

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 PM
07/18/2017

PRESENT:

Supervisor Best
Councilor Burnham-absent
Councilor White
Town Clerk -Tess Eells
Councilor Kerr
Councilor Whiteford
Highway Superintendent White

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Morris Jeffries
Larry Denesha
Mike Solon
Tomarrah Averill
Joanne Towne

PLEDGE:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Supervisor Best

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr
Seconded by Councilor Whiteford
To accept the minutes from 06/20 as presented by the Town Clerk
Ayes-4 White, Best, Whiteford, Kerr
Nays-0 motion carried

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 07/18/2017

June Report:

16 dog licenses	\$88.00
Hunting licenses commission	12.98
1 Marriage License Comm.	7.50
5 Certified copies	50.00
8 Building permits	200.00
0 impoundment fee	.00
0 donations	.00
Fax & copy money	.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$ 358.48
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	24.00

NYS Department of Health	22.50
Decals	\$223.02
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Total Disbursed	\$628.00

The supervisor has been paid tax penalties and second notice fees in the amount of \$4080.87

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford
 Seconded by Councilor White
 To accept the clerk Report as presented
 Ayes-4 White, Best, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays-0 motion carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Larry White

We have completed our work on shoulder cutting, adding gravel and grading on the Donnerville and Colton roads

On June 30th we had 2 wash outs; one on the Hill road was repaired and the one on the Grandy road was repaired when the men returned to work July 10th after the shut down.

All of our paving projects have been completed, shoulders installed and all road signs for paving and equipment has been removed.

Projects #1 and 2 had approximately \$5,000.00 left and it was used on project #3 as approved. We will be applying for reimbursement after tonight's bills are paid.

We want to thank the county and paving crew for a great job as always also I want to thank the public for their patience while the paving was being done.

We have been given 5 boys for the summer youth program and they will also be available to Darryn as needed.

We repaired 1 road crossing pipe on the Lazy River road and repaved shoulder area at the White road intersection.

Even with our week shut down over the 4th this has been a productive month and I thank the men.

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford Seconded by Councilor Ker to accept the highway report as presented:

Ayes – 4 White, Best, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: Supervisor Best

- Someone is getting the poles for the netting.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Robert Best

Financial Reports

- The details of all income and expense transactions for June have been filed with the Town Clerk.
- The account balances as of 6/30/2017 for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and St. Lighting Funds have been filed with the Town Clerk. Also filed, is an accounting of the money in the reserve account. This account holds donations for the Balsum Cemetery and the recreation field.
- The BAN for the pickup truck will be paid off this week; it is included in the audit report.

2. **RESOLUTION # 57** * Budget Modifications

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor White to authorize the payment of the following bills:

- Transfer \$ 2,000 from A7310.4 (youth programs) to A7140.4 (recreation field);
- Transfer \$ 4,100 from A1990.4 (contingent account) to A7140.4 (recreation field);
- These transfers will cover the cost of the parking lots at the recreational field.

Ayes – 4 White, Best, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

3. Shared Services with the County.

- The committee has requested information on court cases and the amount of fuel we used last year. The Judge is providing me with the court info and every month I log how much energy the town uses.
- There is a meeting of the committee tomorrow evening. I plan on attending.
- In your packet of material you will find a list of topics of options for shared services. It is looking better and more flexible than originally presented.

4. Teamster's Contract.

- I am planning to start meeting with the Teamsters in early August. I am hoping to have a proposal for your review at our August board meeting,

Robert Best

Ayes – 4 White, Best, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Carried

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor White to accept the supervisor report as presented.

Ayes – 4 White, Best, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: N/A

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: N/A

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- In the paper you read that the tax cap will be 4% for next year's budget
- The sales tax extension was passed
- We passed a resolution in June to authorize a public hearing for a local law for a surcharge (tax to me) to be added to all communication devices. It will be a .30 cent surcharge every month for each device. I am voting against it.
- Handed out a letter pertaining to chargeback's where the only items that may appear as a re-levy are delinquent taxes, water, sewer and solid waste charges. There is no provision for the county to reimburse towns for any other item other than mentioned above.
- We tabled a resolution on alternative energy pertaining to Parrishville/Hopkinton because we need more information on this.
- We are doing a resolution setting the allocation algorithm for the St. Lawrence county self-insurance plan participants for 2018, 2019 and 2020. Most towns will see a decrease but a few will see a big increase.

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor White to accept the Legislature report as presented.

Ayes-4 White, Best, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays-0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAILS & GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT: David Whiteford

- We sent a request to the county for the signs and they have already put them up
- Here are the coordinates Harvey wanted – gave them to supervisor Best to give to Harvey
- I have nothing to report on the blue way trail
- Tim stated he has the plans drew up for the dock on his computer all he needs to buy are 3 floating blocks they cost \$120 to \$130 each. Davis stated he thinks pipes can be used to attach the dock he doesn't think we need to do a cement wall for it.
- I have the paperwork to fill out for the dock project to send to Watertown.
- I will be putting the horse trail signs up soon

A motion was made by Councilor White and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept the trails report as presented.

Ayes – 4 White, Best, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Councilor Whiteford stated that that the maintenance man was asked by Tess to have the town hall clean for the meeting held by Congresswoman Stefaniks office on the 17th and Tess ended up cleaning for it. He also was told that the Post Office had orange cones placed over the weekend in the mail carriers loading spot and someone removed them and let people park there.

RESOLUTION # 58* Audit Report-Robert Best & Sandra Burnham

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor White to authorize paying the following bills.

July 18, 2017

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	171 - 201	\$ 27,787.32
Highway	128 - 145	\$ 50,343.34
Capital Improvements	6 – 15	\$239,197.94
Fire Protection -		\$ 0.00
Street Lights	7	<u>\$ 590.23</u>
Total:		\$ 317,918.83

Ayes-4 White, Best, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays-0 Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- A thank you card was sent to the town board from the Russell Public Library thanking them for their support and to report that Shammie Robinson has replaced the unexpired term of the trustee position of Norma LaPoint.

A motion was made by Councilor White and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by
 Tess Eells, Russell Town Clerk

