

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:

March 21, 2017 at 7 p.m.

March 14 meeting rescheduled due to Cortland County Travel Ban

Present

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

Absent

Accountant:	Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)
Planning Board Chair:	Linda Crowley

Bryce 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 February 2017 meeting minutes and also time to review and sign general and highway fund vouchers for March 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DISCUSSION:

- Jaymie brought up to the Board that Pat Johnston; President of the Taylor Historical Society had mentioned that she would like a key to be able to get into the Town Hall. They have their monthly meetings during the winter in the building and all of their records are stored here too. She has to rely on Rollan to be at the meetings to unlock the door and she is only able to get to her records when the Clerk is open. All Board members agreed that was okay with them. Jaymie will have a key made for her.
- Rollan addressed the Board about a voucher that he had submitted. He turned funds over to the town for a forfeited bail. It was a mistake and now he needs to return the bail money back to the person. Asked for the check to be written to Taylor Town Court.

MOTION to release the funds back to Taylor Town Court was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

OTHER VOUCHER DISCUSSION:

None

PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the February 14, 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”
TJ Law	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Russell Eltz	“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 Russell Eltz

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

MOTION to approve the March 2017 highway fund vouchers in the amount of \$74,702.64 was made by TJ Law and seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

MOTION to approve the March 2017 general fund vouchers in the amount of \$5,586.80 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

MOTION to approve the payment of the 2017 Fire District Contract in the amount of \$36,856.00 was made by TJ Law and seconded by Riley Closson

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

Total Disbursement: \$117,145.44

DISCUSSION:

- The total price of the excavator that was purchased by the highway department was \$64,800.00. Included in that price were the machine, delivery, and 3 buckets.

MOTION to accept the purchase of the excavator, delivery, and 3 buckets in the amount of \$64,800.00 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

- NYSEG – Bryce is still working on getting the street lights figured out. He is waiting to hear back with an audit date.
- Mike did a review of the Town Hall, now we need to be estimates on the work that needs to be completed to bring the building up to code. Mike explained his report/findings with the Board. Discussed that a legal notice will go in the paper to receive estimates on the work.
- The new 911 system is completed at the Highway Garage.
- Bryce and Debbie have been working on getting the NYS Retirement amounts. Anyone that receives money from the town is eligible to be part of the retirement and pay out of their own pocket.
- Received an estimate from Fullers Excavation on the work that needs to be done by the salt shed. Estimate is for a lot more money than the town was planning on spending. Will look into getting more estimates. Chris spoke with the County and they will provide a bulldozer and work can be done on our own.
- The coal bin at the Town Hall is almost done; it was delayed with the large snow storm.
- Bryce received a complaint that there was too many plow trucks going past Solon Pond during the snow storm. Chris explained that one of the trucks had broken down. He went up to evaluate the situation and another truck had to go finish that route. Russell asked for a list of who plows what roads. It was brought up that nothing has changed in the routes that the highway department travels since Jimmy and Roy were Supervisor.
- Chris will work on getting a Spring Plan together.

PLANNING BOARD: presented by Sharon Eltz

- Sharon was informed that each Planning Board Members are required to complete 4 hours of training each year. Sharon will give email addresses to the County so each member will be notified when training sessions are being held.

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: presented by Mike Andersen

- Law’s house
- The driveway on Allen Hill is completed
- Received a phone call from a mortgage company wanting to know if any permits were ever had at 4311 Suarez Hill to convert a garage into living space. Jaymie was not able to locate one in old files.
- Discussion on how to stop garages from being turned into living space, it seems to be happening a lot more lately.

HIGHWAY: presented by Chris Smith

- Thanked the Board for the excavator
- Recapped the big storm from the previous week. Joe did get stuck on Burchesky Road. Chris and Tim tried to pull the truck out but didn't want to damage the new MACK. Chris called Morey's and they came and pulled the truck out without any damage to the truck.
- Still waiting on estimates for the rental on the mower for sides of the road. To purchase a mower from Clarks the cost would be \$8,300.00. With how much it usually costs to rent one and then only being able to have it for a couple of weeks it might be worth looking into purchasing our own. It usually costs \$2,500 + each year to rent one.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:

- 2 dogs were picked up and adopted out.

CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT: presented by Jaymie Closson

- 1 dog license for \$14 total - \$3.00 to NYS Agriculture and Markets, \$11.00 to town
- dog license late fees - \$5.00
- interest earned - \$0.11
- Total to town supervisor - \$16.11
- interest earned on tax collector account - \$17.49 to supervisor
- \$100,000.00 to Cortland County Treasurer

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:15 p.m. by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaymie Closson

Clerk