

September 10, 2013

The monthly meeting was held at 7PM at the Town Hall.

Present were:	Supervisor:	Steve Breneman
	Councilmen:	Sharon Eltz
		Jeff Smith
		Riley Closson
		Nancy Elwood
	Town Clerk:	April Law
	Highway Supervisor:	Jim Smith
	Code Officer:	Mike Andersen
	Planning Board Chair:	Kathryn Elwood
	Dog Warden:	Chip Elwood

Also present were: Accountant Debbie Fisher, Marie Peri & Historian Beth Hummel.

Steve began the meeting at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Beth asked the Board if they had signed the letter from Patricia Johnston requesting a memorial plaque. Steve replied yes, it is signed and on the Clerk's desk. Beth asked if it was okay to take with her and April replied it was fine. Steve made the joke that was easy and asked where his easy button is, everyone chuckled.

Prior to the Board meeting the Board members read copies of the minutes

MOTION: "Accept minutes of the meeting as written"

Made by: Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Jeff Smith

Nancy Elwood

Riley Closson

carried

MOTION: “Accept Accountant’s report as written”Made by: Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Jeff Smith

Nancy Elwood

Riley Closson

carried

Prior to the meeting the Councilmen reviewed, discussed and signed vouchers
Jeff questioned the rebar and Jim explained it was for the bridge.

MOTION: Pay Highway vouchers for a total of: \$5,893.23

Made by: Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Jeff Smith

Nancy Elwood

Riley Closson

carried

MOTION: Pay General Fund vouchers for a total of: \$864.04

Made by: Sharon Eltz, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Jeff Smith

Nancy Elwood

Riley Closson

carried**Total funds disbursed:****\$6,757.27****INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Steve asked Debbie if there was something she needed to add and Debbie asked the Board to plan a preliminary Budget meeting. She was not sure what everyone’s schedule looked like and it needs to be in by November. There was a short discussion about everyone’s availability and they agreed for Debbie to set it and they would adjust accordingly. Debbie looked at her calendar and suggested Tuesday September 24, 2013 at 7pm and Steve said yes, we would shoot for that date. Debbie talked a little about setting up an Equipment Committee to go over things we may need in the next few years and placing it in the Budget. The Board all made note of the date for the meeting. Steve addressed the Equipment Committee and felt it was a good idea for Jim to pick a couple of men to help look through what may be needed for the Town. Steve asked Jim if he would want to pick or just have Steve get them. Jim said Steve might as well pick and he suggested Jim, Jeff and Riley. He would like them to look into tentative costs to

