

July 8, 2014

The regular monthly meeting was held at 7pm at the Town Hall

Present were:	Supervisor:	Steve Breneman
	Councilmen:	Joey Pudney
		Theodore Law Jr
		Riley Closson
		Jeff Smith
	Town Clerk:	April Law
	Highway Super:	Roy Eltz
	Code Officer:	Mike Andersen
	Planning Board Chair:	Kathryn Elwood
	Accountant:	Debbie Fisher

Also present: Historian Beth Hummel, Marie Peri, and Sharon Eltz,

Steve opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

Prior to the meeting the Board members read copies of the minutes. Riley said he noticed that Mike was listed as present but he was absent. April said Mike was here because I remember Nancy Bauer speaking to him and Riley said oh yeah it must have been previous. Then a minute later he said it was Jeff Smith. Everyone reviewed it and Jeff Smith was absent at last month's meeting but was not listed as such. April made note to correct it.

MOTION: "Accept minutes of meeting with correction"

Made by Riley Closson, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes cast: Riley Closson
Joey Pudney
TJ Law
Jeff Smith **carried**

MOTION: “Accept Accountant’s report as written”

Made by Riley Closson, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes cast: Riley Closson
Joey Pudney
TJ Law
Jeff Smith **carried**

Prior to the meeting the Councilmen reviewed, discussed and signed vouchers.

MOTION: Pay Highway Vouchers for a total of: \$24,491.62

Made by Riley Closson, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes cast: Riley Closson
Joey Pudney
TJ Law
Jeff Smith **carried**

MOTION: Pay General Fund vouchers for a total of: \$1,665.03

Made by Riley Closson, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes cast: Riley Closson
Joey Pudney
TJ Law
Jeff Smith **carried**

Total funds disbursed: \$26,156.65

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve presented a donation pamphlet from the Cancer Society and asked if the Board felt they would like to donate to this cause. Jeff said they did years ago but eventually they decided not to use the Town's money for it and if t people want to donate they can individually. Everyone gets them in the mail, Board agreed not to donate. Steve then read aloud a letter he had received in the mail regarding April Law's resignation. It said that she was resigning from her position as Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Registrar as of July 15, 2014. She stated that this job has proved to be too much for her personally and has to make decisions that are best for her family and she signed the bottom. Steve said he was sorry to hear this but she has to do what is best for her. April said Thank You and emotionally stated that this job had affected her life negatively in every aspect and she had no idea what she was up against taking the position. Steve said he was sorry to hear that and said to everyone where do we go from here. Steve stated that the way he read it the Board could appoint someone to April's seat until the end of her term and Marie Peri said it falls to the Deputy. Steve said that's a problem because the Deputy never took the oath of Office and April asked him if he meant there, Town Hall, and he said yes. April said she was pretty sure Jaimie Breneman did take it but would have to check. Steve said it would prove to be too much on the Deputy because of her school job and he consulted John Walsh and respectfully declined to get involved. Riley said he ran it by his wife Jaymie and she said she would be willing to fill in for at least awhile. She may like it and go long term or it may drive her crazy like it did April and Tj Law said oh it will. April added it is a terrible job and no one wants this job. Steve said April can swear her in if it is before the 15th and Jeff said that or Steve can do it. Steve said he was unaware and Jeff stated from the way he read it the Supervisor has the authority to swear people in and April agreed that he can. There was a short discussion to see if there were any problems with the decision. Jeff asked April if she had sent a copy to the State and she said yes and he said okay just so it is all legal and she

noded yes. Joey asked if they had to make a motion to accept her resignation and it was not needed. Jeff said because she resigned to the State but maybe if it was a Board member they would have to accept it, he wasn't sure.

MOTION: Appoint Jaymie Closson Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Registrar until the end of the term.

Made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Joey Pudney

Votes cast: Joey Pudney

TJ Law

Riley Closson

Jeff Smith

carried

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Roy reported that oil and stoned Whitney Road and they will have to wait a couple weeks until that gets nice and packed. They got some roads patched. Jeff asked him about one area and Roy said he hardened up like a rock and once they got a couple good dry days he was going to back and work on it some more. Joey said they would have to grate on it in some areas. He had noticed some flat spots and Roy said he was going to have to roll it.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mike said he had a few things going on this month and had been to quite a few places. He had a call from Gonzales over some plumbing questions. He gave him some pointers and codes from the State book. Peter Miceli called him, which he mentioned last month, regarding the C. of O. and needing it due to an increase in his homeowner's Insurance. He is in a panic because they have it listed as an unoccupied building so Mike will be meeting with him tomorrow to go over the necessary changes to get his C. of O. He was up on Hubbard Hill and there are few people e that need to put some hurricane straps and he is going to write them a letter on it. Mike said he also received a phone

call from McCoy on Hawley Woods road and he met with the County for his septic and well permit. Mr. McCoy felt that since Mike was the Code guy he should tell him where to build and Mike informed it doesn't work like that. He told him to keep 150 feet off the road and find a level spot, go from there. Jeff asked if there was a flat spot and Mike said yeah there is. He then moved on to Crandall's place on Allen Hill which he had been contacted regarding a pool. He had advised them to get a sturdy sided pool of at least 48 inches so that the fence requirement was not needed. He has been up there and they have the pool going up and the ground all leveled off for it so they are finishing that up. He did check all the electrical. The Goldens are putting up a shed so he has been going up there every week. Mike had someone with concerns over Foggy Bottom racetrack regarding the stairs and handrails going to the observation deck. Mike emailed the County Health Department about the Wilkins property and they will do a walk around to see if it is capable of the septic system. Mike said it may be able to withstand a single family home but it may not be able to keep up with an apartment building. He hasn't heard back from them. Steve Fox contacted Mike because he is interested in building a house and Mike filled him on the septic and well permit info and let him know he could not issue a permit without that information. Mike ended by saying he had been contacted by Cincinnati to do there Code Enforcement and he told them absolutely not. He said they have so many problems over there. He asked if anyone had any questions for him.

CLERK'S REPORT:

April reported it was a slow month for her and she only licensed one spayed dog this month. She issued a check to Ag & markets for \$1.00. She also caught the renewal for Gonzales permit at last month's meeting so she issued a check to Steve for that amount as well. A check was issued to Steve for the amount of \$16.00.

Steve then let Debbie speak briefly about some banking changes. She stated that she had been speaking to a couple different banking institutions- Tompkins Trust and 1st Niagara. She said she likes the proposal from Tompkins Trust and they would deal with Brad Totman, who is a Taylor resident. She said 1st Niagara was not real impressive seeing as how they are not giving anything interest wise and Tompkins trust was giving .25%. Currently we are through NBT who is issuing .1% interest which is terrible but she will contact them to see what they can offer. She will get the proposals together and have more at the next meeting.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson.....carried

Respectfully Submitted,

**April Law
Town Clerk**