

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Taylor held **December 9, 2014** at the Town Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present were:	Supervisor:	Steven Breneman
	Councilmen:	Joey Pudney
		Jeffrey Smith
		Theodore Law Jr.
	Town Clerk:	Jaymie Closson
	Highway Supervisor:	Roy Eltz
	Code Officer:	Michael Andersen
Absent:	Councilman:	Riley Closson
	Planning Board Chair:	Kathryn Elwood
	Accountant:	Debbie Fisher

Others present: Historian: Sharon Eltz

Steven 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 September 2014 meeting minutes. They also reviewed, discussed and signed Highway and General Fund vouchers to be paid this month.

MOTION was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney that the minutes of November 11, 2014 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk are approved

Votes Cast:	Steven Breneman	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	
	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Theodore Law Jr.	“aye”	CARRIED

MOTION to approve the accountant’s report was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Theodore Law Jr.

Votes Cast:	Steven Breneman	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	
	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Theodore Law Jr.	“aye”	CARRIED

MOTION to pay *Highway Vouchers* for a total of \$4,365.23 was made by Theodore Law Jr., seconded by Jeffrey Smith

Votes cast:	Steven Breneman	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	
	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Theodore Law Jr.	“aye”	CARRIED

MOTION to pay *General Fund Vouchers* for a total of \$6,205.23 was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes cast:	Steven Breneman	“aye”	
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Joey Pudney "aye"
Jeffrey Smith "aye"
Theodore Law Jr. "aye"

CARRIED

Total funds disbursed:

\$10,570.46

INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE, DISCUSSION:

Fire and Emergency

- Sharon approached the board about a 911 call made on 12/2/14. Cincinnatus never responded. It took 40 minutes for Marathon to get there. The man passed away.
- Suggested that all the towns that are paying for coverage get together and demand to know where their money is being spent
- Steve contacted Penny to come to meeting tonight to hopefully clarify some things but she called last minute and had to cancel due to other plans
- She stated that they have meetings the 3rd Tuesday of the month and anyone from Taylor can go to their meetings
- Talk of possibly changing to private coverage but it may be too hard of a process without much need for it
- Believe it is public knowledge how many calls Cincinnatus receives and how many calls they actually respond to. Would like to know those numbers
- Would like to know what % of our contract money goes to Emergency Squad and what % goes to Fire Protection?
- As of the last meeting that Steve and Riley attended there they still did not have their budget completed
- Would like to know what the people volunteering there are actually qualified to do?
- There are all the surrounding towns paying all this money annually and not receiving very good service
- Would be ok with paying more annually if they could produce the services that we are paying for
- Decided that a group of people from Taylor need to appear at a meeting there and express their concerns

New Insurance Co-Op

- The numbers are not much different. Need to look into how much premiums with change
- Discussion about having someone come to a board meeting and talk more to the board about it
- Decided that it was no cost to look into it

McGraw Ash for Trash

- McGraw sent a letter asking for support with them again the Ash for Trash
- All board members agreed they were all for it, much cleaner than a landfill
- This might make the dump cost less and help increase recycling

Tax Assessor

- Do not need to have a new one hired until February 2015
- Steve going to be attending a meeting in Homer with other towns looking for assessor as well
- An advertisement was put in The Association of Towns magazine
- Other towns are thinking about one assessor for all of Cortland County

Fire Contract

- No choice right now but to accept it.
- We could send check without the increase and also look into TLC for amounts
- May be able to get other towns to go with TLC and get the cost down a little
- All other towns contract price went up except Cincinnatus

MOTION to accept Fire and Emergency Contract for 2015 because we have no other choice was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes cast: Steven Breneman “aye”
 Joey Pudney “aye”
 Jeffrey Smith “aye”
 Theodore Law Jr. “aye”

CARRIED

BUILDING AND INSPECTION: *by Michael Andersen*

- Issued Gonzalez his C. of O.
- Dropped of Weaver’s permit. He is almost complete with his project
- Potter Hill Road is seasonal so the project there has slowed down
- Hubbard Hill project is at a standstill
- Things have slowed way down and probably wont pick up until Spring
- As of right now Wehner’s house is only going to be seasonal but may end up being a full time residence in the future

HIGHWAY REPORT: *by Roy Eltz*

- Received the final bid amounts from Auction International
 - ◆ \$12,400.00 on truck
 - ◆ \$3,150.00 for digger
- Discussion on if going to send for bid amounts or not
- Not much of a price difference from what was paid for them & they have been used for a lot of years

MOTION to let sell truck and digger at bid price was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes cast: Steven Breneman “aye”
 Joey Pudney “aye”
 Jeffrey Smith “aye”
 Theodore Law Jr. “aye”

CARRIED

- State needs a resolution from the Town Board to abandon the section of Jordan Road
- Granddad Road is abandoned
- 177ft from edge of Granddad Rd up to New Potter Hill
- The road has moved over so not really losing 177ft
- Homeowner wants this on tax map so he can build a garage
- Nothing has been done to say that road has been moved. Does it have to be surveyed?
- Concluded that need to speak to lawyer how to go about this. Don't know who's land it is to give away

State Retirement

- Discussion about if State Retirement needs to be something that should be revisited
- Looks like it is getting so we might have to look into this in order to keep people
- Going to look into it and get some numbers to bring back to the Board

CLERK'S REPORT: *by Jaymie Closson*

- A total of \$1,641.00 sold in Hunting Licenses; \$50.06 Town's Commission
- 2 spayed/neutered dog licenses; \$2 to NYS Ag & Market, \$12 to Town
- 3 unspayed/unneutered dog licenses; \$9 to NYS Ag & Market, \$33 to Town
- Weaver building permit for \$25.00
- Check #1783 to Steve Breneman for \$33.11 that was left in checking account from April Law so can start January 2015 with a zero balance
- DEC to sweep \$1,590.94 from account
- Check# 1782 to NYS Agriculture and Market for \$11.00
- Check #1781 to Steve Breneman for \$120.06
- Asked the Board if they would still like to do an annual newsletter to town members.
- Will get started working on that as soon as tax collection is over

DOG REPORT

- Attached Country Acres Animal Shelter incident report to Clerk Report in board packets.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Joey Pudney at 8:10 P.M., seconded by Jeffrey Smith

Votes cast:	Steven Breneman	"aye"
	Joey Pudney	"aye"
	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"
	Theodore Law Jr.	"aye"

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaymie Closson
Town Clerk