replace any Equipment needed noting that nothing to be set in stone. The last issue Steve had was a petition to the State to lower the Tax rate. Steve did not really understand the need for it. Jeff and Riley discussed their availability to get together to go over Equipment and Riley told him he has to put it on a calendar or he won't be there. They settled on Thursday morning to meet and go over things.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mike began saying he stopped over at Reed's residence and all the materials are ordered to fireproof the attached garage and they have the door in. Mike again explained the rules with being within 5ft of the house or attached it must have fireproofing. He mailed out a Building permit to Jablonski, Hubbard Hill Road, for a carport. He stopped over to Riley Closson's, Factory Drive, and checked out the foundation. He received a call from Linda Davis, Taylor Valley Road, he checked out a deck they are putting on the lower deck of their home. While there he swung across the street to Mitchell Smith's and checked out the roof going on his garage. Linda Davis did call to question a Permit that was issued and felt she had paid twice. Mike called her husband and they now understand that the one Permit carrying a 25\$ charge was for the upper deck on the home which they originally started 3 years ago. The second 25\$ charge is for a lower deck they are starting to build now. He addressed the Gonzalez home and said they had questioned whether they could put a furnace in and tap into it a couple of times to different levels of the home, Mike informed them they cannot do that. He has called Mike Root and told him his Permit is in the mail and to go ahead with his pre-built shed. Jeff asked him to clear up the Davis Permit issue and Mike went on to explain that before he ever started employment with Town of Taylor they got a Permit to put an upper deck on their home. That Permit was good for one year and it expired and he chased them around for quite a bit of time telling them they had to renew it. They did renew the Permit at a \$10.00 charge which is only good for 6 months. New York State will not allow longer extension. If another Permit is needed then the original fee is in effect which in this case it was \$25.00. After this Permit was done 2 weeks later she came in and applied for another Permit for a new deck being built on the lower level of the house. She then questioned why she was charged twice and Mike explained that they didn't the Permits were for different projects and each fee was properly attached to those Permits. Jeff seemed satisfied with Mike's explanation and the meeting continued.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Jim started out by saying the problem with the grader was that the discs were stuck. The man fixing it called Jim and asked him if he knew that the grader had a cracked manifold and Jim said he knew there was a small one but the mechanic said it is bad and almost split in two. He told Jim that he had another manifold there and it would be much easier for him to fix it there rather than the Highway men doing it over there on their tire ramps. Jim agreed and told him to go ahead and change it there, Jeff agreed. The Bridge has the footers in and there is 5ft re-rod in it. Jim was over trying to get the bucket cleaned out and Gary stopped and discussed an idea with him. He suggested drilling a few drainage holes down in the bottom of the wall so if it gets backed up. He explained a drainage pipe slanted in the bottom would help with drainage and put less pressure on the wall if it gets backed up. Jim spoke briefly about pouring a concrete pad. Jeff said he saw David Welsh downtown and he seemed to think maybe Friday and Jim said they could be he knows they worked on it today. Jim told Jeff how the pad is made up of two layers and they were going to jack up the lower part to be even. Jim seemed to think he was going to do an excellent job. Steve asked him how wide it is going to be. Jim said the footers go from him to Jeff and said they took more than they needed. Then they drilled re-rod at an angle down through the stone and he chuckled saying he didn't think it was ever going to break again. He mentioned that they saw the bill for the rod and he was told whatever the Town does not use he will just buy it off of them. Jim said that was all he could say about the bridge and Jeff said that was good. Jim added that it is not getting done fast enough for the people up there but they cannot control the rain. They were rained off this morning. They have their sand in for the winter. Oil and stone may be able to start Thursday at the earliest. The way it has been raining has made it difficult to do road work. Jim said he hopes it have it done by Monday or Tuesday of next week. Jeff told him that the road they did turned out beautiful and Jim said they were going to hit it again along with Allen Hill and Brooks Hill Road. Jim said they have the broom on but will have to wait until the night before they come to do it before sweeping the leaves off up there. He said there are a lot of leaves in the road in front of Beth Hummel's house and they can't leave them there to oil and stone. Jim finished saying it getting about time to put all the trucks back together and said the Farmer's Almanac said we will have big snow this year. He said that Alice remembers having snow for Election Day and we might see it again this year.

PLANNING BOARD:

Kathryn said they had not any meetings yet but they were going to have one Thursday September 12, 2013 at 7 pm. She said it is not their regular night but wanted to get people together for the people in Union Valley who are looking to subdivide.

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Chip began by saying he had a few things tonight and said as he mentioned previously, his computer died and the man he had working on it was able to put some of the stuff back into it. He then presented the Board with copies of his report and explained that he was not sure how the Board wanted his report but he just typed a small description of duties performed. Chip said he does not list all of the phone calls he receives. He had received a phone call about a cat that someone wanted off their porch and he told them he does not do cats. Steve jokingly asked him if his title was Animal Control and Chip asked if the Town wants to pay \$50.00 a cat to take it to Country Acres. He then presented information to the Board saying that the Dog Laws were no good and they need reworking. Chip said there were many things omitted when it was copied over from 2004. He read one section that stated that this Law superseded any previous Laws. He address that the Law does not cover destruction of property, tearing up of flower beds, chasing cars, etc. Chip presented the Board with paperwork and asked them to put this Law into place for him. He did say he was not sure when they would be able to do it. He pointed out Section 6 is circled and said if reading it, it helps put some of the responsibility on the property owner by making them take care of their own petty problems instead of making someone else do it for them. Chip then read Section 6 aloud:

SECTION 6:

A land owner, occupant, or authorized representative who does not consent to a dog being on said landowner's property, shall notify, in writing, the dog's owner, if known, and the Town's Dog Control Officer, that said property owner does not consent to the dog's presence on his property. The notice must be sufficiently specific so as to inform the dog's owner of the property location, and the identity of the dog which may include the dog's name, description, and the like.

