

Minutes of the regular monthly Town Board meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:  
**April 8 , 2025 at 7 p.m.**

Present:

Supervisor:	Jeffrey Smith (Jeff)
Councilmen:	Theodore Law Jr. (TJ) Clinton McKee (Clint) Matthew Allen (Matt) Harold R. Eltz (Russell)
Highway Superintendent:	Carl Hoellerer
Clerk/Tax Collector:	Jaymie Closson

Absent:

Historian/Deputy Clerk/Planning Bd. Sec.:	Sharon Eltz
Accountant:	Deborah Hayden (Debbie)
Building/Code Enforcement:	Tim Bearup
Justice:	Richard Edsall
Others Present:	Mitchel Eccleston

Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The councilmen were given the chance to read and review March 2025 meeting minutes and also time to review and sign general and highway April 2025 vouchers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Centro Bus has taken over the public bus system as of March 31. There are now more buses running. They are going to be building a bus garage. Right now they are being parked at the Highway Department.
- Currently 1,500 county residents without access to the internet. Going to be laying the pipes within 2 years. County has to put out 3 million, can apply for a grant but won't get the money back for a couple of years.
- County Administrator is done May 26. Mitchel is on the committee to interview.
- Still doesn't know what is going to happen with sales tax. County wants to take 2% off for the next year and then 2% over the next 6-7 years.
- Dwyer Park and CRT: CRT contract was up, they currently pay \$1,000 per year for rent, contract was renewed for the same price for 10 years.

**VOUCER DISCUSSION:**

None

**PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes as submitted by the Clerk was made by Clint McKee and seconded by Matt Allen. All in favor, motion carried.

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the Accountant's Report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Matt Allen and seconded by TJ Law. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION** to approve the April 2025 Highway fund vouchers as submitted by the Highway Superintendent in the amount of \$22,735.19 was made by Clint McKee and seconded by TJ Law. All in favor, motion carried.

**MOTION** to approve the April 2025 General fund vouchers as submitted by the Supervisor in the amount of \$8,080.34 was made by TJ Law and seconded by Clint McKee. All in favor, motion carried.

Total disbursement: \$30,815.53

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- There was a meeting in Homer discussing all towns passing a resolution and sending it in that they oppose the county agreement.

**RESOLUTION** was made to pass Resolution 2025-02 to oppose the Cortland County proposed sales tax agreement was made by TJ Law and seconded by Russell Eltz. All in favor, motion carried.

- Fran Butler sent in her notice of resignation as tax assessor effective April 1, 2025. Jeff tried calling her multiple times, left messages and never heard back. He called Caitlyn Brown who currently serves Cincinnatus. She wants \$6,500 per year and she has daily office hours of 9am - 1pm.

**MOTION** to appoint Caitlyn Brown as Tax Assessor effective April 1, 2025 was made by TJ Law and seconded by Clint McKee. All in favor, motion carried.

- Paul T. Smyth, attorney at Costello, Cooney & Fearon, is willing to take the attorney position. He will charge no retainer and \$205 an hour plus \$160 paralegal. He sent an agreement for Jeff to sign if all in favor.

**MOTION** to appoint Paul T. Smyth as Attorney effective immediately was made by Matt Allen and seconded by Russell Eltz. All in favor, motion carried.

**Planning Board: Presented by Sharon Eltz (absent)**

None

**Building/Code Enforcement: Tim Bearup (absent)**

None

**Highway: Presented by Carl Hoellerer**

- Had the pre-bid meeting for Potter Hill bridge. Box culverts are hard to get right now. Bids accepted by date has been extended to April 24, 2025. There are still a couple of things missing from the plans. There is an October deadline for the work to be done by. FEMA requires at least one bid from a female or minority owned company.
- Dave McCall is back to work and had to let Damian Bush go.

- Going to reclassify Dave and John's job titles/descriptions. John Breed to Heavy Equipment Operator and Dave McCall to Motor Equipment Operator.
- Carl will contact Pam at County Personnel about what needs to be done to make this change.
- Had sand hauled in, John did a good job getting it put away.
- New broom is working out great.

**Animal Control:**

None

**Clerk/Tax Collector: Presented by JaymieClosson**

- \$5.00; \$4.72 DEC, \$0.28 Town

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. was made by TJ Law and seconded by Clint McKee. All in favor, motion carried.