

August 13, 2013

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

Present were:	Councilmen:	Sharon Eltz Jeff Smith Riley Closson Nancy Elwood
	Town Clerk:	April Law
	Code Officer:	Mike Andersen
	Planning Board Chair:	Kathryn Elwood

Absent:	Supervisor:	Steve Breneman
	Dog Warden:	Chip Elwood
	Highway Supervisor:	Jim Smith

Also present were: Roy Eltz, Patricia Johnston, Historian Beth Hummel, Kimberly Hayden, Accountant Debbie Fisher, Thomas Johnston, Marie Peri, and Elijah Closson.

Sharon began the meeting at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Johnston began by asking the Board if it was okay for the Historical Society to use the building on September 16, 2013 for an annual meeting. Sharon said it was fine and April agreed that there was nothing planned. She also stated that they were putting up a marker in the Bentley Cemetery and wondered if they could get the Town guys to clean it up and make it look nice. Sharon asked her if she meant the Hawley Cemetery and she said yes. Jeff said he did not believe it was the Town's responsibility to maintain it and Riley said reading the Town Law book says we are to at least keep it mowed. Riley added that the book states that when a cemetery becomes abandoned it becomes the Town's responsibility to mow it. Patricia said that according to the Burial Laws she found, she passed copies out to each Board member, it says that the cemetery should be mowed 3 times a year. Sharon asked Roy if they have mowed the Hawley Cemetery and Roy some years they do. Sharon asked Patricia what needed to be done to clean it up

and she replied it needs to be mowed, brush cut back and made presentable. Jeff said that the Historical Society really should be looking into volunteers to help keep up these cemeteries when the Highway guys can't get to them. Patricia added that in the papers there is a provision that says the Town Board says who the volunteers should be and Sharon said then she would appoint the Historical Society as volunteers. Everyone chuckled but felt it was a good idea and Sharon said they would vote on it later tonight. Patricia then showed a photo to the Board that showed the memorial marker being put up and explained how William Pomeroy Foundation gives the money for these and they have to photograph or video tape the dedication and she would really like to it cleaned before then. She said they would be putting up the marker soon but did not give exact date. Jeff asked if it was going to be directly in the cemetery or down by the road and Patricia said by the road. Roy added that Gene Bush had said he was going to get all the brush cleaned up but he doesn't know what happened. Finally Patricia presented a paper for Steve to sign for a marker to place on the Town Line Road Bridge. This plaque would place the bridge on the National Register of Historic Places. The Board had no problem with this and Sharon offered to sign it tonight if they needed. Patricia explained that it needs to be on a Town's letterhead and signed so it would need to be turned over to April first and Sharon said they would get it done.

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

Sharon pointed out that April had Jim and Kathryn listed as absent and April said she would correct it. Then Sharon addressed a statement made by Mike that said the road referred to last month by the Fox residence is a County road and not a Town road. April apologized and told them it would be fixed.

MOTION: "Accept minutes of meeting with corrections"

Made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Sharon Eltz

Riley Closson

Nancy Elwood

carried

MOTION: "Accept Accountant's report as written"

Made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Sharon Eltz

Riley Closson

Nancy Elwood **carried**

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

MOTION: Pay Highway Vouchers for a total of: \$16,315.52
 Made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson
 Votes cast: Sharon Eltz
 Riley Closson
 Nancy Elwood **carried**

MOTION: Pay General Fund Vouchers for a total of: \$1,259.78
 Made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson
 Votes cast: Sharon Eltz
 Riley Closson
 Nancy Elwood **carried**

Total Funds disbursed: \$17,575.30

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Sharon wanted to address the picture of the Truck included in the Board packets. This was something Steve came across and was thinking the Town has a 1 Ton that will need to be replaced. The bidding will start out at \$20,000.00 and he was wondering if they were interested in replacing the truck, grader and Sharon added the 1 Ton saying it will need to be replaced eventually. Jeff asked Roy what truck they would like to replace and Roy said the 1993 the oldest one. Jeff asked if it had a lot of problems and Roy said he wouldn't go that far it was just something for the Board to keep in the back of their heads. If the truck went to auction and the Town could get it for \$70-80,000.00 that would be a great deal. Sharon said our grader is broke down and they have not got an estimate to fix it but they figure it is far more to fix it than it's worth. Sharon said she believes it is a 1960 or 1963 and Jeff added that he is not sure it would cost more to fix than it's worth. Jeff said he called S&S about it and after speaking with Mark he explained it could be a wet clutch sticking together. Roy said he did not believe it was a clutch issue but something in the gears. Jeff said he wasn't positive on serial numbers when on the phone buy they guess about \$1500.00 in parts. Jeff said he is not saying it doesn't need to be replaced but back when they were talking about the new loader he mentioned that the Board might want to reconsider spending all this