The Dog Control Officer shall maintain a record of notices received by him, and make such record available to members of the public. Proof of notice filed with The Dog Control Officer shall give rise to a rebuttable presumption

that the owner of the dog knew or should have known that his dog was not permitted at large.

Steve said he was under the impression Taylor already had this. Chip replied no he had to issue tickets by falling back on State Law for dogs. Steve said well I see Town of Taylor here and Chip said that it was 2004 Law and this stuff was not in it. He presented paperwork that had things he would like to see added immediately if the Board would because Chip said we have nothing right now. Riley asked him if it was all deleted and Chip replied yes, none of this is in there. Chip said he has Dog Law's from 3 different Town's that we could take bits and pieces from to put into ours which would make us a good Dog Law. He again said our Law has nothing and he has to go back on State Law if it is covered under them. He added that if we have a Local Law to issue under most of that money comes back to the Town. At this point Nancy said she had a question when we got a minute and Steve asked if it was on this issue and she replied yes. Steve told her to go ahead and Nancy asked April if all the dogs, this year and last year, were licensed in the Town of Taylor. April replied no and Nancy asked what the Board was going to do about it. Were they going to try to make them pay before they get there new license, how should the Board work this? Steve said he personally feels that they should be held responsible for any outstanding license fees. In other words if they failed to pay last year's dog license and come in to license this year they must pay last year and this year before the license is issued. April added that our Law/Dog schedule states that they must pay for last year's license, this year's license and fines per schedule. Nancy asked if it was the Dog warden who made the Dog appearance tickets out Steve said yes. Nancy asked if he was going to issue them so we could get them in here for Rolland to deal with. Chip said the only time he had to issue appearance tickets was the resident on Cheningo Solon Pond Road, which was issued 5 tickets. April added that she was going to ask the Board where Town of Taylor should go from there. Appearance tickets were issued; they showed up for court and paid the fines but never came in to license the dogs. We fought with them for a year and they showed up for court. Steve asked if we had fought with them for a year and I replied we have known about them for a year but the court date had only come within the last few months. I had told Chip about this property and their 4 dogs a year ago and Chip only ticketed them when he received complaints from neighbors from tearing up the property. Chip said he ticketed them for all 4 dogs being unlicensed and for the tearing up of property. Again April said this is how it unfolded and my question is; whose job is it to

pursue that? Steve started to say I guess and Chip interrupted saying how are we supposed to know if they didn't get a license. Jeff said the Judge would know and Nancy added that Rollan can only issue fines for tickets he has in front of him. If they don't get the dogs licensed he cannot do anything more until they are brought in front of him again with tickets. Jeff said he was under the impression that when people appeared in court they had to prove they had licensed the dog and pay fines to the court. April added that in all honesty the night of court they could not get the dogs licensed because none of them had their rabies vaccine. Rollan gave them a certain time period to license them and a fine. The fine was paid but they never followed up with licensing the animals. Mike asked if it was a court matter and I said this is my question. Chip and I have gone back and forth over this issue and I need to know who pursues it so I can follow it up. Steve asked what the original charge was and Chip replied 4 unlicensed dogs and damage to property. Steve said Chip needs to sit down with the Judge and see what to do. Nancy added that Rollan had done his part and if they don't come in a get a license his hands are tied. Steve asked her if in that case is the person in contempt of court. Nancy said she was not sure about that or whether Chip would have to issue another ticket. Steve said well if they don't get the license then we issue them another ticket. Chip asked how do I know if they don't have a license. Steve told him to check with the Town Clerk and Chip said how does she know, well she knows and don't know because she does not know what is going on in court. Steve pointed out that Court is not the issue and said if the dogs are not licensed from last year. At this point we are September 10, 2013 and he asked April if dogs were due the end of August. April replied August 31 is the renewal date for all dogs in the Town of Taylor. Steve said as of September 1 any dog not licensed in the Town would be open for a summons. Chip said he was trying to find something he looked up, he then said in his honest opinion he feels the Judge should make it a prerequisite that when they come to court to pay the fines that they have proof the dog is licensed. That way if they didn't show up with the proof he could sock them with contempt. April said she did agree that it would be a good idea to make them prove the dog is licensed when appearing for court date. Chip said once they have provided proof the dog is licensed then and Riley added they just pay court fees, Chip agreed. Riley said he had to do that when he went through this. Riley said he had to prove he licensed his dog then was only made to pay court fees. Nancy asked if he was saying Rollan should follow it up and Riley said yes. Nancy added that Rollan has no way of knowing whether they did license the dog. Chip said Rollan needs to make them come in and pay a fine

