

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00pm**  
**03/19/2019**

**PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Bobby Knox  
Bradley Griffin  
Dennis Griffin

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Supervisor White

The Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** nothing

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilor Averill  
Seconded by Councilor Whiteford  
To accept the minutes from 02/19/19 as presented by the Town Clerk  
Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford  
Nays-0 motion carried

**TOWN CLERK REPORT: 03/19/2019**

February Report:

12 dog licenses	54.00
Hunting licenses commission	2.76
0 marriage licenses	.00
4 Certified copies	40.00
0 Building permits	.00
0 Impoundment fee	.00
0 donation for community room	.00
Fax and copy money	<u>60.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$156.76
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	14.00
NYS Department of Health	.00
Decals	<u>47.24</u>

Total Disbursed \$218.00

As of 03/11/2019 I have collected 73.90 % of the taxes \$1,237,613.53.

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

**BALL FIELD COMMITTEE:**

Supervisor White stated he will get with Matt Scott about the netting because it is down again.

Motion by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the Ball field report as presented  
Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford  
Nays – 0 Motion carried

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** 03/19/2019 Timothy White

Financial Report:

- Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the town clerk.
- Account balances as of March 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 Averill accepting the supervisor's report.  
Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford  
Nays-0 Motion carried.

**LEGISLATURE REPORT:** Larry Denesha was absent

- Bobby Knox stated that there were County highway men on Devil Elbow Hill on County Route 17 between Russell and Hermon measuring probably for doing the sluice work.

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the legislature report as presented.  
Ayes - 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford  
Nays – 0 Motion carried

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

**Russell:**

- Bobby Knox stated there may be a spaghetti dinner on April 13<sup>th</sup> to benefit Bryan Given.

- Supervisor White stated that the town ordered 3 new Christmas decorations through Display Sales about same price with the better bulbs, he will get with Greg soon.

**DeGrasse:** nothing

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept FD reports as presented.

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford

Nays – 0 Motion carried

**HIGHWAY SUPEINTENDENT REPORT:** Larry White

A great deal of our time has been on snow removal. We had freezing rain on 3/10 and had 2 trucks off the road but had no damage. The Port is out of salt but we have what we need on hand. The total for this winter is up approximately 100 ton.

With the last rain we had only minor water issues on the Hewlett, Lafaver and Given roads with no damage.

We are now working on tree removal starting on Mill Street, Belleville, Fordham and started on Hewlett road. With the early winter we have used most of what we had on hand.

Our maintenance is doing a great job with all equipment on line.

All men have worked well and I thank them.

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- I was to get the board prices on trading in the Backhoe; they will allow \$43,000 so I feel the one we have is in great condition only 4 years old so we will keep it for a couple more years.
- I was to get prices on a Bucket truck and the one I was looking at was around \$12,000 and in good shape but the board there decided to keep the truck. We can share one with another town under shared services.

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

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford

Nays – 0 Motion carried

**HORSE TRAILS REPORT:** David Whiteford

- Nothing to report on this

**GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT:** David Whiteford

- I got price for a 5 x 18 foot floating dock from Dock Blocks for \$3,150.00 which includes everything we need except the 2 galvanized 2 inch posts to hold it in place and it will have a lifetime warranty. I got a somewhat price from Jet Blocks for around \$3,000 and \$500-750 shipping. Supervisor White he found one on Ebay for a little over \$2,000 but the board feels like going with Dock Blocks is better because of the lifetime warranty. The town will install the dock.

**RESOLUTION # 30** \* Floating dock

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill **Therefore**, to authorize the Supervisor to order the 5x18 foot floating docks from Dock Blocks of North America for the cost of \$3,150.00 with a lifetime warranty.

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION # 31\*** Audit Report-Timothy White & Tomorrah Averill

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	# 56 – 79	\$47,006.46
Highway	# 39 – 52	\$34,985.85
Capital Improvement	# 0	
Street Lights	# 3	<u>\$ 739.58</u>

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Superintendent White stated he didn't get prices yet for the heaters for the town barn.
- Councilor Averill stated she talked to some people about the Summer Rec. program and they want to know how much each town gives and who decides how it is spent. Russell gave (\$6,500 ?) last year and they should talk to Sherry Lamphear in Edwards to find out more.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION # 32** Reappointing Richard Harmer to Board of Review

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham

Seconded by Councilor Averill

**THEREFORE**, the Russell Town Board will reappoint Richard Harmer as a member of the Board of Review for the Town of Russell for a 5 year term beginning October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2023

Ayes- 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford

Nays- 0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION # 33** Appointing Richard Knox as Town Historian

A motion was made by Councilor Averill

Seconded by Councilor Burnham

**Therefore**, The Russell Town Board accepts the supervisor's appointment of Richard Knox as Town of Russell Historian with the starting date of 01/01/2019

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford

Nays – 0 Motion carried

- Councilor Averill stated that the bulletin board on Town Hall lawn is bad we need to check into fixing it or new one.
- Councilor Burnham stated that a nice electronic bulletin board would be nice for advertising things; we will get a price for one.
- Councilor Whiteford stated how did the advertising signs at the ball field go... supervisor White thinks there is only 2 down there. Matt Scott is who to talk to on that.
- He also asked about doing the bathroom at the ball field. Tim will get with Larry this spring and look it over. They will also look into the parking issue at the Balsam ball field.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to adjourn the meeting @ 6:35 pm

All were in favor

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by  
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk

