

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Taylor held **November 11, 2014** at the Town Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

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

Others present: Historian: Marie Peri

Riley called the meeting to order at 7:16 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 Joey Pudney, seconded by Jeffrey Smith that the minutes of October 14, 2014 meeting and Public Hearing as submitted by the Town Clerk are approved.

Votes Cast:	Riley Closson	"aye"	
	Joey Pudney	"aye"	
	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"	CARRIED

MOTION to approve the accountant's report was made by Joey Pudney, seconded by Jeffrey Smith

Votes Cast:	Riley Closson	"aye"	
	Joey Pudney	"aye"	
	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"	CARRIED

MOTION to pay *Highway Vouchers* for a total of \$3,768.72 was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

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

MOTION to pay *General Fund Vouchers* for a total of \$2,698.22 was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

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

Total funds disbursed:

\$6,466.94

INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE, DISCUSSION:

Snow Plow Contract

- It is a 5 year contract that started about 3 years ago. It used to be yearly
- It was stated that it doesn't cost the town any money so they might as well drop the plows when already driving over County roads.

MOTION was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney to accept the contract from Cortland County

Votes Cast:	Riley Closson	"aye"	
	Joey Pudney	"aye"	
	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"	CARRIED

Tax Assessor Resumes

- David Briggs has not submitted any resumes to review at this time
- Have received two resumes so far from people that are interested in the position
- Jeffrey Smith & Joey Pudney volunteered to be on a committee to interview candidates
- Town Clerk to put an ad in Cortland Standard Classifieds for Tax Assessor position. She will submit them to Steven as they come in. They will then set up interviews

Drug Testing for Highway Department

- The guy that usually does this through the hospital is retiring
- At last Highway Supervisor meeting they all voted to go with Donald Hogan, Hogan Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Donald Hogan will come to the highway garage early in the morning to do the testing so it will not interrupt the highway department day. No longer wasting half a day sitting at Cortland Hospital
- It is about the same price as they are already paying now
- Roy stated there are other companies that do the testing but he does not know any names since this is the only one brought up at his last meeting. A lot of other towns around are already using Hogan's

MOTION was made by Joey Pudney, seconded by Jeffrey Smith to appoint Hogan Drug and Alcohol Testing for the Town of Taylor's testing needs

Votes Cast:	Riley Closson	"aye"	
	Joey Pudney	"aye"	
	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"	CARRIED

Fire District Contract

- Steven Breneman and Riley Closson attended a meeting at the Cincinnatus Fire and Emergency Department on November 6, 2014
- Cincinnatus showed them what our contract rate has increased from 2012 until 2015

- Cincinnatus did not produce a budget to them when asked where the money was being spent
- Town of Pitcher and Town of German are negotiating their contract price as well
- Town of Cincinnatus Fire coverage amount has not been raised the last couple of years but all other towns have increased 2%
- Board agreed to wait until December meeting to vote on whether or not to approve the contract with Cincinnatus Fire and Emergency Department

Staples Credit Card

- A Staples credit card has been approved for the town
- Now whenever anyone needs any supplies the town will receive a monthly bill instead of people having to pay out of their own money and waiting to be reimbursed
- Accountant Debbie Fisher will have one card and the other will be kept in the Town Clerk's office. If someone needs to buy supplies for the town they can sign the card out from the clerk so it is known who has the card at all times

Tompkins Trust

- The transfer process for the towns accounts is in the process of being switched from NBT Bank to Tompkins Trust

Insulation of the Town Hall Building

- There is almost zero insulation in the ceiling. Only about 3 ½ inches in some spots
- Going to call Cincinnatus Home Center and get an estimate for blown in insulation
- Estimated price of Spray Foam is roughly \$11,340.00
- Riley will call Blue Ox and get an estimate from them as well

BUDGET

MOTION to approve the 2015 Budget with no changes was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes Cast:	Riley Closson	"aye"	
	Joey Pudney	"aye"	
	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"	CARRIED

BUILDING AND INSPECTION: *by Michael Andersen*

- Did Gonzalez's plumbing inspection. Told him of some problems that needed to be corrected. He is looking for his Certificate of Occupancy but he can't give it to him yet
- Lamb has left for the winter, will continue project in the spring
- Hubbard Hill has 2 open permits still
- Weaver on Solon Pond is building a horse barn
- Wehner was told to anchor his building. Trusses and metal roof were delivered
- Golden is done until spring

HIGHWAY REPORT: *by Roy Eltz*

- Discussion on what to do with the truck. Put it on Auction International?
- Now is the time of the year to get rid of it

- Roy is going to be selling it as a dump truck and keeping the plow for the town
- Discussion on whether the ditch digger is worth keeping and putting money into or if it should just go on Auction International as well
- Can only buy used parts for it anymore
- Received information on a Ditch Digger from Clinton Tractor with 565 hours on it
- Roy will go and look at it to see if its big enough and worth the money

DOG REPORT: *by Jaymie Closson*

- A total of 10 unlicensed dog tickets were issued
- Court appearance on November 19, 2014

CLERK'S REPORT: *by Jaymie Closson*

- Total fees this month of \$449.00
- \$34.00 on dog license fees
- \$19.97 on commission from DEC sales
- \$10.00 on Pierce building permit renewal
- \$35.00 in dog license late fees
- \$98.97 to Steve Breneman for the town
- \$342.03 to DEC for license sales
- \$8.00 to NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets for dog fees
- Clerk informed the board that after looking thru past meeting minutes she found that town board had made a motion in 2013 to no longer sell hunting licenses.

MOTION for the Town of Taylor Clerk to sell hunting licenses again to the public was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeffrey Smith at 8:14 P.M., seconded by Joey Pudney

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

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jaymie Closson
 Town Clerk