

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:
January 12, 2016 starting at 7 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor: Steven Breneman (Steve)
Councilmen: Riley Closson
Joey Pudney
Harold R. Eltz (Russell)
Clerk/Tax Collector: Jaymie Closson
Building/Code Enforcement: Michael Anderson (Mike)
Highway Superintendent: Elroy Eltz (Roy)

Absent:

Councilman: Theodore Law Jr. (TJ)
Accountant: Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)
Planning Board Chair: Kathryn Elwood
Historian: Sharon Eltz

Others Present: Jamie Breneman

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Prior to the meeting councilmen were given the chance to read and review December 2015 meeting minutes and also time to review and sign general and highway fund vouchers.

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes for the December 2015 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"

CARRIED

MOTION to approve the accountants report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"

CARRIED

MOTION to pay the January highway vouchers in the amount of \$2,251.85 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman "aye"

Riley Closson “aye”
Joey Pudney “aye”
Russell Eltz “aye”
 CARRIED

MOTION to pay the January general fund vouchers in the amount of \$11,810.15 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman “aye”
Riley Closson “aye”
Joey Pudney “aye”
Russell Eltz “aye”
 CARRIED

Highway Fund Vouchers:	\$2,251.85
General Fund Vouchers:	\$11,810.15
Total Disbursement:	\$14,062.00

Information, Correspondence, Discussion, Action Items:

Harassment Policy, Procurement Policy, Personnel Policies, Rules and Regulations, Drug Free Workplace Policy, Excessive Force Resolution Policy and Fair Housing Policy were presented and no one had any questions about them.

Fire Protection Discussion

Steve recently spoke with Sandy Doty of Willet about their fire protection contract. Willet rescinded theirs after they realized that it stated that the towns would be responsible for paying some of the insurance on the fire engines. Steve spoke to fire commissioner, Penny Eccleston and she gave Steve back ours to look over and Taylor’s contract is actually different then Willet’s. Steve faxed a copy to the town attorney to double check it. Steve noted that all the supervisors are complaining about the same things when it comes to Cincinnatus Fire Department. They felt all the town supervisors should get together and discuss what can be done. A round table discussion was held at the Cincinnatus Town Hall as per Cincinnatus Supervisor, Luann King’s request. Riley and Steve attended this meeting. All of Cincinnatus’ Town Board and area supervisors were present. Next Tuesday, January 18 is the next Fire Commissioner’s meeting. Steve and Riley would like it if all our board members attended to voice their opinions. Still unsure of the time of the meeting. Riley spoke about the research he has been doing about Fire Protection Districts and he has found that at any time we are allowed to break our contract with Cincinnatus. He suggested that for this year we only pay Cincinnatus quarterly in case we are able to find something better. We may be able to get a contract with Willet, Marathon, Cortlandville, etc... anything with a better response time than Cincinnatus currently has. During the recent fire at Riley’s garage; South Otselic and McGraw were able to make it to Taylor faster than Cincinnatus. Cincinnatus firemen showed up without a fire truck. No one went to the station first to get a truck. All the men were suited up waiting for a firetruck to arrive just watching the fire burn. 2 firemen stated where they came from and that meant that they drove straight through Cincinnatus and didn’t stop to get a firetruck. They are both qualified to drive it but afraid to do so. It was stated that as the Taylor Town Board we have a responsibility to the tax payers to get them the best fire protection we can. We need to look out for our neighbors. It may come to where they need to look into having a full time driver for fire or ambulance protection. Cincinnatus Fire Chief is not happy with Willet so Cincy is not using Willet as their back up anymore, it is now McGraw. Question if Cincinnatus Fire Department is really looking out for the Town of Taylor? For the amount of money Taylor pays for fire protection, something needs to be done. If we rescind our prior approval until we get some answers are we still covered? Steve was told that if 911 are called somebody has to show up to the call. It is a mutual aid agreement. 911 will dispatch the next department.

MOTION to rescind the previous approval of the fire contract until we can get some resolutions from the fire district officials on our concerns was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman “aye”
Riley Closson “aye”
Joey Pudney “aye”
Russell Eltz “aye”

CARRIED

Roy received a letter from the State about a shared service agreement. Jaymie read the letter aloud. It was summed up as an agreement with New York State that if there is an emergency we can go to them for help. They can bring equipment over to help up to \$10,000 worth of work. It goes both ways. The town would do the same thing if they asked for help. No money is exchanged. We can count of them for \$10,000 worth of free labor or equipment. The state is responsible for all their men and the town is responsible for ours. Do not need special insurance. This is just for emergency town work, not on state roads. For this to occur a shared service agreement is used to set up the arrangement for a one year term. Board signed the agreement.

MOTION to accept a shared service agreement with New York State was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman “aye”
Riley Closson “aye”
Joey Pudney “aye”
Russell Eltz “aye”

CARRIED

Action Items:

- Appointment of Budget Officer Debbie Hubbard was made by Steve Breneman
- Appointment of Deputy Supervisor Riley Closson was made by Steve Breneman
- Appointment of Deputy Clerk & Registrar Jamie Breneman was made by Steve Breneman
- Appointment of Deputy Highway Superintendent Tim Livermore was made by Roy Eltz
- Appoint Voting Delegate for Association of Towns, Steve Breneman

Took a quick break so Jaymie could swear in Riley Closson as Deputy Supervisor and Jamie Breneman as Deputy Clerk & Registrar. Steve then turned the meeting over to Riley so he could go home ill.