money because of condition of the grader and said he was told by Jim that there was nothing wrong with the grader. Sharon asked if S&S would be willing to do an estimate and Jeff said he never got that far. Sharon suggested getting an estimate to fix it and asked the Board how much they would be willing to put back into the grader. Jeff said he would have to do more research but he would feel \$3000.00 would still be putting us ahead. Sharon asked if the Board wanted the guys to look at the auction in Lansing and see if they find anything, of course they would have to call the Board members for approval. Sharon said the money available is \$30,000.00 in Equipment (Highway), \$30,000.00 Reserve, \$5,000.00 in General. Debbie is going to check but she is pretty sure we can move some from the Building Reserve also. Debbie added that she was not sure how the Reserves were set up but she and April will go back to find out the information. Sharon said after we get the estimate if it is way out of line then we contact Board members and go from there. Sharon presented a quote for an Overhead Door for the Highway Garage for \$5,304.00 which includes 2 doors and that would be everything new except the operators which are still good. Jeff and Riley talked about it briefly and had no problems with it.

MOTION: Get 2 Overhead doors for truck bay at Highway Garage

Made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Sharon Eltz

Riley Closson

Nancy Elwood

carried

Sharon then addressed the volunteers for the cemetery and suggested The Taylor Historical Society. Jeff added that it will help them to get it cleaned up quickly seeing as how the Highway guys are busy with the Flood cleanup.

MOTION: Appoint Historical Society as volunteers to help clean up cemetery

Made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Sharon Eltz

Riley Closson

Nancy Elwood

carried

Sharon addressed the Personnel Policies and pointed out that a couple of things were added. One thing added was each Full Time Employee gets \$100.00 credit at Homer Men & Boys for boots or whatever else is needed. Second thing is Part

Time Employee must possess a CDL license. Riley pointed out that we may want to change one sentence that says after 1 week they get 1 week vacation. It should read after 1 year they receive 1 week vacation and the change was made

MOTION: Pass new Personnel Policies for Town of Taylor

Made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Sharon Eltz

Riley Closson

Nancy Elwood

carried

Sharon said Gary Davis is going to be able to get to the job before they thought so they are not going to bother with the 3rd guy now. So when Gary gets ready they will begin and Riley said they won't have any problems with Gary. Sharon presented a letter from the Cortland County Soil Preservation announcing an annual river cleanup. She read all information aloud and gave to April to display in Town Hall. Sharon reported that Jim is attending a meeting in Willett for Cortland County Aging Program.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mike began by saying he received a call from Joseph Gonzalez saying his son was having a hard time with the footers and when Mike go there it turns out he had cut all of his 2X6 lumber at 7 foot. He stated that the State Code says 7ft 6inches is the minimum and he had already cut 60 or so of them at 7 foot. Mike said he made him put a double header down which will put him right at 7ft 6in and after the sheetrock goes in you will be below that, but there is really not much we can do about it. Mike reported that according to the plans submitted he was to Code. Mike did go back over there to make sure everything was going smoothly and noticed that all the second story windows are little sliding glass windows. He stated that you have to have 5X27 square feet of egress when doing construction. So they had to reframe the walls and get the right size windows. Again Mike said his plans showed proper height and windows but he found these somewhere a little cheaper and thought he could use them. Mike said the other day they called asking how much of a slope he can have on his property and he said it had to be a 6 foot drop, 10 foot from the building and you have to make it flat. Gonzalez did not want it like that but Mike told him that is what the State Code says, if you want to change it after I leave you can but you're going to have problems. He then said while driving around he saw some construction going on so he stopped and they did not have a permit. They said they were unaware one was needed

