

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Taylor held **August 11, 2015** at the Town Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Deputy Supervisor:	Riley Closson
	Councilmen:	Jeffrey Smith
		Joey Pudney
	Highway Supervisor:	Roy Eltz
	Code Officer:	Michael Andersen
Absent:	Supervisor:	Steven Breneman
	Planning Board Chair	Kathryn Elwood
	Councilman:	Theodore Law Jr.
Others Present:	Accountant:	Deborah Fisher
	County Legislator:	Charles Sudbrink
	Historian:	Elizabeth Hummel

Riley called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to the meeting the Board members had a chance to read, review and discuss copies of July 2015 meeting minutes. They also reviewed, discussed and signed Highway and General Fund vouchers to be paid this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Town Historian, Elizabeth Hummel

- Beth started the meeting with handing her letter of resignation as Town Historian for the end of August
- She showed pictures of a fence from the cemetery that is currently stored in her barn. There is no way to fix it.
- Beth's suggestion is to donate it to the Taylor Historical Society. Let them either scrap it and keep the funds from it or let them just keep it if they choose to do so. No argument from the board.
- Beth will take pictures at Old Home Day and put them in the book before she is finished.

County Legislator, Charles Sudbrink

- Stated that everything is pretty slow right now
- Resolution was made to accept ashes that are DEC approved
- This will generate \$10,000 a month revenue not including wear and tear on vehicle
- Equipment always broke down from mining shale, this will eliminate all that cost
- \$14 a ton to take it from us, they pay the county to take it
- Currently 30,000 tires stacked up to get rid of at the landfill
- Burns so clean and no garbage around
- Budget & Finance meeting this month, looking for an increase to Legislators
 - Currently 6 thousand now with no health insurance, used to be 8 thousand 5 hundred a year with health insurance but did away with that
 - Would like to bring it back to 9 thousand with no health insurance
 - Right now Cortland County is the lowest paid county in New York State
 - Wanted his towns opinions first before he voted himself a raise
 - Board feels the insurance would be worth more than a raise, but still all for the raise for him
- Suite-Kote is currently the only bid on Truxton-Tully Road, they already started it. State ok'd it
- 2 months ago they got the OK to hire a new guy to make sure all county roads are mowed
 - Some towns used to work it out with the county to mow their own
 - Towns could mow them but not to let the county know since they are not covered by the insurance, but ok to plow the roads
 - Coverage from that should be enough to cover it

MOTION was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney that the minutes of July 2015 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk are approved

Votes Cast:	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Riley Closson	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	CARRIED

MOTION to approve the Accountant’s report was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes Cast:	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Riley Closson	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	CARRIED

MOTION to pay *Highway Vouchers* for a total of \$13,058.74 was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes cast:	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Riley Closson	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	CARRIED

MOTION to pay *General Fund Vouchers* for a total of \$1,058.95 was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes cast:	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Riley Closson	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	CARRIED

Total funds disbursed: \$14,117.69

INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE, DISCUSSION:

Budget Preparations, Deborah Fisher

- Budget needs to be filed with the clerk by September 30th and presented to the board by October 5th
 - Board needs to get ideas together before next meeting
- Have not seen anything from Town Justice, Rollan Elwood regarding his books in at least 2 years
 - Debbie was chosen by the board to review them on an annual basis and she has not seen them in a couple years
 - They are supposed to be presented to the board on an annual basis but no one has seen them
 - Clerk book is presented to the board annually but currently it is missing some dates, previous clerks did not document everything

Cemetery Mowing

- Steve has talked with Brad Totman’s oldest son and he is willing to mow and weed eat all 4 cemeteries 3 times a year for \$155.00 each time (\$465.00 annually)
- Question was brought up about liability. Is the town liable if he gets hurt while doing this?
- Agreement that it is good for the kids. If they want to work & willing to work why not have them do the job
- This will be using the town’s equipment
- Suggestion that maybe should talk about an insurance rider so that he is covered in case anything happened using our equipment
- The town is covered under county compensation. There are laws about what age you can be before running equipment
- If he was to get his own insurance we could get a copy of his certificate of insurance and the town could sub the work out to him
- Reminder to let him know that the stones are very old and to be careful

- Thank you to Joey Pudney for weed eating the town hall for us. It was getting pretty tall in front of the building
- The cemetery association mows the town hall for us out of kindness, it's not something they have to do
- The town only has to mow the 4 cemeteries that have been abandoned. if the current cemetery was to go bankrupt and close it would fall back on the towns responsibility to maintain

HIGHWAY REPORT: *by Roy Eltz*

- Digging ditches, graveling roads and filling pot holes
- Patched some big holes on Elwood Road
- Took one truck over to Monroe Trucking to fix the thermostat
 - Discussion about if we could take more work to him locally and save the town some money
 - He is only doing it right now when he has time, do not know if he would be any cheaper

DOG REPORT: *by Riley Closson*

- Country Acers picked up one dog and the town received a check for \$30.00 for kennel fee
- It was not a Taylor resident, so we received the fee

BUILDING AND INSPECTION: *by Michael Andersen*

- Golden Property is still going
- Foggy Bottom Raceway to check on the house
 - All sheet rocked, going to check with the county health department about getting his septic and check about getting power to the house
- Telephone Road, no work done.
- Lamb property base for addition is done. A couple corrections to be made
- Allen Hill Road, almost done, some corrections to be done as far as code to the structure
- There is a pool on Cheningo Solon Pond Road that was put up without a permit, will check on it
- Emergency meeting with the Department of State on decks and buildings
 - There are some big changes on code for decks and porches
 - Shown a lot of reports of decks collapsing
 - Towns and villages are being sued
- Would still like to discuss and simplify the building permit fees, will bring up again at next meeting

CLERK'S REPORT: *by Jaymie Closson*

- Building Permit for \$75.00
- Check to Steve for \$75.00

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeffrey Smith at 7:55 P.M., seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes cast:	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"
	Riley Closson	"aye"
	Joey Pudney	"aye"

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jaymie Closson
 Town Clerk