

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:  
**February 13, 2018 at 7 p.m.**

Present

Supervisor: Bryce Wehner  
Councilmen: Riley Closson  
Theodore Law Jr. (TJ)  
Joey Pudney  
Harold R. Eltz (Russell)  
Clerk/Tax Collector: Jaymie Closson  
Building/Code Enforcement: Michael Andersen (Mike)  
Highway Superintendent: Chris Smith  
Planning Board Chair: Barb Allen

Absent

Accountant: Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)  
Historian: Sharon Eltz  
Justice: Rollan Elwood

Others Present:

Fire Dept. Representatives: Shawn Scoville  
Terena Loomis  
Clyde Treacy  
Public: Julie Eaton

Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Prior to the meeting the councilmen were given the chance to read and review January 2018 meeting minutes and also time to review, discuss and sign general and highway fund vouchers for February 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Julie approached the board about being interested in purchasing some land about a mile up on Jordan Road. She's wondering if they were to purchase it and build a house would the town highway maintain the road in the winter since it is only a seasonal road. She would also need a school bus to be able to get thru in a couple of years. The school bus and fire truck would be up their departments. The land that is looking to be purchased is beyond where it is abandoned. Whether the town would have to open that back up is unsure. Bryce will do some research with the Association of Towns and possibly the attorney and get back to her. She does not have a time frame at this time as to land; she is doing her homework before purchasing.

Bryce opened the floor to the Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) Representatives and told them they were invited to talk about some of our needs that are not being met and would like to work together. We did have a small increase in our contract this year. It was pointed out that the Emergency Squad had to have a new furnace installed this year and it cost around \$15,000 so it takes money to run the department.

The dry hydrants were discussed. There is one on Factory Drive that is not operational and one on Pudney Road that CFD believes is working but no one else was aware that it was. The one of Factory Drive CFD believes it would be more of a project to fix than to just put in a new one. CFD told of another one on the corner of Doran Hill Road and Preston Road that is technically in Freetown but Cincinnati has access to it. There is also another one at the Knickerbocker Golf Course. Have to find places where there is water year round to make it worth the time and effort to put them in. CFD pointed out that sometimes Soil & Water has funding available to put them in but they have not heard of anything in a while. It was agreed that CFD will get back to the town about the dry hydrants.

Informed the CFD that we recently brought our Town Hall up to code and part of doing that was installing KNOX boxes on the outside of the building making it easy for Fire Rescue to have quick access. Our contractor

was told that CFD was not compatible with them. CFD suggested that we install a key in a lock box with a pin code on the outside of both our buildings; it is the same system the school uses and seems to work fine for both parties.

It was also brought up about a lack of communication with our Code Enforcement Officer. Mike has been telling them since at least 2013 that he is to be notified every time there is any type of structure fire and he has never been notified. CFD said they were unaware that he has not been notified through 911 even though Mike has come down and met with them in person before and shown them a copy of the law. CFD said they will make sure that 911 have all the current phone numbers on file for CFD that need to be notified.

Also, it was brought up that the town has never seen a copy of the CFD budget. We were told that they will mail one to Bryce.

CFD asked about the 2% Foreign Fire Tax that is supposed to be coming to them annually and with the changes that the town has had over the years they have not received it for a couple of years. Bryce will follow up with Sprague Insurance about it.

**PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the January 2018 meeting minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

**ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the accountant’s report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

Discussion about some budget transfers that need to be done so that everything can balance out and no item lines are over expended.

**MOTION** to approve the budget transfers was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

**DISCUSSION OF VOUCHERS:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the February 2018 highway fund vouchers in the amount of 12,414.40 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

**MOTION** to approve the February 2018 general fund vouchers in the amount of \$5,348.55 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

Total Disbursement \$17,762.95

Jaymie pointed out that she needed to send in new paperwork appointing her as the Official Registrar to NYS.

**MOTION** to appoint Jaymie Closson as the Official Registrar for the Town of Taylor was made by TJ Law and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

#### **AGENDA TOPICS**

- Received notice that the Health Insurance premium is going to be going up a couple of hundred dollars this year.
- Joey received a letter thanking for him for the help he offered to someone stuck on Elwood Road. The people sent a check to the Taylor Historical Society for a donation. Joey will forward the check to them.
- Received a phone call about a double wide on Telephone Road that the back porch is full of garbage. Mike will check it out.
- Discussed the bids for the new Highway Department storage building. Beach Hill Construction was the lowest bid. Bryce called and talked to them prior to the meeting about he planned on building it and he relayed his conversation. Discussion about the site work that still needs to be done. All the board members agreed they would meet and lay out where they want the building to go.