then give them 10 days or so to license the dog and if they don't he brings them back in and hits them with another fine. Nancy told Chip if he could get them back in he would. Steve added that at that point they would be in contempt of court and Chip said that does not mean he has to chase them down again and issue another appearance ticket. Chip stated that they have already appeared in court and they have to prove they licensed the damn dogs. Steve corrected him to darn, darn dogs. Chip said now that it looks like it hasn't been done he is going to have to go do it again. Nancy told Chip that Danielle Upton is still living at the property on Taylor Valley Road and Chip said he had been up there the other day and he was glad she said that because it reminded him of something else. Chip then looked at Jeff Smith and began saying that his (Jeff Smith) brother had a problem with them back in 2009 and it was under the 2004 Section 6 Dog Law. He had Bob Crowley, who didn't have to do that, gave it to the people over there so the dogs were supposed to stay off of his property or whatever. Chip said the dogs were over there about a week ago, he called Chip, and Chip told him that at this point in time he can't do anything because we have no Law. He stated that the new Law we have says it supersedes any previous Law right in it, so there is no Law's. Steve asked can't we adopt the old Law's to go with our new Law's. Chip said the only thing is the new Law has to include some of the stuff from the State of New York. He said he wasn't sure the proper procedure on this, but he thinks it can be adopted and he thinks it needs to be filed with the State before it becomes a Law. Sharon asked Chip if they could adopt the old Law's and put in addition to the ones we already have. Chip said he would like to go by the papers and at least get this through for the rest of the year and then try to tackle the whole Law. He said that would be something for next year but at least we would have something and Steve said yes, we would be covered with our old Law's because they are stronger than our new Law's. Chip said actually no, that the paper the Board they were looking at with the restrictions on it is not from Taylor that is from another Township. The only thing they ever had in the old Law was that part, Section 6. He said the Town never really had anything here. Steve suggested adopting this tonight and Chip write up new Dog Law's. Chip began laughing and Steve said no, no, no that's the deal here. Chip said you want to know what I enforce them I am not going to make Law's. Steve said well you are the one with all the information from the different Town's that you like or think we should have. Steve told him to write out what he thinks the Town of Taylor should have, you're the Dog man and you know the dog crap. April said she had a question, Section 6 states that if you have a problem with a dog and you write the owner a letter, what happens then?

Chip replied they have to give me a copy and April said I understand that. She added say 2 weeks later the dog is giving the same problem. Chip said they turn around and get ahold of me and I turn around and go give them an appearance ticket. April suggested specifying that in new Law's and Steve agreed that it does not say that there. April said Section 6 just states you send them a letter and Chip said well that's what it means. Steve again said but that is not what it is saying because it isn't saying that. Chip said the thing of it is it does mean that, notify them in writing to keep their dog on their own property and if they didn't it means they are in violation of Town Law Section 6 now he can go give them an appearance ticket. Again Steve said yes, but it is not saying that and Chip said well you can go ahead and write that in there. April and Steve said that we are just saying that if we are going to review and do the Dog Law's we need to do them to cover all of our bases so that someone cannot come back and say that is not stated in the Law. Chip said he understands what is being said and April said someone may be able to fight an appearance ticket because it does not state in the Town Law that is next course of action, that's all. Sharon asked Chip what he wanted to put in there: Within so many days an appearance ticket will be issued if problem is not solved. Steve and Chip suggested any more occurrences for the wording. Sharon asked how many days and April said she would not put specific days just anymore problems. Sharon said okay so if anymore occurrences happen appearance tickets will be issued and asked April if she had this written down and she said yes. Mike said in Groton any letter that gets mailed states as of the date of letter. Any letter should state as of the date of this letter, etc. Mike said you would have to give it 48 hours to get to the owner but then it would be good from date of letter and Steve said 48 hours is 2 days. Sharon asked if that is what they were going to do, adopt this and Steve said come January Chip is going to have new Dog Law's for us.

