

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00pm
06/18/2019

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Denny Griffin
Bradley Griffin
Larry Denesha (Leg)
Deb Christy
Morris Jeffries
Brenda Hale

Pledge of allegiance

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Deb Christy stated that they could not get their trail through so she would like the town to rescind the Local Law from last year for the multi-purpose trail and redo a new one. With these new roads added:

Location of roads to be opened in the Town of Russell

Road to be opened	Town	Length	Description
Tooley Pond Road	Russell	0.55	Tooley Pond to CR 27
McCarthy Road	Russell	1.61	CR 17 to Silver Hill Road
Silver Hill Road	Russell	3.1	McCarthy Road to CR 17
Total miles to be opened		5.26	

She would like the public hearing held before the next board meeting for this local law. Board did not set a day or time yet for this. She stated that the multi use trails sre for horses, walking, atv's and even snowmobiles. They are putting up more hitching posts. David Whiteford stated he got permission to put 2 more hitching rails at GT's.

Morris Jeffries asked if there would be fireworks this year in Russell. Supervisor White stated no funding for them, and the Fire department usually handled that.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford

Seconded by Councilor Kerr

to accept the minutes from 05/21/19 as presented by the Town Clerk.

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

Nays-0 motion carried

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 06/18/19

May Report:

19 dog licenses	100.00
Hunting licenses commission	22.65
0 Marriage License Comm.	.00
12 Certified copies	120.00
0 Building permits	.00
0 Impoundment fees	.00
0 donation for community use	.00
Fax and copy money	<u>.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$242.65

Disbursed amounts:

Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	27.00
NYS Department of Health	.00
<u>Decals</u>	<u>387.35</u>
Total Disbursed	\$657.00

As of 06/06/19 I have collected 91.87% of the taxes \$1,567,184.33
I have settled with the county treasurer.

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

BALL FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing

SUPERVISORS REPORT: 06/18/19 * Timothy White

- 1. Financial Report
 - Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the town clerk.
 - Account balances as of June 18, 2019 for general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, street light fund have been filed with the town clerk.
 - The dock has been placed; I would like to thank Sandy, David and Bobby for the help.

RESOLUTION # 41 Budget modification

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Whiteford
Therefore, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to do the following budget modification: to decrease A1990.4 (Contingent contractual) by \$700.00 and increase A7510.4 (Historian Contractual) by \$700.00 to pay for the laptop approved at last month's meeting by the board.

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

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

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- Discussed using sales tax from internet tax to make up for funds that were taken away in Governor's budget.
- 2018 books are closed. General fund has 20 million left so we will not have to borrow money.
- Payments that we receive from the state are behind 3 months usually for reimbursements.
- We are still trying to find a Emergency Service Director.
- The governors prison closings are all down state ours are good.
- It was in the paper that a bill was passed to allow illegal immigrants to be issued driver licenses. I will be introducing a resolution in opposition to it.
- He stated to the highway superintendent that Mr. Wesley Dittes has concerns about the speed on the Lazy River road bridge. A T9 would have to be filled out by the town, send it to the county and then they check it out and send the request off to the state for review.
- David Whiteford stated that there are some trees on CR 25 that need to be taken down in County right- a –way near 278 CR 25.
- Morris Jeffries asked about the sluice that is to be replaced on CR 17. Larry not sure of all the details yet it will be bored or dug out. Starting sometime in July.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Bobby Knox

- Our Fire Department festivities is July 20th
- Alumni Breakfast on August 11th.

A motion was made by Councilor Averill and seconded by Councilor Whiteford accepting the Fire department report.

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

Nays-0 motion carried

Highway Superintendent Report: 06/18/2019 * Larry White

The only work left on our Capital Projects is pouring a top for the catch basin on the Pyrites Russell road and some clean up and grading of shoulders on Mill and Maiden lane. All projects came out as planned and we thank the county crew for an excellent job done.

We repaired 2 sections of guide rails on the Pyrites Russell road and Pestle Street and cleared the sand around them for drainage.

We have replaced 1 road crossing and 1 driveway pipe on Pyrites Russell road and removed 1 no longer needed; 1 crossing and 3 driveways on Mill Street and 1 crossing on North Woods road. The old catch basin on the Pyrites Russell road has been removed and we installed a new one.

We have been patching, grading and adding gravel to gravel roads as needed.

On 05/30 we attended our safety and sexual Harassment classes.

We thank Dekalb and Edwards for their assistance with our paving. We will be assisting Edwards tomorrow.

This has been a busy month with good results and I thank the men for a job well done.

Bobby Knox stated that on the end of Burnell road there are pot holes forming on the sides of the pavement. Larry said it will stay that way because they will not keep grading it. Eventually they will do some ditching to help with drainage in that area.

A motion by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the Highway Superintendents report.

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

Nays-0 Motion carried.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:

- We went over the projects and finances and they look good when the bills all come in.
- Fuel bills and other materials like fabric etc. come out of general repairs now instead of CHIPS.

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Whiteford at accept the Highway Committee report as presented.

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

Nays: 0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAIL AND GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORTS: David Whiteford

BLUEWAY TRAIL:

- Deb Christy covered most of what I had to report.

HORSE TRAILS:

- I wanted to clarify that I supply labor for the hitching posts the Town buys the material.
- The dock is usable now we need to do some minor things to the dock.

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

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 42* Audit Report-Timothy White & Tomorrah Averill

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	127 – 156	\$57,062.90
Highway	84 - 100	\$26,240.88
Capital Improvements	1	\$20,930.40
Fire Protection	none	\$0.00
Street Lights	6	\$624.93

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

Nays-0 motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ike sent a letter to the party in question that Robyn McCormick brought up at the last meeting.
- Councilor Burnham would like to see the CEO and Assessor do a report now in then for the board.
- Bobby asked if a grant would be available to fix the Town Hall big steps. The Parks and Recreation will probably have to be involved with this issue. And our Town hall Chimney needs to be checked out again from when it was repaired.
- Supervisor White is waiting for 1 more quote for the wall in the Theatre that need to be repaired.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The main Town audit was tabled until next month because they are not ready but they presented the Court and Library audit tonight.

Resolution: 43 **Audit of 2018 Court records**

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford

Seconded by Councilor Averill

Whereas, the Russell Town Board hired Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper Van House & Company to audit the court records for the 2018 year.

Therefore, the Russell Town Board accepts the auditor’s report of the Justice records for the 2018 year as presented.

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

Resolution: 44 Date for a Mandatory Sexual Harassment and substance abuse class

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr
Seconded by Councilor Whiteford

Therefore, the Russell Town Board will hold a Sexual Harassment and Substance & Alcohol abuse class on August 13, 2019. At 6:00 PM at the Russell Town Hall and all paid and non-paid employees must attend. If an employee attends the class elsewhere then they must give the town a certificate of attendance.

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

August 14, 2019 is an alternate night for the class.

Resolution: 45 FD Block Dance

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford
Seconded by Councilor Kerr

Therefore, the Russell Town Board authorizes the Highway Department to close off Pestle Street on July 20, 2019 so the Russell Volunteer Fire Department can hold a Block dance that evening.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM

Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
Nays-0 Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk

