

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 pm
02/19/2019

PRESENT:

Supervisor White
Councilor Burnham
Councilor Averill
Tess Eells – Town Clerk
Councilor Kerr
Councilor Whiteford
Highway Superintendent White

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Greg Given
Larry Denesha

The Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor White

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: none

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- Our Emergency Service Director is leaving the end of February so we are looking for a replacement
- The security software updates that the county will be doing will be paid in full instead of the 5 year plan to save money
- Gov. Cuomo wants to take the AIM money from towns and Russell would lose \$20,115
- If we lose the Extreme Weather money it would be \$540 thousand for St. Lawrence County.
- There is lobbying for sales tax on internet purchases
- Household Hazard waste will be picked up at US HWY 310 on May 18th and September 14th from 9 am – 1 pm.
- There is a resolution in assembly to amend the law for guns that would not allow guns to be raffled off by FD, Fish & game Clubs etc.
- I may not be at the next meeting.

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

Ayes – 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the minutes from 01/15/2019 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
Nays-0 motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

January Report:

14 dog licenses	\$80.00
Hunting licenses commission	4.58
16 Certified copies	160.00
0 Building permits	.00
0 marriage licenses	.00
0 impoundment fee	.00
1 donations for community room use	<u>25.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$269.58
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	22.00
NYS Department of Health	.00
<u>Decals</u>	<u>78.42</u>

Total Disbursed \$ 370.00

I have collected 70.36% of the taxes \$1,172,837.14 as of 02/11/2019. I have also finished paying the supervisor the town warrant and now sending money to the county treasurer.

I will be appointing Laura Lamere to be a deputy on March 1st and will start training her.

A motion was made by Councilor Averill
Seconded by Councilor Whiteford
To accept the Clerk Report as presented
Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
Nays-0 Motion carried

BALLFIELD COMMITTEE: nothing

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Timothy White

Financial Reports

- Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the town clerk.
- Account balances as of Feb 19, 2019 for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and street light fund have been filed with the town clerk.

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

Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays-0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Russell – Greg Given

- We were wondering if the Town would go in on halves to order 3 new Christmas decorations they are buy 2 get 1 free right now. The board agreed to do it as in the past.
- Our chicken BBQ went well
- We got 2 new members last month
- 5 people to do training and 2 people to do EMT classes
- Mike White, Scott Cardinell and myself did a 16 hour Investigation class

DeGrasse: no report

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

Ayes – 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 motions carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: 02/19/2019 * Larry White

Most of our time has been on plowing and sanding and dealing with freezing rain. Our salt use is up approximately 100 ton so far compared to the full winters of the past years.

We have 1 truck in Watertown for manifold gaskets and re-programming and 1 down in the shop for in house repair of bell housing and motor mounts.

We will be getting quotes for the replacement of the backhoe for your review it is on a 4 year plan.

Another item we feel should be looked at is a bucket truck to deal with problem trees. They run around \$20,000 I will check into it more.

It has been a busy month with plenty of overtime and I thank the men for a job well done.

I got 1 quote on a hanging radiator for the back of the shop/ and the 2 oil boilers up front can be by-passed so they don't run all the time.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:

- We went over the upcoming CHIPS projects

- We went over the road projects for this summer which will include out of general repairs on Lazy River rd the hill that is at the end of the White road will be raised and the hill cut back for better visibility and on top of Blanchard Hill a section will be raised , and reconstruction a area on Dana Hill rd.

A motion was made by Councilor Averill and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept the Highway and Highway Committee reports as presented.

Ayes – 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAILS REPORT: David Whiteford

- Nothing to report on this at this time until spring

BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT: David Whiteford

- I tried to get a hold of Maryann today but no answer back
- I contacted Dock Blocks about a dock for down at the bridge pavilion and a 5ft x 18ft Styrofoam dock will run around \$3300 delivered. We need to do this before April 15th or after June 15th.
- The supervisor will check into it more.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept both reports as presented.

Ayes –54 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 28* Audit Report-Timothy White & Tomorrah Averill

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

Audit Committee Report
 February 19, 2019

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	31 - 55	\$10,525.70
Highway	25- 38	\$31,423.52
Capital Highway Improvements	0	.00
Fire Protection	1-3	\$102,181.00
Street Lights	2	\$826.66

Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays-0 motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisor White stated that we need to keep track of wattage at the barn with the solar power.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Councilor Whiteford asked if the town was applying for any grants. Supervisor White will check into it with St. Lawrence River Valley Agency.
- Councilor Whiteford stated he would like to see something done with the sidewalks in town so people can use them again. Supervisor White stated that will be looked into this spring, and also crosswalk lines done in main part of town.
- Councilor Averill would like the board to have more input with the summer recreation program, she will look into it.
- Councilor Burnham said she would like to have something planned for Memorial Day weekend.

RESOLUTION # 29 * Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for providing Services for 2019

HOLDING HARMLESS THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FOR PROVIDING SERVICE FOR 2019

TOWN OF RUSSELL

By Town Board, Town of Russell

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr

WHEREAS, the Town of Russell is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Russell and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Russell and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Russell indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of neglect or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Town of Russell or any directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
- \$3,000,000 General Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Products Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal Injury
- \$ 50,000 Fire damage Legal Liability
- \$ 5,000 Medical payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026

Ayes: 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays: 0 Motion carried

Superintendent White stated he got a call about snow groomers bringing the banks out for snowmobiles on a town road. We put the banks back where they belong and a snow mobile drove in front of one of his men that was plowing and yelled and cussed at him, he is one of the new men and didn't get the plate number from the snowmobile so we couldn't do anything. I called Deb Christie and told her about it and she said she would address the situation. I just want the board to be aware of the situation.

Motion by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm all were in favor

Respectfully submitted by
Town Clerk – Tess Eells

