

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:
February 14, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

Councilman: Theodore Law Jr. (TJ)
Accountant: Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)
Planning Board Chair: Linda Crowley

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DISCUSSION:

- The tax reassessment will not be completed for this year. Briggs did not file the proper paperwork in time. Going to look into if he has already been paid in full or if it was a payment upon completion.
- Debbie has purchased a new laptop. Her old one will be going to Chris at the Highway Garage. Time Warner Cable will have to come install internet there for him.
- Country Acres has asked that the board set impoundment fees for our dog fees by a resolution. Discussion was held and fees were set as follows:
 - 1st impoundment fee: \$30.00 plus additional \$10.00 per day for food, shelter, care
 - 2nd impoundment fee: \$50.00 plus additional \$10.00 per day for food, shelter, care
 - 3rd impoundment fee: \$70.00 plus additional \$10.00 per day for food, shelter, care

MOTION to accept the Resolution 2017-1 for dog impoundment fees was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"

CARRIED

VOUCHER DISCUSSION:

None

PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	CARRIED

ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the accountant’s report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF VOUCHERS:

None

MOTION to approve the February 2017 highway fund vouchers in the amount of \$9,835.15 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	CARRIED

MOTION to approve the February 2017 general fund vouchers in the amount of \$18,741.41 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	CARRIED

Total Disbursement \$28,576.56

MOTION to accept budget transfers for Debbie to balance out the budget was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	CARRIED

MOTION to approve and accept the 2017 Cincinnatus Fire District Contract was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”

CARRIED

Jaymie will contact Penni Eccleston to get another copy of the contract for Bryce to sign and return to the fire department. It was misplaced with the transfer of supervisors.

TBD:

- Bryce received a complaint from a resident about the road conditions on Cheningo Solon Pond Road beyond the pond. He stated that since he is new to the position he decided that he would answer any complaint he receives in writing to the resident and also ask the board if they have anything more they would like to add. He read aloud the letter that he had written to the resident after he had made his assessment of the complaint and weather/road conditions. The morning of the complaint was a snow day for school so the weather was bad and there was sander problems so the truck was delayed getting out that far. The resident goes towards Truxton to work so she is only on Taylor roads for roughly a mile. There was a discussion of the routes that are followed daily when roads need to be plowed and what truck and driver goes where. Chris will map out their daily route. Chris said he would sit down and see if there is something that could be done different after it was brought up by Joey that maybe they should change their daily route. Russell made the point that why change it for one resident if that is the way it has always been done. The town can't please everyone. The complaint stated that she has been late to work 4 times this year because of Taylor's roads. It was discussed that if she is only driving one mile of Taylor roads in the mornings it can't be blamed solely on Taylor. Discussion was left at Chris is new to the job so we need to give him a chance.
- Bryce and Debbie completed the exit interview with the State. They worked on a response letter to be mailed out with a plan for money allocations.
- The State would like the Town Hall brought up to NYS Code. Board decided to have Mike do a complete review of the building and give his recommendations to have the building brought up to code.
- The records room and historian room are not fire rated. Have already received 2 estimates on having this work done and the rooms fireproof. Board decided to wait for Mike's report and have everything done at once. Will get new estimates for all the work that needs to be completed.
- The new coal bin has been purchased and the highway guys are moving forward with the change out.
- Chris and Bryce met with Omega Systems about the fire alarm at the highway garage. Decided that it needs a whole new system. The current one is too outdated to fix. It is going to cost around \$1935 to install new system and will cost roughly \$490 annually for daily monitoring. This will include coverage for heat, smoke and have pull stations. All the equipment has been ordered and has come in and will hopefully be installed within the next week. Once Town Hall is brought up to code will look into having a system installed there as well.
- Chris would like to purchase a used excavator to have so the highway department can work on roads when time allows instead of only having one to use for a short time in the summer when one is rented. There is already the money in the budget since Roy was looking into purchasing equipment. Discussion on if our current trailer will be able to tow the excavator. Chris will look into this. The one that Chris has found comes with brand new rubber tracks and they are asking \$64,500.00. Going to try to negotiate price.

MOTION to purchase the excavator for \$60,200.00 if they will accept the offer along with paying the full price of \$990.00 for 60 inch ditch bucket was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"

CARRIED

- The health insurance premium went up \$988.56 yearly. Chris became effective January 1, 2017 so there was no need for him to keep his COBRA. The check that was made out in January to cover this was returned and his COBRA cancelled.
- Bryce spent a lot of time on the phone with NYSEG about the bills and street lights. NYSEG has down that the town has 14 street lights. They will come out and do an audit.
- NBT Bank had mentioned to Bryce that they would like to come to a meeting to meet with the board about getting our business back; they did not show up this evening.
- Discussion about the Attorney was held. Still not happy with how long it takes for him to return phone calls.
- Bryce looked into the NYS retirement plan. Need to fill out a roster for who would like to be on it before they will release amounts. Anyone that is paid by the town can be a part of it and pay out of their own pockets. Once paid into, they will be able to keep forever. Will work on getting a list together and hope to get some numbers.
- Discussion about Doug Connor cleaning the town hall. If we continue to have him do it he will need to fill out a W-4 and be paid like anyone else, not just a piece of paper turned in at the end of the year. Discussion on if we should continue to have Doug clean or just have the highway guys do it when they have down time. Decision was made to have the highway department do it. Bryce will talk to Doug and get the key back from him.
- Discussion about the salt shed land was held. Talked about if we should have someone come in and reclaim the property or do it ourselves. Decided to hire it out to make sure it was done correctly and at grade. Will get quotes from Fuller Excavation and Monro Excavation and Trucking.
- Had talked about the possibility of eliminating the Planning Board in the past. Have looked into it and the State says we legally have to have a Planning Board. They only meet when something is going on. They do not have regular monthly meetings if they have no new business to discuss.
- Chris was not effective as Highway Superintendent until January 1, 2017 but he started work 5 days early since they needed the man power with Roy gone. Discussion was held about how he is going to be paid for those days. Decided that he would be paid an hourly wage as we do our employees.
- Bryce brought up that the auditors mentioned to him that we should looking into getting the BAS System for the clerk. Jaymie has looked into it and needs to do a webinar before they will give pricing but with tax season she has not had time to do the webinar. Will work on it this summer after settling taxes with the County.

PLANNING BOARD: presented by Sharon Eltz

- Bill Fuchswanz has brought in his land surveys and the Planning Board has approved them.

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: presented by Mike Andersen

- Law's house is the only project going on right now.
- Sent a letter to Yales. They have not contacted Mike to do a final inspection so he can close out their garage permit and they also took out their overhead garage doors and installed windows without a permit. His last garage permit was closed out as a garage, not living space and the current permit will remain open without having a final inspection done.

HIGHWAY: presented by Chris Smith

- Plowing snow and moving snow banks. Equipment is running fine. Did put a new cutting edge on the MACK.
- Will work on getting a plan in order for Spring work that needs to be done.

- Decided that they are going to move forward with selling the old plow truck but decided to keep the grader.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:

None

CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT: presented by Jaymie Closson

- 2 certified copies - \$10 each
- 23 dog licenses for \$196 total - \$33 to NYS Agriculture and Markets, \$163 to town
- dog license late fees - \$71
- interest earned - \$0.04
- Total to town supervisor - \$254.04
- \$485,327.17 collected in taxes so far.
- interest earned - \$5.77 to supervisor
- \$280,755.00 TAXES IN FULL TO SUPERVISOR

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:38 p.m. by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaymie Closson

Clerk