Proposed Motions:

- Name NBT and Tompkins Trust Company as the Towns Official Financial Institutes
- Name Cortland Standard Printing Company as the Towns Official Newspaper
- Name Michael Anderson as the Towns Official Code Enforcement Officer
- Appointment of Kathryn Elwood to the Town Planning Board
- Resolve the Appointment of Sharon Eltz as the Towns Historian
- Resolve the Appointment of Country Acres Animal Shelter as the Towns Official Animal Control
- Resolve the Appointment of Ronald T. Walsh Jr. as the Towns Official Attorney
- Resolve the Appointment of the Towns Assessment Review Board as Sharon Eltz, Marjorie Parks and John Walsh
- Appoint Debbie Hubbard as the Towns Accountant
- Confirm the following as the Town Planning Board:
 - Kathryn Elwood, Chair Person
 - Whitney Meeker, Secretary
 - Jim Smith

- Wayne G. Elwood
- Judy Wesser
- Grant Preston
- Linda Crowley
- Michael Allen

MOTION to accept the above was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by Russell Eltz

Votes Cast:

Riley Closson “aye”
 Joey Pudney “aye”
 Russell Eltz “aye”

CARRIED

- Monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Allow payment pre-approved of utilities and health insurance to meet due dates

MOTION to accept the above was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by Russell Eltz

Votes Cast:

Riley Closson “aye”
 Joey Pudney “aye”
 Russell Eltz “aye”

CARRIED

- Approve Highway Superintendent salary at budgeted amount \$39,190.00 for compensation of an expected minimum of 40 hours per week performing Town Highway Business. To be prorated for 26 payments
- Approve highway wages as budgeted
- Approve payroll is on Thursdays, bi weekly starting on January 1, 2016
- Approve payment of \$1,500.00 (after deductions) into IRA account for full time employees who have worked at least one complete year. To be paid annually with the last scheduled payroll of the year
- Approve salaries of appointed and employed persons at the budgeted rates
- Approve payment for Tax Collector on or before June 30, 2016
- Approve elected officials salaries at the budgeted amount to be paid with the first payroll of December 2016

MOTION to accept the above was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by Russell Eltz

Votes Cast:

Riley Closson “aye”
 Joey Pudney “aye”
 Russell Eltz “aye”

CARRIED

- Adopt Harassment Policy as presented
- Adopt Procurement Policy as presented
- Adopt Personnel Policies, Rules and Regulations
- Adopt Drug Free Workplace Policy
- Adopt Excessive Force Resolution Policy
- Adopt Fair Housing Policy

MOTION to accept the above was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by Russell Eltz

Votes Cast:

Riley Closson “aye”
Joey Pudney “aye”
Russell Eltz “aye”
 CARRIED

Planning Board: by Kathryn Elwood

None

Building/Code Enforcement: by Mike Anderson

- The trailer on Union Valley has been dismantled.
- Met with the ISO lady this past Friday. She gets all the information on the Town’s insurance. She does all of New York State. Right now everyone is the same, a level 4. The state is 6 years back on their codes. Once new codes are adopted we will only be a year behind and then everyone’s insurance will be adjusted based on how much training code enforcement officer has, how much code enforcement is done, etc... everyone’s insurance rates should be better. New 2015 codes should be adopted in March or April.
- Steve Fox removed vehicles so does the board still want to take him to court? Judge Elwood said it was up to the board if they still wanted to move forward or not. Board agreed as long as he has followed through with the clean up to not move forward. Mike to call contact Steve Fox, Judge Elwood and Attorney John Walsh.
- Annual Recap of Building Permits
 - Peri addition
 - Elwood horse barn with hay storage
 - Replacement windows on Brooks Hill Road
 - Telephone Road permit, nothing done
 - Carport on Allen Hill Road
 - Factory Drive roof
 - Eltz roof
 - Suarez roof
 - Pool on Cheningo Solon Pond Road
 - Pellet Stove on Doran Hill Road
 - Coal stove building on Brooks Hill Road

Highway Report: by Roy Eltz

- Need to think about a new fire protection unit for town barn. Every time there is bad weather or power goes out and it goes back to main power it trips the alarm. The people that work on it can’t clear the codes because it’s too out dated. Roy will work on getting 3 quotes for the February meeting.
- Question was asked about why the Town Hall does not have a fire protection alarm? The Town Hall has all the clerk records and the Town Historian records. Roy to get a quote for both buildings since he has to get a quote for town barn. The one that Cincinnatus Highway put in this past year does not have a monthly service fee for monitoring. Mike mentioned that Simplex, ADT or Time Warner Cable would be who you may be able to get monitoring through. 911 no longer will do it.

Animal Control Report:

None

Clerk Report: by Jaymie Closson

One marriage license for \$40.00 - \$17.50 to town, \$22.50 to NYS

12 dog licenses - \$97.00 to town, \$22.00 to NYS

Dog license late fees - \$10.00

Total of \$124.50 to town and check written for \$3,348.06 to zero out tax collector account

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:55 p.m. by Joey Pudney and seconded by Russell Eltz

Votes Cast:

Riley Closson

“aye”

Joey Pudney

“aye”

Russell Eltz

“aye”

CARRIED