137,000, it could be one to 1-1/2 years before Burke installs the package. Ron Eickstedt stated that the previous trucks used a



Burke Plow package because the plows are heavier and more effectively clear the roads. He also questioned why the Town would have one truck different. Kufahl would like to approach the plow package companies to get a Sourcewell (Government Pricing) quote on the plow packages.

Scott "Scooter" Peplinski fleet supervisor for the Ozaukee County Highway Department spoke on options for plow packages and alternative methods of snow and ice removal. His opinion was that a lighter blade would move more snow at slower speeds. Ozaukee County uses JOMA (YO-MA) rubberized front plow blades which are excellent for cleaning roads with rutting or an uneven surface. Scotter also recommended considering a brine application to reduce salt usage, but it is only effective to 20 degrees. Huettl suggested using brine on one truck as a test. For wing plows, Monroe improved Burke's design for the wing's 'collapse' when hitting objects the reduces damage to the truck at higher speeds. Scooter also stated that Ozaukee County could install the plow package at a rate of \$65/hr., and it would probably take 4-6 weeks.

- 14. Consider extending Thursday hours for the Transfer Station/Recycling Center** – This item is tabled until the August Meeting so the fiscal impact of having the TS/RC open on Thursdays can be analyzed.
- 15. Consider removal of the large maple tree on the west lot line of Town garage driveway and 3673 Division Road** – Clerk Eichner instructed to discuss shared cost for removal with homeowner at 3673 Division Road and report at August meeting.
- 16. Consider advertising for additional seasonal truck drivers** – Eichner will survey for appropriate wages and report in August.

UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

- 17. Consideration of creation of an Ordinance allowing chickens to be kept in all residential zoning districts in the Town of Jackson** – Motion by Behringer, second by Bishop, to send this item to Parks & Planning to create a draft ordinance for keeping of chickens in residential zoning. Motion carried 5-0.
- 18. Update and discussion on Pleasant Valley Road Bridge replacement.** – Eichner explained that no companies responded to RFP. The problem is that we were asking for design and construction services which is too difficult to estimate unless the bridge type is known on advice from Bill Oakes at Kapur and Associates. Bill also suggested trying to get consideration the Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program from a safety standpoint.

BOARD REPORTS

- 19. Washington County Board report** – Hartwig attended the Railroad Consortium meeting on July 9th. There is a lot of railroad construction replacing ties and rails taking place north of Hartford. Tom Winker, Chairman, is trying to get additional funding for projects in Dodge, Washington, and Ozaukee Counties.
At the County Board meeting on July 9th, Nicholas Stewart was appointed by the Board as the new Supervisor for District 5. Bridge and Culvert aid was approved for the Town of Barton.
- 20. Buildings report** – Behringer reported that there was a meeting with an engineer on the barn who required a \$500.00 retainer. He reviewed the barn and send a quote for \$2235 to provide a report on the condition of the building and, if there is anything wrong, he will submit another quote to give us the fixes. The consensus of the Board was do not use this firm's services and several alternate names were provided for Dave to contact.
Work done at Town Hall – changed filters on all furnaces, did safety check on playground, the apartment stairs were stained, and front bushes were trimmed.
- 21. Grounds report** – Work includes mowing, trimming and tree fall removals on trails and spraying for weeds along the fences. Items requiring attention – archery targets need to be replaced, and we need a bollard by the electrical panels and meters on the north side of Town Hall.
- 22. Weed Commissioner's report** – Huettl addressed on thistle complaint on Mill Road.



- 23. Equipment Manager report** – We took delivery of a 'new' 1-ton patrol truck purchased from Town of Trenton. The spray patcher is operational. James and Steve will begin patching soon after some training with Mike Schmidt.
- 24. Transfer Station report** – The post extension for the license plate camera has arrived and once welded in place, the camera will be installed. The old wall mounted sign on the west side of the Recycling Center is down because it is outdated and has wrong prices in information. We are trying to improve the cash on hand for making change to charges so that we can collect the proper amount for fees. Can we get more Town-issued clothing for employees? We received another application from Dave Porth to work at the transfer station.
- 25. Highway/Chairman's report** – The first round of roadside mowing is done. Tree trimming is being done at intersections to improve vision corners. Responded to two emergency downed trees on Cedar Creek Road. The County will finish the culvert replacements on Jackson Dr. soon. The excess dirt from the culvert work is being taken to a fill site on Church Road. Chip sealing will begin in early August.
- 26. Communications and announcements** – None.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND ADJOURNMENT

- 27. Review of bills and authorization of payment** – Motion by Huettl, second by Bishop to approve the bills and authorize payment. Motion carried 5-0.
- 28. Adjournment** – Motion by Huettl, second by Kufahl, to adjourn at 10:25pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M Eichner
Town Clerk

Robert H. Hartwig
Town Chairman