

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:
April 11, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Present

Supervisor: Bryce Wehner
Councilmen: Riley Closson
Theodore Law Jr. (TJ)
Harold R. Eltz (Russell)
Joey Pudney
Clerk/Tax Collector: Jaymie Closson
Building/Code Enforcement: Michael Andersen (Mike)
Highway Superintendent: Chris Smith
Historian: Sharon Eltz
Justice: Rollan Elwood

Absent

Accountant: Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)
Planning Board Chair: Linda Crowley
Others Present: John Deierlein, NBT Bank Government Banking
Scott Townsend, NBT Bank Branch Manager
John and Carol Walsh
Thom Mulhern

Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Prior to the meeting the councilmen were given the chance to read and review March 2017 meeting minutes and also time to review and sign general and highway fund vouchers for April 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- John Walsh told the board about a program that he had heard about called Broadband for All. It is a grant that was approved in February and wondered if the town had heard anything about who would be the company providing to Taylor. No one had heard about it yet. John would look into more information. John also brought to the board's attention that ever since the website was set up he has been covering the monthly fees. Right now it is \$15 per year and also \$3 monthly. It says on our website that it is donated by the Democratic Party of the Town of Taylor. Eventually the town is going to have to look into paying for it themselves if they would like to keep it. Bryce asked John if they could get together and talk more about it.
- John Deierlein from NBT Bank spoke to the board about getting the towns business back. He had a presentation about all that NBT has to offer. The board to consider it.

VOUCHER DISCUSSION:

None

PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the March 2017 meeting minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
TJ Law "aye"

Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye" CARRIED

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the April 2017 Accountant's Report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
TJ Law "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye" CARRIED

MOTION to approve the April 2017 Highway Fund vouchers in the amount of \$7,993.16 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
TJ Law "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye" CARRIED

MOTION to approve the April 2017 General Fund vouchers in the amount of \$6,634.05 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
TJ Law "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye" CARRIED

Total Disbursement \$14,627.21

DISCUSSION

- NYSEG Bills Update – Have completed their physical audit on the street lights. The town feels there are 10 possible street lights and NYSEG feels there are 15. Bryce to request another audit when someone can be present and go through it with them.
- Discussion about going to LED lighting. Need to have a private contractor to maintain them. McGraw has gone to LED, could talk to them and see who they are going through.
- Bryce brought to the board's attention a bill that the town has received from Walsh Law Firm totaling \$150 for a phone call that took 3 weeks to receive. By the time that the phone call was received the matter had already passed. Ron Walsh himself has never actually made any of the phone calls back. Bryce called them about the bill and was never able to actually talk to the attorney. The board has agreed to wait to pay the bill until Bryce hears back from the attorney himself.
- Notice of the Town Hall renovations has gone into the Cortland Standard for contractor bids.
- Received the signed Fire District Contract back and it is filed in Bryce's office.
- Mailed the retirement forms out and waiting to hear back.

- The old plow truck is sitting at the garage, not sure of the value of it. Chris has received an offer from Freetown for \$10,000.00. The Freetown Superintendent is waiting to talk to his board for approval. Town Board was ok with that offer.
- Received information about a housing rehab grant from TOMA. Going to look into it further as it's a great thing for residents.
- The highway department has been buying a significant amount of DFA 2 ½ gallon cans for the MACK. Chris will look into getting a price for a 55 gallon drum as it may be cheaper to purchase it that way.
- Bryce brought up that there is limited parking at the Town Hall. The house next door is for sale. There has also been talk of the town putting in a playground. Right now there is not a safe place to put it. He asked the board to think about purchasing the property next door. Would be able to have a playground a better parking.

PLANNING BOARD: presented by Sharon Eltz

None, they haven't had any meetings

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: presented by Mike Andersen

- Johnson's on Hawley Woods have almost completed their porch
- Law house on Doran Hill still under construction
- Closson garage on Factory Drive, no progress stopped for the winter
- Yale garage permit on Telephone Road still open. Still have not received the electrical inspection in order to be able to close it out.
- Mulhern on Brooks Hill Road applied for a in ground pool permit.
- Danielo on Allen Hill Road permit for the doublewide is still under construction. The piers are in and they should be installing the doublewide soon.

HIGHWAY: presented by Chris Smith

- Sweeping roads. Have had to water down. Without rain it has been too dusty.
- Have received estimates back from Suit-Kote but still waiting on Vestal for estimates.
- Got the grader going today-installed 2 new batteries and has been already using it, works fine.
- Talked to the county more about the property on Town Line Road. They will bring a dozer and an operator. Town just has to pay for the fuel.
- The boom mower has already been rented for next week. The county will pick it up and deliver it. Weekly rent is \$2,200.00. Estimated price on purchasing one is \$8,300.00 and it will go onto the new backhoe. Discussion was held on purchasing our own once the plow truck is sold.
- Chris presented his route map for morning snow plowing. Bryce read aloud to board.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:

None

CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT: presented by Jaymie Closson

- \$0.02 bank interest earned on clerk account to supervisor
- \$6.57 bank interest earned on tax collector account to supervisor
- \$25,000.00 to Cortland County Treasurer for taxes

JUSTICE: presented by Rollan Elwood

Rollan brought to the board's attention that he received an email from NYS about town laws. He was wondering if we can change the law to state the word "jail". Right now he can't issue a warrant without it being a jail able offense. Board wondered if that was allowed to be changed. More research to be done.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:20 by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner

“aye”

Riley Closson

“aye”

TJ Law

“aye”

Russell Eltz

“aye”

Joey Pudney

“aye”

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaymie Closson

Clerk