

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

Present:

Supervisor:	Bryce Wehner
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor:	Riley Closson
Councilmen:	Harold R. Eltz (Russell) Joey Pudney
Clerk/Tax Collector:	Jaymie Closson
Building/Code Enforcement:	Michael Andersen (Mike)
Highway Superintendent:	Chris Smith
Historian/Deputy Clerk/Planning Bd. Sec.:	Sharon Eltz
Planning Board Chair:	Barbara Allen

Absent:

Accountant:	Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)
Councilman:	Theodore Law Jr. (TJ)
Justice:	Rollan Elwood (Rollo)

Others Present:

Daniel Ellis, Program Manager, THOMA Development
Larry Fitts, Tax Assessor

Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Ellis from THOMA Development explained to the board why it would cost the town \$6,000 to have them do the work for the federal fund housing grant. There is no guarantee that Taylor would be awarded the money. If awarded it is typically around \$25,000 to each eligible household. Possibility of 15-17 homes. Money can be used for permanent fixtures only, can't do attached garages. The home has to meet the definition of substandard, 3 major defects, 2 minor defects. THOMA would do the final application and survey work. Applications are usually due in September. Usually residents have to remain as primary residence for 5-7 years or would have to pay the money back, it would be a local decision if the resident was to pass away. THOMA usually has a very high success rate but community need plays a big part. Household would have to be below 80% median income. (1 person household income, \$36,350 - 2 person household income, \$41,550 - 3 person household income, \$46,750 - 4 person household income \$51,900 - 5 person household income, \$56,100 - 6 person household income, \$60,250 - 7 person household income, \$64,400 - 8 person household income, \$68,550) In the past, town employee family members have not been eligible to qualify but there are ways to work around that.

Larry Fitts, Tax Assessor, explained to the board about the re-evaluation process. He has been a tax assessor for 46 years. He is going to be doing Cincinnatus's re-evaluation. Right

now Taylor's data through Cortland County is very good. We are at a rate of 84% right now, he would like to get it as close to 100% as he can. Would have a public hearing about the notice taxpayers would be getting in the mail that would show their new assessment. He would then have informal hearings in February from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The final decision would then be made, then the final reassessment role would come out before grievance in June. His charge for doing all the work is \$23 per parcel for a total of \$11,500. This would be in effect for 2019 school taxes and 2020 property taxes. He will send a contract and a letter explaining everything to Bryce before the next meeting.

MOTION to adopt the 2018 Budget in the amount of \$649,437.00 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

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

VOUCHER DISCUSSION:

None

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES DISCUSSION:

Grandad Road can be gated but cannot be locked.

MOTION to approve the October 2017 meeting minutes with the correction noted as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

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

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the November 2017 Accountants Report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

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

MOTION to approve the November 2017 Highway fund vouchers in the amount of \$6,550.95 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

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

MOTION to approve the November 2017 General fund vouchers in the amount of \$13,667.75 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

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

Total Disbursement: \$20,218.70

DISCUSSION:

A resident on Elwood Road sent a letter requesting that more of the road get oil and stoned and plowed further. Chris will go see her and explain his plan for the road and that it can't all be done right now because of CHIP rotation.

The work at the town hall is completed and paid for. The smoke alarms keep going off. Bryce will contact the contractor about them as the work is still under warranty.

Discussed the new building to be built by salt shed. It was measured where they want it to go and don't believe that 40x60 will be big enough. Discussion on having the building be 40x80x18. 2-14ft overhead doors, 2-solid man doors with no windows, 200 amp panel electric, outlets every 20 feet with a total of 4 per side, 8 foot fluorescent cold start lights every 20 feet, exterior all metal to match the town hall. To be bid out as labor and materials and just a labor bid with town getting their own materials.

MOTION to build a 40x80 pole barn to scope was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

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

Bryce met with Sprague Insurance. They are happy with the town hall improvements. The Highway Garage is currently insured for \$510,000 for only the building, contents are insured separately. Changed the coverage to \$350,000.

Found out that Municipalities are exempt from the sick leave act.

Bryce reached out to Terena Loomis, Cincinnati Fire Commissioner and invited her to the meeting to discuss the fire contract. She would not come to a meeting and would not share the fire district contract with him. The contract is supposed to be on file with the Cincinnati Town Clerk. Jaymie to contact Joanne Perkins to see if she can get a copy of it.

Discussed the heat in the 3 rooms in the town hall that do not have any heat in them. Riley is waiting for someone to get back to him about meeting them to discuss possibilities.

Bryce received a phone call asking if Duke Road was ever abandoned or not. Jaymie found the paperwork that it was and gave it to Chris.

PLANNING BOARD: Presented by Barb Allen

Mike Allen has resigned from the board. She asked about making it a 5 person board instead of 7 with having 2 alternates for conflict of interest. Diane Crandall was nominated as an alternate in Mike's place. At their January meeting they will have some questions for Mike Andersen. Cortland County Planning Board told her that a comprehensive plan needs to be adopted, it is believed that there is an old one somewhere that would need some updating. Their filing cabinets in the utility room need to be moved into the other fire rated room.

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Presented by Mike Andersen

Mr. McCoy on Hawley Woods Rd contacted about pouring a concrete pad
Perry on Doran Hill will be putting a modular in. Received septic report from the county
Connor's on 26 - carport is completed
Mosley's on Cheningo Solon Pond Rd - deck is completed
Will contact the Health Department about the camper on Cheningo Solon Pond Rd

HIGHWAY Present by Chris Smith

The VOLVO is sold, they are coming tomorrow to pick it up.
Plows are all set and ready to go
The 1-ton sander breaker box quit working, it is an \$850 part, it is hooked up directly for now
Grader had a flat tire and the spare was no good and too old. Will replace both front ones in the Spring
Windshield on the 1-ton needs to be replaced. Too scratched to see out of with any glare. We have glass coverage but it is a \$500 deductible, might be cheaper to just pay for it

ANIMAL

None

CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR Presented by Jaymie Closson

\$259 in DEC sales - \$244.72 to DEC, \$14.28 to town

1 Marriage License - \$22.50 to NYS, \$17.50 to town

3 dog licenses - \$3.00 to NYS, \$18.00 to town

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner

“aye”

Riley Closson

“aye”

Joey Pudney

“aye”

Russell Eitz

“aye”

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaymie Closson