and Mike said they were pouring concrete for a new garage so he would have thought they knew a permit was needed. While he was there he noticed an inflatable pool and told them it had to be fenced in and later on noticed one on Mt. Roderick road as well. Mike gave them a call and they did come down and get the necessary permit and now the pool is all fenced in, looks nice. Mike spoke about a garage that is being built on Suzanne Reed's property and said unfortunately they attached the garage to a breezeway and now they have to fireproof the garage or at least certain sections of it. The door that goes into the garage now has to be a fireproof door as well, they were unaware of this. Mike said you use to be able to build a garage 3 feet from your house without fire protection now the State says anything within 5 feet needs to secure. Mike explained how the overhang or breezeway poses a fire hazard and said it is not a big deal just need to do one wall so that a fire would not travel to the garage or into the house. He said he went to Larry Pugh on Burchesky Road and he had had a deck built that was all wrong and Mike had sent him a letter with all the paperwork on what he needed to do. He went back the other day and it is all done. He showed pictures that all the spindles and handrails are in place. Jeff asked what he had done and Mike explained the hangars were all wrong on the underside. He said he did an inspection of the Taylor Wesleyan Church and basically they had the same code violations as last year. Mike said he understands some of the stuff I stupid but public bathrooms must be ventilated with a window or a fan and neither of their bathrooms is equipped with one. Mike asked if it was a fire hazard and said it could be: he explained that if you have a furnace on the same floor as toilets it could be volatile with the methane gas mixing. There is a code where you have to have a fresh exchange of air. He asked if it was something they should pursue he said not particularly but things like no fire extinguisher, no smoke detectors, and no batteries in them should have something done about them. He did not include the ventilation in the bathrooms and Jeff agreed saying things like that we should enforce for safety. Sharon asked Mike if he had gotten the information squared around with the shed business, meaning size of shed needing a permit. Sharon pointed out on a fee schedule we have it says any shed over 120 square feet needs a permit. Mike said okay he had not seen that but it helped define things on his end, April said she would be sure he got a copy.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Sharon asked Roy if he had anything to report for Jim. Roy said they are all ready to do Allen Hill up by Pudney's house. Jeff asked him what they were going to do up there and Roy said oil & Stone it, but if he tears it up with his tractor again they will be there to call the cops and have him arrested. Roy said he tore that road all up and Jeff agreed that he did but last he had talked with Jim he wasn't going to oil & stone it. Jeff stated that he has no problem with him oil & stoning it as long as someone says something to him about what he did. Roy agreed saying he told Jim you are just wasting money if you r going to fix it but not do anything about it. So Jim has said he will fix it one more time but if it is tore up again they will call the police. Jeff asked him if they were going to do Potter Hill and Roy said yes as well as Brooks Hill and Allen Hill twice. Jeff asked if they got it rolled down hard and Roy said it was until we got all of this rain and now it is soft but they will get it. Jeff asked Roy how things are going down in Willett and Roy said he thinks one more day and they will have it passable.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT:

Kathryn said she has not heard anything from anyone and April told her she has not heard anything here in the office for them so Kathryn is assuming everyone is happy.

DOG WARDEN REPORT:

Sharon said that Chip hoped to get the dog enumeration done by the end of the month. Jeff asked why he was doing that again and Sharon told him we are supposed to do it once a year and it is part of the job description.

CLERK'S REPORT:

April reported that she sold \$15.00 in hunting licenses this month and the DEC will automatically deduct \$14.17 on or about August 14, 2013 leaving the Town \$.83. We issued 4 building permits- [Swieczkowski@\\$75.00](#), [Jablonski@\\$50.00](#), [Pugh@\\$25.00](#), and [Pryor@\\$25.00](#). A check was written to Steve for the amount of \$175.83 and there is a copy of the check on the back of her report. Sharon asked how her new hours were working out and she replied well. April said she has been getting a lot of people on the evenings and seems to be helping people out. David asked her why she was still selling hunting licenses when we said we were not doing them and April replied that we were doing them until August 1 and this report was July.

Sharon asked David Fuller if he would like to say anything and he said he would like to tell everyone to keep their eyes on for a press release coming out tomorrow from Onondaga County that we all need to listen to. He said he could not tell us what it was about but they had been working on it for a couple of years with just a handful of people in Cortland County. He said the Cortland County Legislature was informed last night of what it is. He said it will change a lot of things for Onondaga County as well as Cortland County for the better. He then talked about being able to watch Legislator sessions live and gave the website address where people can watch each session live- www.cortlandcounty.org- go to Legislator and it will take you right to the website. It includes minutes, agendas and budget information and is a wealth of Information for anyone interested. Jeff thanked him for talking and then said you know when my wife comes home and says I have a secret, I tell her to shut up and everyone found it funny. David said he agrees and has not said anything to anyone, but says it will be interesting and he did have something to do with it. Nancy wanted to let everyone know they are doing the Olde Home Day July 25, 2013 which is a dedication for Harland Pudney with a tree planting and time capsule burial. Sharon asked where they were going to bury the capsule and Nancy said under the tree. They are having the MacRae boys sing and refreshments all are welcome. Nancy said sometimes things get overlooked and the Historical Society worked hard to get this.

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

Respectfully submitted,

April Law
Town Clerk