

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Taylor held **September 8, 2015** at the Town Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Deputy Supervisor:	Riley Closson
	Councilmen:	Jeffrey Smith
		Joey Pudney
		Theodore Law Jr.
	Highway Supervisor:	Roy Eltz
	Code Officer:	Michael Andersen
Absent:	Supervisor:	Steven Breneman
	Planning Board Chair	Kathryn Elwood
Others Present:	Accountant:	Deborah Fisher
	District Attorney:	Mark Suben
		Elizabeth Hummel
		Marie Peri

Riley called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to the meeting the Board members had a chance to read, review and discuss copies of August 2015 meeting minutes. They also reviewed, discussed and signed Highway and General Fund vouchers to be paid this month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Elizabeth Hummel

- Beth turned in her key to the room at the town hall where the Historian records are stored
- Stated that she showed Jaymie Closson the records and showed what belongs to the town and what belongs to the historical society

District Attorney, Mark Suben

- Started by stating that he likes to get out to the towns once a year to report on criminal justice
- Statistically right now crime is down. He is dealing with 5 cases of homicide right now
- Cortland County was number one in New York State for meth lab arrests for a little while. There is still a lot of heroin, cocaine and pills around
- There is a county law on buying Sudafed, but he feels it should be a State law
- He started a Drug Treatment Court. There are people that are addicted and commit other crimes, he is trying to give people a chance so that a felony is not on their record forever, but some people take advantage of the program
- He will not let meth addicts in to this program. Feels it is a waste of tax payers money
- He is promoting a Child Advocacy Center in Cortland
  - Investigating into child sexual abuse cases
  - A multi-disciplinary team instead of all interviewing the child separately
  - Closed circuit monitoring, all interview once instead of re-victimizing the child, very child friendly
  - Was about to lose the ability to use this facility about 3 years ago when he was approached to take over this. It won't work without the cops participation
  - This is all state funding. They received a \$76,000 grant
  - In 3 years it is now Tier 1 which is the top in the state, grant is close to \$130,000.00 a year
  - Not for profit agency is now formed, as the D.A. he cannot raise money for this
  - Nationally Accredited Center
- Just lost his Chief Assistant to a higher paying job, happens when hiring good talent
- Will not hire anyone that he feels cannot do the job according to he believes as well as they can

Was asked what his outlook is on Court Consolidation?

- Inevitable and a good thing, but not for him to tell people what to do, but feels it's the right thing to do

- State is running out money so it is slowly moving in that direction
- Small towns might have to eventually do this, it may be the future

**MOTION** was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney that the minutes of August 2015 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk are approved

Votes Cast:	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Riley Closson	“aye”	
	Theodore Law Jr.	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	<b>CARRIED</b>

**MOTION** to approve the Accountant’s report was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes Cast:	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Riley Closson	“aye”	
	Theodore Law Jr.	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	<b>CARRIED</b>

**MOTION** to pay *Highway Vouchers* for a total of \$84,679.47 was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Joey Pudney

Votes cast:	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Riley Closson	“aye”	
	Theodore Law Jr.	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	<b>CARRIED</b>

**MOTION** to pay *General Fund Vouchers* for a total of \$1,918.79 was made by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Theodore Law Jr.

Votes cast:	Jeffrey Smith	“aye”	
	Riley Closson	“aye”	
	Theodore Law Jr.	“aye”	
	Joey Pudney	“aye”	<b>CARRIED</b>

**Total funds disbursed:       \$86,598.26**

**INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE, DISCUSSION:**

Budget Preparations, Deborah Fisher

- Need to set up a meeting
- Tentative budget to Clerk by September 30
- Needs to be presented to the Board by October 5
- Decided on a Special Board Meeting on September 30 at 7 p.m.
- Clerk will put a legal notice in the paper that having a Board Meeting
- Already has most of the numbers just waiting on some information from the Highway Department

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** *by Roy Eltz*

- Whitney Road is paved. It is wider and thicker now
  - Price of blacktop went from \$54 a ton down to \$49
  - Talk about striping the road. Steve Breneman offered to do it. Roy asked for the Boards opinion
  - Talk of one line down the middle and the white fog lines on the outside
  - Would make a lot of people happy since it is so dark down that road
- Hired a new full time guy, Tim Livermore from Solon
  - Was drug tested and all set to start Monday
  - Has driven truck, ran heavy equipment and worked on stuff but has never plowed snow

**BUILDING AND INSPECTION:** *by Michael Andersen*

- Stopped to check on the pool on Cheningo Solon Pond Road, left a note. Contacted property owner about not having a permit. Mr. McKee came and paid for the permit
- Was told that the Judge told the owner that he should just go ahead and put the pool up because it would take a while for the code officer to catch it, makes job hard to do if the Judge is telling them it is ok to do it
- 5070 Allen Hill Road permit closed out
- Golden residence in Union Valley is closed out
- Nothing going on still at Telephone Road
- Checked on Brooks Hill Road job, everything is being built correctly

**CLERK'S REPORT:** *by Jaymie Closson*

- \$252 in dog license fees
  - \$40 to New York State and \$212 to Town
- \$270 in DECALS
  - \$14.89 to Town
  - \$255.11 to DEC

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeffrey Smith at 7:50 P.M., seconded by Theodore Law Jr.

Votes cast:	Jeffrey Smith	"aye"
	Riley Closson	"aye"
	Theodore Law Jr.	"aye"
	Joey Pudney	"aye"

**CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jaymie Closson  
Town Clerk