

April 10, 2012

The monthly meeting was held at 7PM in the Town Hall

Present were: Supervisor	Steve Breneman
Councilmen:	Sharon Eltz
	Jeff Smith
	Riley Closson
	Nancy Elwood
Town Clerk:	April Law
Highway Superintendent:	Jim Smith
Planning Board Chair:	Kathryn Elwood
Code Officer:	Michael Andersen

Also present: Town Historian Beth Hummel, Justice Rollan Elwood, Legislator David Fuller and Marie Peri

Steve opened the meeting at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Fuller mentioned that he was not on the trash committee any longer. He wanted to let Steve know that their comments got into the Superintendent's ear and David was pulled aside and asked where these roads were. He wants to go check them out and see if we can include them in the fund this year. The 2 roads that are in question are Taylor Valley and Hawley Woods, Steve maintains that someone is going to get hurt and it will be the Town's liability.

There was some discussion about mileage being paid. Sharon asked what we currently pay and Rollan confirmed that we pay \$.40 a mile. The State is paying \$.55 a mile and the Board questioned whether we should increase it due to high gas prices. The Board agreed that with high fuel costs it should have a slight increase.

MOTION:Raise mileage being paid from \$.40 to \$.50 a mile

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

Prior to the meeting the Board members read copies of the minutes.

MOTION:"Accept minutes of meeting as written"

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

MOTION: "Accept Accountant's Report as written"

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye
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Jeff Smith	Aye	
Riley Closson	Aye	
Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

Prior to the meeting the Councilmen reviewed, discussed and signed Vouchers

MOTION: Pay Highway Vouchers for a Total of: \$20,082.57

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

MOTION: Pay General Fund Vouchers for a Total of: \$1,752.58

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

Total Funds disbursed was: \$21,835.15

IFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Michael Andersen, the new Code Enforcement Officer, was available for questions regarding the Code Information handed out at last month's meeting. Mike started off by explaining the State Laws regarding abandoned buildings and the signs needed to let Firefighters know that it is an uninhabitable building. He described the signs needed, how much they cost and how helpful they are in alerting the Public not to enter. Jeff questioned him about the Codes involved with the overgrown vegetation. Mike answered Jeff explaining some of the other Communities rules and how they are stricter than we are. Mike replied that it is State Law that no grass should be over 10 inches high surrounding the residence. He also assured us that his job is "complaint driven" and he will not go around telling people to mow their lawns. He reported that the trailer on Cheningo Solon Pond Road has been moved, but still needs to be anchored down and have solid footers (no blocks). It is also State Law that they make a driveway at least 12 feet wide to be able to accommodate Fire Trucks. The Land Owners are aware of these issues and Mike stated that if they do all of these requirements including installing smoke detectors the Town could do no more. Steve suggested we put together a pamphlet to mail to the Residents of Taylor explaining, when and where a Building permit is needed. David Fuller stated that he had done it before and Sharon suggested using his because it had a lot of information on it, but changing the necessary info. Sharon asked about the disposal issue with the trailer again. Mike stated that the Law says that if there is any system in the trailer (kitchen, bathroom) where they have to empty it must be hooked up to a sewer system. Mike did say they were a few other ways, but they cannot just empty it anywhere.

Steve handed out sheets to the Board that he received from the Sales Tax meeting he attended. David Fuller explained the figures to the Board. He pointed out that the figures on the bottom section represent the percentage Taylor received this year (2011), 2012 is not reflected on these sheets. These taxes help to pay for the new interoperable systems and bonding involved with the new towers. County needed an additional 4% from the Sales Tax to help pay for these towers/radios. They took away 1% in Sales Tax from Cortlandville, almost 2% from Cortland he couldn't think of the last County. This allocation will increase every year as the County decides for all involved based on a sliding scale. David

said it is a slippery slope, but Town's should receive more each year if all goes right. He encouraged the Board to look it over, study it and David or Steve will answer any questions. Sharon asked him to compare what we were getting to what we are now. David explained the percentage rates that each town receives and added that the negotiations are set for May 16th, 2012 which will be decided by the County. David assured us he is representing the County and the Town of Taylor. He believes this is a good contract.