Jim interrupted and said he forgot to mention the extra CHIPS money and for him to be able to spend it this year the Board has to make a Resolution. The Board has to make a vote on it for him to spend it because if they don't Jim will be out of his budget. He asked if they understood what he was saying the extra \$13,000.00 that CHIPS gave them would need a vote to spend this year in his budget. He said legally it, the vote, has to be done and if he doesn't he will be over budget. Jeff asked him if he had extra CHIPS money this year and Jim said yes. Jeff asked if the money in the CHIPS money in the budget is just what was predicted and Jim said right. Steve asked what happens if he doesn't spend it and Jim said that would be alright but if he does need to use it and they don't make a Resolution he can't.

The Resolution should be passed so if he needs it he can use it and he is sure they are going to use it on the Union Valley Bridge until FEMA comes back. Steve said okay we will get to that, let's finish this dog thing. Jeff said he was a little worried about piece mealing this thing and Chip said he was just suggesting adding things it. Jeff said he understands we need something down for Chip to be able to do his job. Steve said if we are going to go and revamp everything that will be the first of the year. Chip said he is no lawyer but he thinks we could turn around and go after them because it is trespassing now. Jeff said he didn't know there was any problem with them and Chip said he wonders if Jeff's brother thinks he hasn't done anything about it but he told him he had to come here. Jeff said he thought they had sold the property and Nancy, Jim and April all said no. Chip said well what happened was he saw somebody out there one day so he stopped and talked to a man named John and he was halfway decent. Chip stated that there was 4 dogs there but he had no idea she was there but wouldn't know her if she walked in right now. He stated that he does not know her and April pointed out that she has a kennel fee which is a higher fee than the \$7.00 or \$14.00 that she has not renewed in a couple of years. Jeff said oh yeah, and April said yes. Steve asked are these dogs his dogs or her dogs. April said they are hers she has a kennel license. Chip said you can't prove that and April said it doesn't matter. Chip stated he has never seen a dog there, but when he stopped she wouldn't come to the door. April said you heard dogs though, they don't have to be seen they can be heard. Chip asked April who was the primary name on the kennel license and April replied her, Danielle Upton. That property Tax bill is still in her name and Riley added that technically they are her dogs. Steve said yep and Chip said when I asked him (John) he stated he had the dogs and Kathryn said he did say that. April said okay but when did you go talk to him Chip he still has not been in to license those dogs or nothing and added we just keep going round and round. Chip said he did not know how long it had been probably a month or so. Steve said at this point in time as of September 1 you know for a fact there are 4 dogs there so you should be able to write your tickets for 4 dogs to Danielle Upton. Chip said I haven't done all of my census stuff yet because I haven't had the stuff to do it with. April said she was in the system from previous years and Marie stated since she had a kennel license she can't really be ticketed individually on 4 dogs. Steve said irregardless she didn't renew the kennel license for 2 years she is on the hook for 2 kennel license fees and Marie said yes, it does not go by the dog and Steve agreed with her saying she was right. Chip said if this goes to court can the Town prove she has had those 4 dogs for 2 years straight

and Steve said it doesn't matter she has had a dog. Steve said she has had dogs because they dealt with an issue over her dogs awhile back and Jeff said I'm sure people would testify she has had those dogs. Riley said she gets a renewal and she never sent back the dog is deceased or anything and asked if that was on the renewal and April said yes, Riley said if she is not checking the box and sending it back they are her dogs. Chip said the man seemed nice and he thinks he can stop back there and ask him to get the dogs licensed. Chip then said he needs something from April in writing on a Town letterhead that says this so he can prove to this man and say here is the Clerk's record that states you have not paid for the dog in 2 years and you got to do it or you're going to be paying a hell of a lot more. April said well she should have received the renewals from me and Chip asked if she sent them out and April said I sent those out in July. Chip said well sometimes people, he is not going to say who it is, but one person in a household may take the stuff and the other person doesn't see it. Chip added trust me it has happened. He said not to say they are not responsible but one party may not know that came. Steve said that is not the Town's responsibility and April said she knows she has dogs and as we all know if you drove by here it said on the sign for 2 weeks "All Dog Licenses due by August 31" Chip said I understand that but I would like something from you (April) on a Town letterhead that says her or anybody else is not licensed. April said okay Chip, but you have to come into the office when I am here and I will do that. April added that Danielle Upton and the 4 dogs on Cheningo Solon Pond Road is not something that just came up tonight. April said I have been dealing with those dogs for and Chip interrupted loudly saying don't try to blame me for this. April asked him for what Chip and he said I gave the tickets to the people up here (Cheningo Solon Pond Road) and the Judge dropped the ball and that is not my fault. April replied okay, but you never pursued Upton's and again Chip interrupted loudly again saying what do you mean I didn't pursue them? Do you know how many times I have been there? I finally talked to the guy that was there and I thought he was a totally different family. April calmly said okay Chip, but what I am trying to say to you is I have mentioned Upton's at a couple of Board meetings and you said you went there and spoke to him and he has 2 dogs. That was over a month ago and he has not been in to license those animals nor called the office once. April asked Chip is it my job to go to him? I mean you are sitting here saying don't put this on me. Chip said you never emailed me to tell me about these things and April said you knew about this incident. Chip asked April were you not supposed to email me about things and April asked him about what? Chip looked at the Board and said didn't

