

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 pm
09/19/2017

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Lorna & Gary Stevenson
Larry Denesha
Morris Jeffries
Alfred & Linda Albrecht
Lawrence Reed
Tom & Brenda O'Brien
Mike Solon
Tomorrah Averill
Cynthia Jeffries

Pledge:

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm by Deputy Supervisor Burnham

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- Gary Stevenson from 103 Cook Rd and other tax payers from that area (Silver Hill) spoke out about the condition of their road and would like some gravel put on and get rid of the sand and pot holes. It makes for a rough travel to get off their roads.
- HWY Superintendent stated the gravel roads have always been an issue. He stated they should have called him any time with road issues.
- Also the culvert in front of Carlin property was discussed; Larry stated that there is a beaver problem there.
- The Albany Trail road was discussed from the sand runoff from there. Larry will talk to owner of land there to see if anything can be done there to prevent the run off.
- Larry was asked if paving will ever be done on the gravel roads and he responded maybe in a couple years when the main paved roads are in good shape. 4.5 miles of paving was done this year.
- The work that was done on the Mackin road was discussed. Mr. Stevenson asked if gravel can be put on their road in the spring.
- Mrs. Albrecht stated the road sign at the corner of Silver Hill & Cook rd are not positioned right and it makes it hard for emergency vehicles. Larry stated he will see what he can do for better signs.
- Mr. Albrecht asked if the McCarthy road will ever be done all the way through. Larry stated maybe in the future; there would be lots of wood for heating the town barn from there.
- Brenda O'Brien stated she is speaking on behalf of matt Scott for the ball field committee.

- We want to thank Bob and Larry for the work done at the ball field and thank Coakley's for the net and Tim White for hanging it up; and Matt apologizes for not being here.
- We thank the highway department for placing the poles we feel another pole and one more section of net are still needed. Prices of netting can be discussed at budget time.
- Brenda stated she had called and complained about the mowing of the fields the grass was left to long; after the mower was lowered it was much better. Larry stated maybe we can get together in the spring to decide the length the grass needs to be.
- We were pleased with the extra port a pots this year for the tournament and Darryn did a good job keeping the trash taken away.
- Also we wanted to say how much better the parking is down at the ball field.
- Bobby Knox stated that there are bees swarming in the corner of the town hall by the right side of the Theatre landing. He also stated the wire at the top of the columns is bad because birds are building nests up there now. He stated that the columns on the bottom need repairs done before they rot more.
- Morris Jeffries asked if anyone can show up at court to put input in a case. He was told to talk to the Justice Terry Friot.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor White to accept the minutes from 08/15 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes-4 White, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays-0 motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 09/19/17

August Report:

28 dog licenses	160.00
Hunting licenses commission	86.96
9 Certified copies	90.00
3 Building permits	75.00
3 Marriage Licenses	22.50
0 impoundment fees	.00
Fax & copy money	.00
0 donations	.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	<u>\$434.46</u>
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	44.00
NYS Department of Health	67.50
Decals	1,971.04

Total Disbursed \$2,517.00

It is our Town's turn for the rabies clinic for 2018. If the Fire Department is helping for location I need a date and time to send in as soon as possible. I prefer May or June. Sandy will check on May 14th or June 11th or 12th and get back to Tess.

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

BALL FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: already reported on above in public discussion.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Robert Best

Financial Reports

- The details of all income and expense transactions for August have been filed with the Town Clerk.
- The account balances as of 8/31/2017 for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and St. Lighting Funds have been filed with the Town Clerk.

2. Budget Modifications - none

3. CHIPS money. Last Friday the state deposited just over \$172,000 into the general checking account for transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund. This reimburses the Town for money spent on our chips approved projects for this year.

4. Shared Services Plan. The county panel of local governments has approved a plan to promote shared services within the county. There are two aspects to the plan. First is having the local municipal governments piggy back on the county's fuel contracts. The Russell Highway Superintendent has been doing this for the past 8 years. The only change for us is that we will have a signed agreement with the county. Currently it has been a verbal agreement with the county and town. The second issue is to encourage local municipal courts to consolidate services, if possible. The panel voted unanimously to approve the plan.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: N/A

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: 09/19/2017 * Larry White

We have completed road side mowing for the 2nd time and if time allows we plan to mow again as the leaves are gone to cut brush back.

We have installed the driveway extension for the school as agreed on last fall and have turned the check into Tess for the amount of \$2,078.74.

We set the poles at the ball field as requested.

We helped Edwards, Hermon & Dekalb with their paving.

We have cut brush & trees on the Stalker, Dana & Mackin roads and removed several stumps on the Dutton & Pyrites roads.

On the Mackin road we have cut the grade of the hill past residence 66 and added drainage. At the intersection with CR 17 we are widening the hill & resetting the grade to improve the approach from the south & try to reduce the amount of material that washes into the county road.

