

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

Present

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

Absent

Accountant: Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)  
Justice: Rollan Elwood  
Planning Board Chair: Barb Allen  
Others Present:  
Public: Julie Eaton  
Chris King

Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bryce told Julie that he had spoken to the town attorney about the seasonal road. He was advised that the town would have to maintain the existing road year round up to the point where it is abandoned. After that, it is up to them. The abandonment was never protested before being abandoned so it still stands.

Resident stated he would like Tim Livermore to resign or be fired because he doesn't like the way his road is being plowed. Discussion was held. It was stated that Chris Smith is Tim's boss so things need to be resolved with him, change needs to come from him. It was stated that he doesn't have any problems with Chris Smith, just Tim. Resident also voiced other concerns he has with Tim. Discussion between board members and Chris about Tim's hours. It was stated that complaints need to be submitted in writing to the clerk or highway superintendent as it is written in the town law manuals that all the board members have and not all have read. It was also pointed out that Chris Smith needs to make sure that he is being Tim's boss and not letting Tim be his boss. Resident left meeting upset. Discussion continued between Board and Chris about highway department.

**PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the February 2018 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"
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 Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

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

**MOTION** to payment number one of three of the Fire District contract in the amount of \$12,408.00 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

**DISCUSSION OF VOUCHERS:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the March 2018 highway fund vouchers in the amount of 12,885.92 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

**MOTION** to approve the March 2018 general fund vouchers in the amount of \$2,039.64 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

Total Disbursement \$27,333.56

**AGENDA TOPICS**

- Brought up that Association of Towns is a good resource but does not always give a definite answer so did have to contact our attorney about the Jordan Road abandonment.
- Did return the Fire District contract
- Bryce contacted Sprague Insurance about the 2% foreign tax and is waiting for a hear back

- Larry Fitts' contract for the reassessment was signed and returned. Bryce spoke with him about double wide being fairly assessed and he agreed
- Bryce spoke with NYSEG about the LED street lights
  - Town would be responsible for the remaining value of the bulbs currently being used
  - As of right now it would be \$743 but that changes daily – we have 13 street lights
  - Changing to LED would save an estimated \$435 yearly
  - If decide to switch it is a first come first serve basis, they will only serve 20% of customers a year that want to switch
  - Town has to decide what watt the new LED bulbs would be
  - Discussion about asking other towns that have changed what wattage they use
  - Discussion about looking into LED lights for the town buildings
- Received a copy of the Cincinnatus Fire Department Budget
  - Shows an increase for next year
  - Discussion about what town should do for next year if TLC has to come to Taylor calls. Also discussion about what hospitals Cincy will go to. Will have to look into that for next year
- Received a letter from a person that owns property on Hubbard Hill. They would like to be able to put a camper on their land and leave it there to stay in during the summer months. Hubbard Hill does have some covenants that state no RV for more than 90 days. Letter given to Sharon and the Planning Board is going to take care of the matter.
- Sprague Insurance deleted the VOLVO from the policy and added the excavator. Have not received a response about the glass coverage yet.
- The heaters and dehumidifiers for the records rooms and Judge's office have not been ordered yet.
- Where the new building is going needs to be laid out when the weather breaks. The overhead doors are being ordered now since it can take a while to come in sometimes. All agreed on solid white for the doors and the tin colors to match the Town Hall.
- Received a complaint from a resident on Burchesky Road. Their road wasn't plowed and they got stuck. Chris went up and took care of the road ASAP but it just wasn't done as early as it is usually done during the week. Discussed how people get used to routines and when something changes, they feel cheated.
- Agreed to try and address Factory Drive differently. Bryce checked the door to make sure there were no dents after resident kicked it open to leave meeting.
- George from the County proposed to Chris to consider mowing the sides of the roads for them so they don't have to come out here. Chris was asked to present what we feel is a fair hourly rate.
  - Discussion about if the county would send a tractor and a mower for us to use and we'll charge by the hour for man power plus the fuel to run it. Chris will check if the county would be providing the equipment or not and if the answer is yes, then we will come up with an hourly rate. Would have to charge a lot if we would have to purchase the equipment to do it with.
  - Thinking it would be a mile and hour to cut. And we have roughly 20 miles of county roads, so 40 miles would need to be mowed.
- Discussion on the town hall. Mismatched chairs and dirty floors.

#### **PLANNING BOARD: presented by Sharon Eltz**

- 4 members went to a training the night before in Cortland. It was not much to do with Planning Boards but they were able to get their training hours in.
- Have tried to have 2 meetings and not enough members attend so they would like to get it down to a 5 member board so if at least 3 show up they can still have a meeting.

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

- Breneman sided his new garage addition
- Perry's on Doran Hill are a long way from getting their Certificate of Occupation. They have done a lot of things wrong. Mike will send a letter of everything that needs to be done still.

- Checked out the garbage complaint on Telephone Road. Will contact the Health Department, nothing he can do about it.
- Mike brought up that sometimes he has not been getting paid in a timely fashion and realizes it has to do with Debbie not always getting her board packet until the next month. Jaymie stated that this month she scanned and emailed his hours as soon as she received them to Debbie so if this works out better, she will continue to do that.

#### **HIGHWAY: presented by Chris Smith**

- McKee Road will be graded in the Spring
- Discussion about letter to Pitcher town being sent from our town board since this was an arrangement made before Chris took office. Jaymie to draft a letter for Bryce to sign and mail.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:**

- Chris mentioned that Remington would be interested in doing the dog enumeration

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

- 4 dog licenses - \$10 NYS, \$39.00 Town
- \$15 dog license late fees
- \$25.00 returned check fee
- \$100,000.00 to County for taxes
- \$26.33 tax bank interest to town

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:05 p.m. by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

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

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jaymie Closson*

Clerk