you tell her to email these things. April said Chip I talked about this and Chip kept interrupting and again April said what was I supposed to, this was already discussed at previous Board meetings. April said am I supposed to email you every month saying did you go back to Upton's and Chip said no you email me if someone doesn't have a licensed dog. April took a deep breath and said to Chip I told you they had unlicensed dogs. I told you Nowalk had unlicensed dogs and Upton's as well. Chip said I know for a fact that she got her dog licensed, Carolyn. April said yes but that is not the same house it is a completely different address. Chip said well the reason the dog census has not been done is because I have not been able to get any of the paperwork from the Town Clerk to be able to do it. At this point April looked at Chip and he said you told me to go to Staples or whatever and get the paper and put them in the door. April flatly said no, you came in the other day and Chip interrupted again saying I gave you a copy of something to do for me. April looked at Chip and asked him are you going to let me talk? You came to my home on a non-business day and asked me for copies and I said come to the office on Thursday. I came in Thursday and there was not enough triplicate paper to make 50 copies and Chip said you never told me that. April looked at Kathryn and said Kathryn you were standing right there. Chip I looked at you and said I'm sorry I went to Staples thinking they would carry triple paper because it is an office supply store they did not, do you know where I can get that paper? Did I not Kathryn and Kathryn said you said they did not have the paper but you did not say you would make the copies. I didn't say I would make the copies and I never just said that I asked you, pointing to Chip, if you knew where I could get that paper and said until then I can't make you copies. Chip said well this is September and it should have been done in August. April said again do you know where to find that paper as asked you in my office and Chip replied how is that my responsibility. Jeff said it's not and looked at April saying you got to find the paper and said it is not too much to get him what he needs on a letterhead so let's do it. Marie then offered that she knew of a place to get the paper in question saying she did not know the name of it but it is right by the hospital on the right hand side. Sharon seemed to know where she was talking about and said she did not know the name of it either, but it is right by that little bakery. Sharon asked Nancy if she knew the name or address and Nancy thought Graphics Plus or something like that. Jeff said so are we adding this in addition to what we have now and Chip said he was suggesting this so we had something. Jeff said he understands and Chip said as of now there is nothing. Chip said he wants Section 6 left in there because that makes people sign their name on the paper and if they

won't sign their name then he isn't going to do anything either. Chip said a lot of this is petty because in one case the dogs kept coming over and pooping in there hayfield. Riley chuckled and said that Jaymie would be more than happy to right this up or some of the stuff that you would like to see in it. Chip said he has 3 Towns he has looked into that have real extensive Laws and Sharon said you have to draw up what you want in it and Jaymie will type it up for you. Jeff told Chip he knows more of what he needs or wants then the Board does so if he can get this stuff together then we will go from here. Riley said you go and circle the stuff you want and she will go through and break it down however she sees fit. Steve asked if we were going to hold off until next meeting for that and the Board said yes. Sharon said we have to address the issue tonight because he wants this done and Nancy agreed let's get it done tonight, that way we can stop blaming other people for stuff we are not doing. Jeff pointed out that we will have to draw it up and put it through to the State so we would be better off waiting and doing it all at once. Steve and Riley told him to circle all the stuff he wants and the Board will combine them to a new Law. Steve said okay now what we do have to do is make a motion allowing Jim to spend the extra CHIPS money.

