

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:
January 14, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor:	Jeffrey Smith
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor:	Riley Closson
Councilmen:	Harold R. Eltz (Russell)
	Joey Pudney
	Theodore Law Jr. (TJ)
Clerk/Tax Collector:	Jaymie Closson
Highway Superintendent:	Chris Smith
Historian/Deputy Clerk/Planning Bd. Sec.:	Sharon Eltz

Absent:

Accountant:	Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)
Planning Board Chair:	Barbara Allen
Justice:	Rollan Elwood
Building/Code Enforcement:	Derek Raimo

Others Present:

Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to the meeting the councilmen were given the chance to read and review December 2019 meeting minutes and also time to review and sign general and highway fund vouchers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

VOUCHER DISCUSSION:

None

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the December 2019 meeting minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	"aye"
Riley Closson	"aye"
Joey Pudney	"aye"
Russell Eltz	"aye"
TJ Law	"aye"

CARRIED

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the Accountants Report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	"aye"
Riley Closson	"aye"

Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
TJ Law "aye" CARRIED

MOTION to approve the January 2020 Highway fund vouchers in the amount of \$20,194.45 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:
Jeffrey Smith "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
TJ Law "aye" CARRIED

MOTION to approve the January 2020 General fund vouchers in the amount of \$8,210.70 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:
Jeffrey Smith "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
TJ Law "aye" CARRIED

MOTION to approve the 2020 Fire District voucher in the amount of \$38,828.43 was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:
Jeffrey Smith "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
TJ Law "aye" CARRIED

Total Disbursement: \$67,233.58

DISCUSSION:

Clarification of certificate of abandonment of McKee Road, Jipson Hill Road and Gun Club Road all dated 12-26-1973. Clarification filed with clerk, highway superintendent and town supervisor.

MOTION to approve the clarification of road abandonments was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:
Jeffrey Smith "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
TJ Law "aye" CARRIED

Cortland County Treasurers office sent letter to be able to extend tax collection deadline to May 31, 2020.

MOTION to approve tax collection deadline to May 31, 2020 made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”

CARRIED

JANUARY ANNUAL MEETING APPOINTMENTS, MOTIONS AND ADOPTIONS:

- Appointment of Budget Officer, Deborah Hubbard was made by Jeff Smith.
- Appointment of Deputy Supervisor, Riley Closson was made by Jeff Smith.
- Appointment of Deputy Clerk & Registrar, Sharon Eltz was made by Jaymie Closson.
- Appointment of Deputy Highway Superintendent, Jim Smith was made by Chris Smith.
- Appoint Jeff Smith as voting delegate for Association of Towns.

MOTION to accept and approve all of the above was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”

CARRIED

- Name NBT Bank and Tompkins Trust Company as the town’s official financial institutes.
- Name Cortland Standard Printing Company as town’s official newspaper.
- Name Port, Kashdin & McSherry as town’s official payroll company.

MOTION to accept and approve all of the above was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”

CARRIED

- Name Derek Raimo as town’s Code Enforcement Officer.
- Name Sharon Eltz as town’s Historian.
- Name Barbara Allen as town’s Planning Board Chair.
- Name Country Acres as town’s Animal Control Officer.
- Name Frances Butler as town’s Assessor.
- Name Jeri A. Duvall at Perfetti Law Offices as town’s official attorney.
- Name Deborah Hubbard as town’s Accountant.

MOTION to accept and approve all of the above was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”

CARRIED

- Confirm the following as the Town Planning Board 2020:
 - Chair Person, Barbara Allen
 - Secretary, Sharon Eltz
 - Sharon Pryor
 - Dianna Crandall
 - Wayne G. Elwood
 - Judy Wesser
 - Christopher Crandall.

MOTION to accept and approve the Town Planning Board was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”

CARRIED

- Confirm the following as the Town’s Assessment Review Board for 2020
 - Sharon Eltz
 - Marjorie Parks
 - John Walsh

MOTION to accept and approve 2020 Assessment Review Board was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”

CARRIED

- Monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. and to be held at the Taylor Town Hall.
- Allow payment pre-approved of utilities and health insurance to meet due dates.

MOTION to accept and approve all of the above was made by Joey Pudney and seconded by Riley Closson

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	“aye”
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Riley Closson	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
TJ Law	“aye”	CARRIED

- Approve Highway Superintendent salary at budgeted amount of \$43,490.00 for compensation of an expected minimum of 40 hours per week performing town highway business. To be prorated for 26 payments.
- Approve highway wages as budgeted.
- Approve payroll is on Thursdays, bi-weekly starting January 1, 2020.
- Approve payment of \$1,500.00 after deductions, into IRA account for full time employees who have worked for the town at least one year to be paid annually with the last payroll of the year.
- Approve salaries of appointed and employed persons at the budgeted rates.
- Approve payment for Tax Collector on or before June 30, 2020.
- Approve half payment for Clerk on or before June 30, 2020.
- Approve elected officials salaries at the budgeted amount to be paid with the first payroll of December 2020.

MOTION to accept and approve all of the above was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:		
Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
TJ Law	“aye”	CARRIED

- Adopt Harassment Policy as presented.
- Adopt Procurement Policy as presented.
- Adopt Personnel Policies, Rules and Regulations as presented.
- Adopt Drug Free Workplace Policy as presented.
- Adopt Fair Housing Policy as presented.
- Adopt Excessive Force Resolution Policy as presented.

MOTION to approve policies as presented was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:		
Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	
Russell Eltz	“aye”	
TJ Law	“aye”	CARRIED

PLANNING BOARD:

Meeting minutes submitted by secretary, Sharon Eltz.
 Barb still working on the rules and regulation revisions.

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

No report submitted.

HIGHWAY Present by Chris Smith

- State of Emergency has been declared for October 31, 2019 storm. Meeting coming up and will get more information.
- Does not know how long the bridge is going to be closed on Taylor Valley Road. County talking about redoing the whole thing.
- Right now the detour is taking traffic over Town Line Road past the cemetery, discussion about having the detour go over Whitney Road instead since there is a bridge on Town Line Road. Chris to talk to County about rerouting the detour.
- Dirt roads are getting really soft. Discussion about letting the loggers on Allen Hill Road know to wait until it is colder again before continuing with trucks.
- Sand still going good and keeping ahead on salt.
- Insurance company has requested that daily safety inspection reports be done by the highway department. Chris to order the books.

ANIMAL

None

CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR Presented by Jaymie Closson

\$75,000 to town for tax collection
\$28 dog licenses to town, \$7 to NYS

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Jeffrey Smith	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaymie Closson

Clerk