**MOTION** to accept the bid made by Beach Hill Construction in the amount of \$61,000 for a Highway Department storage barn on Town Line Road was made by Russell Eltz and seconded by TJ Law.

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

CARRIED

- Discussion about the dog enumeration that needs to be done. It was ok'd by Sprague Insurance that we could have whoever we wanted to do it as long as they are appointed by the board. Chris will check with Remington McUmbert to see if he is interested in the job.
- Should be getting around \$8,000 back from the storm recovery from March 2017 winter storm Stella.
- Our furnace & coal boiler was serviced at the Town Hall. It was discussed about putting heat in the records rooms and Justice Office. All agreed that without destroying the new work that was done the easiest and cheapest way to go is electric heaters with thermostats on them. Also need a new dehumidifier for the records room.
- A seasonal resident on Elwood Road sent a letter to the board about his neighbor wants to run power to his camp and this resident does not want power poles on his property. He is taking care of it with his attorney but just wanted the board aware of what was going on.
- NYSEG sent an email that street lights can be replaced with LED lights. Last year we were told that we weren't compatible so Bryce will follow up.
- Received our coal delivery for both buildings
- Bryce addressed some complaints about the maintenance of the roads during snow storms.
  - On Super Bowl Sunday our roads were not done properly. Even though the County wasn't out it still becomes a safety issue to Taylor. It was brought to the board's attention that Chris was out of town for the weekend and Tim was sick.
  - Chris was asked if he is capable of driving one of the big plow trucks. He has not been driving one and needs to be using at least the Sterling. It was said that if the 1-ton is ruined, it will not be replaced. It is not that old of a truck and should not be used to plow roads with. Also, said that it would save a lot of time and money if he used the Sterling, a lot less trips to refill.
  - Joe's health was also touched on. Wondered if this would be his last year plowing.
  - Town Hall driveway needs to be maintained daily along with the roads. Needs to be accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The heat should also be checked every day.
  - We have been running out of salt and the board was recently made aware that Pitcher has been getting their out of our salt shed. It was an agreement that was apparently made before Chris took over. How do we know how much salt they are taking? It was pointed out that the board wants this to come to a stop immediately. 70 ton of salt was just delivered; it took over a week to get here.
  - Have been digging out the sand and leaving a top since the sand is frozen, this is a liability issue.
  - The loader sits there while they are out plowing with the key in the ignition.
  - Said to Chris that if he feels there are any issues brought to him that he feels need attorney attention (such as, Jordan Road) he needs to bring them to Bryce and he will contact the attorney.
  - Said that the job of the town board is to represent the tax payers and the job of the highway superintendent is to make sure the roads are safe.

**PLANNING BOARD: presented by Barb Allen**

- Barb questioned why doublewides are assessed for what they are but banks will not finance them. She wondered with the reassessment coming what is going to be done.
- They are planning on having a meeting in the next week or two.

**BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: presented by Mike Andersen**

- Breneman put siding on his pole barn.
- Perry on Doran Hill wants his certificate of occupation but he still has some issues that need to be fixed before he can be given one.
- Yale's received their certificate of compliance for a garage addition on current garage. Nothing of theirs states that the garage is for occupation.

**HIGHWAY: presented by Chris Smith**

- Plowing snow
- Had a problem with the International fixed compressor
- Will look into if needing to have a DOT inspection done
- Will bring mileage report to next meeting
- Bryce pointed out that Chris is looking good with his budget, his spending is under control.

**ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:**

- One dog picked up on Taylor Valley Road and adopted out.

**CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT: presented by Jaymie Closson**

- 14 dog licenses; \$114 to town, \$26 to NYS
- Danielo permit renewal; \$2.50
- Smith window permit; \$16.00
- Dog license late fees; \$10.00
- 2018 Tax Warrant Paid in Full; \$281,114.56 with \$6.69 bank interest

**MOTION** to approve the 2018 Fire Contract in the amount of \$37,224.56 to be paid out in 3 payments (March, April, & May) was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

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

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**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:07 p.m. by TJ Law and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jaymie Closson*

Clerk