Steve asked April to quickly explain the meeting she attended regarding Dog licensing and fees. I wrote a summary for the Board and explained how the agreement made between Cortland County and Town of Taylor needed to be dissolved. I told them how the agencies in Cortland County were getting shorted the way our agreement stands now. Cortland did some research and found it is best to send all Dog Licensing fees to the State on New York instead of Cortland County. I presented a dissolution agreement to be signed and returned to Elizabeth Larkin. Sharon also relayed the information that due to this change they ask we keep the dog license expiration as it stands now. This is to prevent confusion with the State, any Towns that have sent in money to Cortland has to now be switched and sent to the State broken down by month.

MOTION: Terminate Dog Licensing and Fees Agreement with Cortland County

Made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

JUSTICE REPORT:

Rollan reported that in the first three months of this year he has had 15 Vehicle/Traffic cases, 3 of them being DWI. He has sentenced one person with a fine Of \$1050.00 which they have not paid. He has given him 3 months to pay the money if nothing then he will have a judgement put against him. The other two cases are pending. In Penal Law he had three cases, DEC he had three cases, Ag & Market no cases and Civil no cases. Rollan reports a total of \$1050.00 in fines collected.

PLANNING REPORT:

Kathryn shared a letter inviting new planning board members to a training meeting on unused land regulations. She reports that it was discussed and no one on the Planning Board is new and they are not planning on attending. If anyone else would like to they are welcome at a fee of \$5.00 a person. Kathryn was asked if Marie Burns contacted her about sub-dividing and she stated she had not. Marie Peri reported that Marie Burns had asked her about it and she had directed her to Kathryn. They did not have a meeting last month as there was no new business. Kathryn asked the Town Clerk if she had any new business for the Planning Board to which she replied no.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Jim has the sand all in for the year and got the mower. Used the mower for a week and got all the roads taken care of. He then spoke about some gravel down by the river he would like to get. Cincinnatus was going have it crushed, but proposed to Jim that they split it and use it themselves. If the two Towns split the cost it would be about \$900.00 a piece resulting in 2000 yards of gravel for each Town. Jim says it is really nice stuff and he suggests using it on Whitney Road making it much smoother. It is a considered a low traffic road, but the Board agrees they meet many vehicles on it at all hours of the day. There was a short discussion on the state of roads in the area pertaining to how some have held up versus others.

Jim explained the cost of \$900.00 would be the rental of a backhoe to dig it all out. He figures they could get it done in a week. They have been busy cutting back brush and that they will begin sweeping. Jim was asked for the dates of Amnesty Day and he gave May 19th& 21st, 2012. Town Clerk stated she would put the Legal Notice in the paper. Jim stated he wants the ad to clearly state **NO TIRES**. They cost the Town \$2.00 a piece or \$110.00 a ton to get rid of at the dump.

CLERK'S REPORT:

I started out by telling the Board that we are all set with DEC and are able to sell Hunting Licenses. This month I did license one unneutered dog and renewed one kennel license with \$6.00 being sent to the State and leaving \$101.00 to the Town. We issued two building permits one for \$125.00 and one for \$100.00. I wrote Steve a check for the amount of \$326.00 to settle these fees. In Tax Collection I took in \$32,796.63, of which \$631.74 is interest collected. I wrote a check to Steve for \$631.74 and I wrote a check to Cortland County Treasurer for \$40,000.00. Total being disbursed is \$40,631.74. I have included a copy of these checks on the back of my report. I brought to the Board's attention that we had to give a small refund to a taxpayer being that his Tax bill was wrong and Cortland had to fix it. After fixing it they found he paid too much in interest so we owed him \$35.63, I included a copy of this check as well.

MOTION:Board enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matter

Made by: Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

MOTION:Dismiss Dog Control Officer James Lynch with pay for 1 month

Made by: Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith

Votes Cast:	Sharon Eltz	Aye	
	Jeff Smith	Aye	
	Riley Closson	Aye	
	Nancy Elwood	Aye	carried

MOTION: To adjourn meeting was made by Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Jeff Smith...carried

Respectfully Submitted,

April D. Law
Town Clerk