

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:  
**December 12, 2017 at 7 p.m.**

Present:

Supervisor:	Bryce Wehner
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor:	Riley Closson
Councilmen:	Harold R. Eltz (Russell)
	Joey Pudney
	Theodore Law Jr. (TJ)
Clerk/Tax Collector:	Jaymie Closson
Building/Code Enforcement:	Michael Andersen (Mike)
Highway Superintendent:	Chris Smith
Justice:	Rollan Elwood (Rollo)

Absent:

Accountant:	Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)
Historian/Deputy Clerk/Planning Bd. Sec.:	Sharon Eltz
Planning Board Chair:	Barbara Allen

Others Present:

Robert Bittner, Tompkins Trust Company

Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to the meeting the councilmen were given the chance to read and review November 2017 meeting minutes and also time to review and sign general and highway fund vouchers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robert Bittner from Tompkins Trust Company presented to the board some options on retirement for the Highway Department.

His recommendation was to go with a S.I.M.P.L.E. (Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees) Plan. It is an IRA. Anytime from January 1 - October 1 it can be opened. This is a match plan that the town would have to either match each employee up to 3% for at least 3 out of 5 years or could just do a 2% annual contribution. The cost is \$10.00 per employee to set up. He likes to use American Funds for many reasons. The target date fund is based on the employee's age. This is the upfront cost and a low operating plan. The employee is vested from day one. A 401k is typically between \$1,500.00-\$2,000.00 just to get started and then annual costs. The town is able to choose who is eligible to take advantage of the plan. It is all done online by the payroll department for the contributions, by both the town and the employee. 3% would be the maximum that the town would have to match.

**VOUCHER DISCUSSION:**

None

**PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the November 2017 meeting minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
TJ Law	“aye”	CARRIED

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the December 2017 Accountants Report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
TJ Law	“aye”	CARRIED

**MOTION** to approve the December 2017 Highway fund vouchers in the amount of \$4,802.04 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
TJ Law	“aye”	CARRIED

**MOTION** to approve the December 2017 General fund vouchers in the amount of \$3,395.21 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
TJ Law	“aye”	CARRIED

Total Disbursement: \$8,197.25

## **DISCUSSION:**

- Retirement - Need to decide if going to do this for just the highway department or for all employees.
- Meeting attendance is important.
- THOMA plan from last meeting - The grant writing would cost the town \$6,000.00 with no guarantee. Discussions if the board wants to take that risk with that much money.
- Sprague Insurance Company will be at the January meeting to go over the town's coverage. Shared work contracts need to be used. If we have a claim, the insurance company will fight it without the contracts being signed.
- Fire Contract - Jaymie had no luck getting ahold of Cincinnati Clerk for a copy of the Fire District budget. Going to have to sit down and talk with them at some point. There are a couple of things they are not doing and we are paying for a service. Was not able to get the KNOX boxes for our buildings since the Fire Department has not completed their end of the paperwork, at least 2 dry hydrants that we know of are broken and not able to be used, 1 on Factory Drive and 1 on Pudney Road. Also, there have been 3 fires now in Taylor that Mike has not been notified. After the last one he took a copy of the law down to the Fire Chief and gave it to him. Still no notification. Any structure fire, code enforcement needs to be notified.
- Larry Fitts submitted his contract for the reassessment. Suggestion of having the town attorney take a look at it before it is signed. In the contract it says that all mailing cost and labor is on the town. Nothing was said about that at the last meeting. This is an added cost on top of the amount he gave last month. Bryce will call him and see if he will do away with that part of the contract, if yes, all agreed to sign it at next meeting.
- Have not received any project bids yet for the building on Town Line Road. Jaymie will have the Cortland Standard run it for one week.
- The Planning Board asked for a comprehensive plan, Bryce thought there was a copy in his office but he can't locate it.
- NYSEG has brought the poles through by the salt shed but no wires yet. The power will be more accessible when we need it for the new building now.
- The boilers at both buildings need to be cleaned. Riley will schedule that when the contractor comes to look at the 3 rooms that need heat.
- The smoke alarms seem to be working fine now.
- Need a coal delivery. Chris will call for it.
- Dog licenses - Need an enumeration done. Will check with Sprague next month about insurance coverage for whoever does it. So many dogs not licensed.

## **PLANNING BOARD:**

None

## **BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Presented by Mike Andersen**

Perry's are putting in a modular on Doran Hill Road

Breneman's are adding a garage extension

McCoy's on Hawley Woods Road are going to be putting up a pavilion

Mike voiced his complaint about the Cincinnati Fire District not contacting him when there is a structure fire.

**HIGHWAY Present by Chris Smith**

The 1-ton had to go to Grant Street, the plow was messing up. It is fixed and back.

Received the check for the VOLVO that was sold

Grader has a flat tire, going to have to replace that one now and then the other front one in the spring so they can move it into the garage for the winter.

**ANIMAL**

1 dog was picked up on Taylor Valley Road

**CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR Presented by Jaymie Closson**

\$462 in DEC License Sales - \$25.45 to town, \$436.55 to DEC

\$77 in Dog Licenses - \$62 to town, \$15 to NYS

Breneman Building Permit - \$25

Perry Building Permit - \$180

Bryce did a recap of the year and the things that have been talked about/worked on.

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jaymie Closson*

Clerk