MOTION: Allow Jim to spend all of CHIPS money

Made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson

Votes cast: Sharon Eltz

Riley Closson

Nancy Elwood

carried

Sharon asked if April had to draw up a Resolution on it and Jim said no as long as there is a Motion made it will be fine. That will show that it is okay from the Board to spend that extra money. Jeff said he was under the impression that the CHIPS money was his to spend anyway he wanted.

CLERK'S REPORT:

April began by saying we licensed 62 spayed/neutered dogs this month. \$1.00 of each dog will go to the State so we will send 62.00 on that end and we licensed 17 unspayed/unneutered dogs and they get \$3.00 of each of those totaling \$51.00. Total check issued to Department of Ag & Markets is \$113.00. The \$372.00 is the 62 dogs X \$6.00 and \$187.00 is the 17 dogs X \$11.00. We issued 5 building permits and all names and fees are listed there on my report. Building permits

and dog licenses totaled \$684.00 and there is a copy of the check on the back of my report.

Jeff said he was just throwing this out there but wasn't sure the dog census needed to be done, but should be done before the beginning of the year. Sharon said we have always tried to do it before August so the Town Clerk would know who has dogs or needs to have dogs licensed by August. Sharon said that is the way it was done when she did it and Jeff said he was thinking it could just be done next year. Nancy asked if she could say something in regards to April and the hours she has. She said it would be a good idea for the Board to spread around that April has office hours and what they are. People should not try to push or bamboozle her into doing things on her day off. Steve said I agree whole heartedly and Nancy said any business needs to be dealt with during office hours in the office. April, obviously upset, added that it is getting to the point where I am going to ask the Board for a surveillance system to be installed here at the office because I have had some incidents that I don't think the Board is aware of with angry people in this Town and things being said that are not true. Chip said there was an incident just the other day after he left the office. April said it never stops and I am at the point now where I feel the Board is going to have to do something. Sharon said she would suggest keeping my door locked and April replied it will be. There would be no reason for anyone to be in your office and Nancy added nobody, absolutely no one. Chip said you can understand where she has let people in there and Sharon said I understand that and Chip added she April had no idea that this person was going to go off on her the other day and again Sharon said I understand that. Kathryn said the other day she even had me come in and sit in the chair and was really nice about it. April stated I am getting a lot of angry people in here and I am taking all the brunt for it. Jeff asked her what they were angry about and April said you name it. The fact that we don't sell hunting licenses, they didn't get the answers they were looking for. Jeff asked April what Cincinnatus is doing regarding hunting licenses and April said ask Chip he knows. Chip said they are selling them and then stated that he called DEC because this subject is very important to him and this Town should be selling them because the Law doesn't take effect until next year. Marie told him that they never let the Town's know that and that's the problem and April agreed. Marie stated that she spoke with Joanne Perkins and she agreed that they never told us that Chip interrupted her saying he has all the paperwork to prove it. He had the State send it to him and he said also if you have a computer that hooks to

the internet, he has a letter from DEC and said don't quote me on this, go to Google will take you to the appropriate website to do all of this. Nancy said they should have told us to do that before and Riley pointed out everyone in this room could do it. He did it in a matter of minutes and said it was quicker than coming over here and having April do it. Steve told Chip that the State should have made that known and Riley again said you don't have to come here to get a hunting license. You can pay the same fees doing it yourself online and Steve said the State screwed up sending their original letter. The letter that came did not state all this that you are disclosing now and Chip said he has all the letters with him and Nancy said what good is it when we already made a vote on it. Steve agreed and April pointed out that she also had a copy of all letters from DEC. Chip said he feels personally he would like to see the Town continue to sell them out of convenience for the people. Steve said the State messed that up and April said in all honesty there is no complaint when you can do it right at home now. Chip said well how do you get your tags and April and Riley said they mail them to you. There was a short discussion that explained we had to make a decision on the information we were originally given and Jim asked if you can do Doe tags as too and was told yes, everything. April gave out the website www.dec.com and Beth said maybe April should give out that information when the hunters come in and April said if they stick around long enough, sure.

MOTION: Adjourn meeting was made by Jeff Smith, 2nd by Riley Closson...**carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

April Law,
Town Clerk