

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Taylor held **February 10, 2015** at the Town Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present were:	Supervisor:	Steven Breneman
	Councilmen:	Jeffrey Smith
		Joey Pudney
		Theodore Law Jr.
	Town Clerk:	Jaymie Closson
	Highway Supervisor:	Roy Eltz
	Code Officer:	Michael Andersen
	Accountant:	Debbie Fisher

Absent: Councilman Riley Closson, Planning Board Chair Kathryn Elwood

Others present: County Legislature Charles Sudbrink and Marie Peri

Steven called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *by Charles Sudbrink*

- Informed the board that the Ash for Trash is probably not going to be taking off. McGraw is very against it. Everyone agreed that it is too bad since the County could make money off the project. Ash is better than what we have now. Curb side pickup is probably going to go up now causing more garbage to be dumped on state land and sides of the roads. The County hired a firm to do negotiations, but it was set up to fail from the beginning.
- County is going to be spending 4-5 million dollars on a dam at Little York Lake. It will be going out to bid soon. New York State owns the actual lake, Cortland County owns 30%. Feels like the State and homeowners should have to pay for this project, not the County.
- Freetown also wants a new bridge.

**MOTION** was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney that the minutes of January 13, 2015 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk are approved after changes to drug testing pricing

Votes Cast:	Steven Breneman	"aye"	
	Joey Pudney	"aye"	
	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"	
	Theodore Law Jr.	"aye"	<b>CARRIED</b>

**MOTION** to approve the accountant's report was made by Theodore Law Jr., seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes Cast:	Steven Breneman	"aye"	
	Joey Pudney	"aye"	
	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"	
	Theodore Law Jr.	"aye"	<b>CARRIED</b>

**MOTION** to pay *Highway Vouchers* for a total of \$13,109.87 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 *General Fund Vouchers* for a total of \$1,898.81 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**

**Total funds disbursed: \$15,008.68**

HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACT BACK YET

**INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE, DISCUSSION:**

Assessor Discussion: *by Steven Breneman*

- Did not go good with who they originally wanted
- Had a meeting two (2) weeks ago and Steve has been kept out of the loop
- Randy Deal was hired for Homer, Virgil and City of Cortland
- He wants a minimum of ten (10) dollars a parcel which would put us at around five (5) thousand
- Steve put in a call to Frances Butler who is the assessor for the Town of Willet and Cincinnatus
- She is willing to do it for what we are currently paying David Briggs, three (3) thousand
- She cannot do reevaluations
- She has an office in Marathon so she asks for four (4) hundred a year for office fees plus postage and her own filing cabinet
- She would like us to hire her daughter as her clerk so she can get the experience to one day take over
- They would split the pay fifteen (15) hundred each

**MOTION** to accept Frances Butler as Town Assessor and Cynthia McFarland as Assessor Clerk 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**

**MOTION** to extend Tax Collection Deadline to May 31, 2015 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**

Budget Reserve Discussion: *by Debbie Fisher*

- Discussion on where to move money to and how to start saving for the future. Thinking long term
- Talk about talking to surrounding towns about possibly sharing equipment, have something put into writing so neither town can back out if a new Highway Superintendent starts

- Roy to put together a wish list with ballpark numbers

**Budget Transfers:** *by Debbie Fisher*

- Need to transfer funds around to cover negative line items in the budget

**MOTION** to approve the transfer of funds 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”	<b>CARRIED</b>

**BUILDING AND INSPECTION:** *by Michael Andersen*

- Inspected a woodstove on Cheningo Solon Pond Rd., went back and told him a different way to hook it up to make it easier to clean
- Went to the house being built at the racetrack to check on insulation
- Checked on Pierce’s progress, a couple of years until he is completed
- Weaver horse barn is almost done
- A couple other projects going but they are on hold until Spring

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** *by Roy Eltz*

- Fixing trucks and plowing snow
- Need to look into a new mower for the tractor. The one we currently have will not make it another year
- \$20-25,000 for a new mower
- May be a better idea to buy a used tractor with a mower already on it

**CLERK’S REPORT:** *by Jaymie Closson*

- A total of \$209,804.02 was collected in property taxes
- Check 1002 to Steve Breneman for \$209,000.00
- Tax Collector checkbook balance: \$2,562.78
- Clerk checkbook balance: \$0.02

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Theodore Law Jr. at 7:58 P.M., seconded by Jeffrey Smith

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Jaymie Closson  
 Town Clerk