We have shimmed in the wash out sections on the Lazy River road and they may require more when fully compacted. We have also shimmed in sections on the Fordham Hill & Pyrites Russell roads.

On the Hewlett road where the beaver are working we removed the brush and added shot rock to the shoulder to stop them from digging under the road.

We have run the York Rake on Dutton, Silver Hill North & Cook roads & added chloride.

The summer youth program has ended & we thank them; Jordon Jeanette. Justin Fenlong, Christopher Ouellette, Jordon Moore & Ian Besaw; Ian's time has been extended through 9/29. They were a good bunch of young men with lots of energy.

I thank the men for a productive month.

I would like the \$2,078.45 from the Edwards – Knox School transferred back into the general repairs account.

RESOLUTION # 60 Transfer of Edwards-Knox school reimbursement
A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor White to authorize the transfer of \$2,078.74 from the reimbursement of services done at the Edwards – Knox School road extension to the ball field into the general repairs DA5110.4 account

Ayes – 4 White, Burnham, Whiteford, Ker

Nays – 0 Motion carried

- Councilor Whiteford stated that on the Blanchard Hill and Boyd Pond intersection the Boyd Pond sign should be moved to the other side because a business up there is having customers getting confused and going the wrong way. Larry will take care of the sign.
- Cynthia Jeffries asked if a speed sign that shows the speed people are doing could be put near her area because it is hard to get out of her driveway. It will be looked into.
- Tom O'Brien stated that on the West road there are some holes a tree in a sluice.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: Larry White

- We just went over the Mackin road project and the shim areas.

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept the HWY Superintendent and HWY Committee reports.

Ayes – 4 White, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- The 2018 Tentative budget will be presented on October 2nd meeting
- The Hermon Town Board wanted a speed limit at Trout Lake and he has been awarded
- At J&L the phase #1 is completed and Phase #2 is being bid out for demolition of the buildings
- The 2017 property tax sale is done 176 parcels were put up and we received bids on 165 of them we don't have a total cost of them yet.
- We are looking into a security system for the court house there may be grant money available.
- Discussion about a Class Action Suit for the Opiode academic that the county can get in on.
- Councilor Whiteford asked if they were crushing at J&L; Larry stated yes they ship it out by truck because the rail isn't ready yet.

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

Ayes – 4 White, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAILS AND BLUEWAY TRAILS REPORT: David Whiteford

- Bonnie Howard and I met with Tony Sparicino; we have all but 3 signs on the trails we tagged them with colored tags.
- We are looking at more trails.
- There is a unit plan for this area and looking at 2 lean-to's at the fishing sites.
- I talked to Ray Lobdell about Tie-lines and he said sure he has lots of parking area for horse trailers.

- I meet with Monica Rivers this week.
- Thank you Tim for the photos and plans for the dock; I will get them out to Watertown. We will plan on installing the new dock in April we should have the permit in place by then.

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

Ayes – 4 White, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 61* Audit Report-Robert Best & Sandy Burnham

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	228 - 245	\$ 7,259.06
Highway	156 - 173	\$28,140.21
Capital Improvements	0	\$
Street Lights	9	<u>\$636.89</u>
Grand Total:		\$36,036.16

Ayes-4 White, Burnham,Whiteford, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

- The highway superintendent was asked by people in public question me about the check I got from the auction International. He gave the check to the supervisor on August 1st and it was deposited on August 2nd. The amount was \$7,537.50 check #16456 and it was put in account DA2655.
- Councilor Whiteford stated that he was told Mr. White took offense about the signs the Horse Trail committee had made by the county. Councilor Whiteford stated when I approached Don Chambers about the signs he said the county can do the signs needed for them. We got approval from the DEC and the county put them up. Larry stated he did not take offense and he thought the signs were very reasonable. The signs were paid out of money budgeted for that purpose.
- Councilor Whiteford asked Larry about a bill for a cylinder for an individual. Larry stated he had the cylinder picked up and fixed and paid the bill himself and was reimbursed by the individual. The company sent 1 invoice for it all but he cleared it up and had a new invoice sent with that item off of the town bill.
- CHIP's money will be in next month.
- Councilor Whiteford asked if anything to report on the loader incident. Superintendent White stated it is in the lawyers hands and can be open up to 7 years.

- Councilor White stated that the money from the Auction International could be used to purchase gravel for the dirt roads. 1000 yards of gravel can go a long way. The board tabled this for next month's meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Superintendent White got 2 requests:
- 1. A letter from South Russell Cemetery association asking if the highway department could do some repairs on the driveway at the cemetery. The board has no problem with this being done.
- 2. A letter from Russell Library to do a walkway from the driveway to the new pavilion. I would like to price paver stones I think they would look nice. As long as a wheelchair can have access on it to the pavilion. The board has no problem with this either.

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Kerr to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm

Ayes-4 White, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk