

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:
May 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

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

Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Prior to the meeting the councilmen were given the chance to read and review April 2017 meeting minutes and also time to review and sign general and highway fund vouchers for May 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sharon informed the board that she had completed her grievance board training. Grievance day will be held on June 6 from 4-8 p.m. Question was asked whether solar panels are assessed or not. There are no guidelines to go by. Town Boards are able to choose to not have them assessed if they don't want to. Talk about how residential houses having solar panels is much different compared to commercial businesses having them. Sharon will get more information and talk with Fran, tax assessor about it.

VOUCHER DISCUSSION:

None

PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the April 2017 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"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye"

CARRIED

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION to approve the May 2017 Accountant's Rreport as submitted by the Accountant was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner "aye"

Riley Closson "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye" CARRIED

MOTION to approve the May 2017 Highway Fund vouchers in the amount of \$13,227.39 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:
Bryce Wehner "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye" CARRIED

MOTION to approve the May 2017 General Fund vouchers in the amount of \$2,004.61 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:
Bryce Wehner "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye" CARRIED

Total Disbursement \$15,232.00

DISCUSSION

- Discussion about changing back to NBT Bank after last month's presentation. Decided there is no reason to change at this time.
- NYSEG bills is still at a stand still
- NYSERTA sent notice that there is a grant for LED street lighting. Will look into it.
- Received 3 bids for the Town Hall renovations; CSC Construction for \$61,604.00, JBK Builders for \$44,900.00, and Prentice Enterprises for \$43,796.75.
 - Discussion was held about which contractor to go with. No exact start date yet but decided that once the work has been started it needs to be completed in a timely manner, can't drag out for months. Decided to give a 60 day time frame.

MOTION to approve the bid amount of \$43,796.75 made by Prentice Enterprises to complete the Town Hall renovations was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:
Bryce Wehner "aye"
Riley Closson "aye"
Russell Eltz "aye"
Joey Pudney "aye" CARRIED

- The highway department has lost the buyer on the plow truck, will look into getting it sold another way.
- The property next door to the town hall appears to have been sold, will wait and see if it does not sell.
- John Walsh called Bryce back about the bill from last month that was decided to not pay. Mr. Walsh and Bryce had a conversation and it was decided that Mr. Walsh would eliminate the bill.
- The retirement paperwork has been completely filled out and sent in, waiting on a response now.
- There are 4 people up for re-election in 2017 if they are interested in running again.
- The Briggs re-evaluation that was never completed needs to be looked into again.
- Town Justice, Mr. Elwood still has not turned his books/paperwork into Debbie for her to audit. She has asked for it two times now. Going to send a letter to him asking one more time and if he still fails to turn it in board will have to let the Judicial Audit Board know that he has not complied.

- Mike Andersen filled the board in on an incident that happened to him by a resident while checking out a project being built.

PLANNING BOARD: presented by Sharon Eltz

Nothing happening

- Sharon has emailed Linda Crowley about a training that is happening at the end of the month in Norwich. She has also asked her about getting together to go over the Planning Board book.
- Town Board has decided to have Jaymie send a letter to all planning board members inviting them to next board meeting to discuss some things that are not being done.

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: presented by Mike Andersen

- Law's house is still moving along
- Johnson's deck has been completed; they may screen it in or add windows.
- Danielo's doublewide is going in
- Mott's have applied for a building permit for house on Whitney Road
- Calhouns have contacted about building a wood shed
- Hyer's have built a porch without getting a permit. Had confrontation with him, doesn't believe that he should have to have a permit, now into a court case.
- Mulhern's have applied for a pool permit, nothing happening yet

HIGHWAY: presented by Chris Smith

- Going to start digging ditches as soon as Dig Safe NY has completed
- Amnesty Day will be held on Saturday, May 13 and Monday, May 15. County just notified this same week that it was approved
- Had 1,000 ton of sand delivered. Fuller's were the best price and it included delivery. Will look into getting another 500 ton.
- Talked with Grant Street about the DEF and getting a 55 gallon drum of it. It will cost \$159 for the 55 gallons plus pump and hose. They recommended to just keep doing it the way it is being done now. In the winter they use 2 ½ gallon a week. Adding it by the bottle is less risk of contamination.
- Called Roberts in Lyle about renting a bin for scrap. They do not charge a rental fee, but do keep \$25 a ton on returned scrap.
- A man from NYS is trying to get money allotted back to the towns from the March snow storm. Chris will be meeting with him on Thursday.
- Chris will be meeting with Dan Petrella to go over everything about the CHIPS money. He has received 2 different letters and they both have a different amount.
- Dick White will be starting as a part time equipment operator

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:

None

CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT: presented by Jaymie Closson

- \$120 DEC Sales; \$113.39 to DEC, \$6.61 to town
- VanWagenen marriage license; \$22.50 to NYS, \$17.50 to town
- Mulhern pool permit; \$50.00
- Mott building permit; \$223.00
- \$0.17 interest earned to town from clerk account, \$2.48 interest from tax collector account

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:20 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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaymie Closson

Clerk