

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:
February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor:	Steven Breneman (Steve)
Councilmen:	Theodore Law Jr. (TJ) Joey Pudney Harold R. Eltz (Russell)
Clerk/Tax Collector:	Jaymie Closson
Building/Code Enforcement:	Michael Anderson (Mike)
Highway Superintendent:	Elroy Eltz (Roy)
Accountant:	Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)

Absent:

Councilman:	Riley Closson
Planning Board Chair:	Kathryn Elwood
Historian:	Sharon Eltz

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Prior to the meeting councilmen were given the chance to read and review January 2016 meeting minutes and also time to review and sign general and highway fund vouchers.

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes for the January 2016 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by TJ Law and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”

CARRIED

MOTION to approve the accountants report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”

CARRIED

MOTION to pay the February 2016 highway vouchers in the amount of \$7,140.05 was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”

CARRIED

MOTION to pay the February 2016 general fund vouchers in the amount of \$1,245.49 was made by TJ Law and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman “aye”

TJ Law “aye”

Joey Pudney “aye”

Russell Eltz “aye”

CARRIED

Total Disbursement: **\$8,385.54**

Information, Correspondence, Discussion, Action Items:

Budget Transfers:

Debbie presented a paper to the board with proposed budget transfer amounts. Budget transfers are to ensure that the balances are not over expended as part of the annual reporting process.

MOTION to approve the budget transfers was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman “aye”

TJ Law “aye”

Joey Pudney “aye”

Russell Eltz “aye”

CARRIED

Reserve Discussion:

As of January 31, 2016 there is currently \$675,000 in savings before current year’s taxes.

Debbie recommended that the board take some time to think about anything specific that they feel the money needs to be put aside for. As of right now the equipment reserve is only at \$35,000. Roy still needs to figure out what he wants to do for a truck. He can also put money aside for a repair reserve. Building reserve is currently \$131,000. Debbie doesn’t feel we need to put any more money aside for building reserve as we have already purchased the current building. The only building that may be purchased is if decided to do a salt shed. Please have some ideas by April’s board meeting.

Fire Contract

Steve, Joey and Russell filled TJ in on the fire district meeting that members of the board attended at the fire station. There were a lot of points made to the Cincinnatus Fire Department by many attendees. Steve attended another round table discussion. Shawn Scoville, Penny Eccleston and Debbie Holtmart from the fire department also attended. They gave costs of what it takes to run the department. They stated that they believed there to be 23 Cincinnatus firemen at the Factory Drive fire but with no truck. Board stated that the hydrant on Factory Drive doesn’t work. Maybe they should look into that since they ran out of water at the fire and needed to wait for another truck. Steve was told that there are 3 new EMTs coming up. They are just finishing their classes. The general consensus of the board is to stick it out for this year and see if anything changes. It was brought up to only pay quarterly instead of in full. The fire budget is not due until November and towns budget is due to the county by the end of November. The contract will charge interest if not paid in full by March 1st. Decided that we will have to pay one lump sum this year but will change for next year.

MOTION to accept contract as it stands but can't pay by March 1, 2016 since we have not received a signed contract back. (If approved tonight it can be signed and sent back) with changes for next year was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman "aye"
TJ Law "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"

CARRIED

MOTION to approve County Treasurer agreement to extend tax collection until June 1, 2016 was made by TJ Law and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman "aye"
TJ Law "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"

CARRIED

Assessment:

Steve received contract from David Briggs for the reassessment. It is a fixed fee of \$14,500 which is \$28.94 a parcel. Briggs will give records to Fran Butler so she is able to do her job properly and no one else does.

MOTION to accept contract amount for reassessment from David Briggs was made by Russell Eltz and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Steve Breneman "aye"
TJ Law "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"

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Planning Board: by Kathryn Elwood

None

Building/Code Enforcement: by Mike Anderson

A company out of Ithaca that does solar called and wanted regulations for ground panels. Steve Fox problem has been resolved.

Highway Report: by Roy Eltz

Been working on repairs.

It is a year out now on a new truck if ordered now. Cost would roughly be \$180-200,000.

The roller is usable but needs repairs. Can't find parts for breaks but still looking for parts. This is a safety issue. Looking at roughly \$3,000 a month to rent one.

Roy feels a new truck is most crucial. 2 of our trucks are at least 16 years old. The 1999 needs probably at least \$10,000 and the other truck is a 2000. Question brought up of why not buying a used truck but it was said that buying used is buying someone else's problems. Roy does not know the wait time if to lease. A new truck he doesn't know about working on it as everything will be all computerized. We have 2 plows. Should think about replacing they are rotting away. \$5,000 to be relined and a new plow would cost about \$7,500.

Roy is going to look into costs on leasing a truck and the time involved.

Question on if we are thinking about buying the truck outright or having a payment. Debbie will look at the figures to see which one makes the most sense. If buying it outright it will wipe out the reserves for highway and wouldn't be able to buy anything for a long time.

Going to check prices on Sate Bid to see if it's the same price or not.

A lease usually covers most maintenance.

Roy is still waiting on quotes for fire call system for town barn and town hall.

Received an offer on the grader for \$2,500 but Roy feels he could get \$3,000. It needs too much work and we can use Willet's. We could probably buy a decent used grader for less than \$40,000. Ours hasn't been used in at least 2 years.

Animal Control Report:

None

Clerk Report: by Jaymie Closson

\$247,362.99 collected in taxes. Check to Steve for \$200,000. \$3.78 in interest earned. Account balance of \$47,362.99

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:48 p.m. by TJ Law and seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes Cast:

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Steve Breneman "aye"

TJ Law "aye"

Joey Pudney "aye"

Russell Eltz "aye"

CARRIED