

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 PM
07/16/2019

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Denny Griffin
Larry Denesha
Jack White
Ken Hadfield
John Stransky

PLEDGE:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Supervisor White

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- Jack White stated he was inspected by state and they had issues with the fee scheduling. He feels the Local law should have our yearly resolution on fees added to it. Supervisor White stated he talked to Janet Collier about the yearly resolution and she said that that works if it is followed through by the DCO. Jack stated a time limit should be added to the resolution; he will also check with Janet about the resolution. Jack would also like to have the board appoint Ken Hadfield as a Deputy DCO to help if Jack is unavailable. The board will do a resolution at the next meeting in August appointing Ken.
- John Stransky from Hermon Fire Department stated that Russell Rescue was dissolved and that they have been covering for Russell since April. He wanted to know if Russell will contract with Hermon for 2020; Supervisor White stated he will go to their next meeting to discuss it more. John stated that they feel that in the towns best interest that a full time paid EMT should be available for weekdays and the money from Russell would help with that cost. He would cover Monday through Friday 8-hour days.
- Councilor Averill thinks it is a good idea and she thanked Hermon Fire Department for helping the town out.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Averill
 Seconded by Councilor Kerr
 To accept the minutes from 06/18 as presented by the Town Clerk
 Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays-0 motion carried

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 07/16/2019

June Report:

10 dog licenses	\$58.00
Hunting licenses commission	15.74
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>	\$ 331.24

Disbursed amounts:

Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	16.00
NYS Department of Health	22.50
<u>Decals</u>	<u>\$269.26</u>
Total Disbursed	\$639.00

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

BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: Tim White

- Supervisor White stated the ball field up by old school is not being used so does the board want the Port a Pot removed or just moved to field on Blanchard Hill for tournaments that are coming up. The board said just move it down. Tess will call Rivers to have it done.
- Bobby Knox stated the left field needed work and could the weeds along the fence be taken care of at the Fireman field. Tim will take care of the fence.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Timothy White
 Financial Report

- Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the town clerk.
- Account balances as of July 16, 2019 for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the town clerk.
- I have one more thing that wasn't on my report and that is I only got 1 price quote to fix the wall in the Theatre from Kevin Albern Painting and Construction Company. Does the board want to award the contract to him?

RESOLUTION # 46 * Bid Award for Theatre wall repair

Motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Averill **THEREFORE**, authorizing the supervisor to sign the contract with Kevin Albern Painting & Construction Company in the amount of \$3,300 for labor and materials with \$1650.00 down and \$1650.00 upon completion.

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

Nays – 0 Carried

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

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- I offered a resolution opposing the Green Light Bill and it passed 12 to 3.
- We have someone interested in the Emergency Director position; Keith Zimmerman has been doing it but he is retiring end of August so the position needs to be filled.
- We passed a resolution to take over 5 more delinquent tax properties to get cleaned up and put back on the tax roll.
- We passed a resolution to hire a architect to design the barn that we would like at 3 highway sites.
- Paul Baxter resigned so we are looking for someone to fill that position.
- We are starting to work on the 2020 tentative budget August 1st.
- Sales tax was \$5600 less than last year and the AIM money will come out of sales tax.
- The J&L property looks good they want to tear down the chain link fence. A kiosk will be put up with the J&L Mines history in it.
- The meeting will be held August 6th at 6:00 Pm in Russell Community room to discuss the sluice replacement on the big hill on CR 17.

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

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

Nays-0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Sandy Burnham

- Russell-fest is cancelled, 1 of the bands backed out.
- The Alumni breakfast is August 11th
- A chicken BBQ will be on September 14th.

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

Ayes 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays 0 Motion carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Larry White

We have assisted Dekalb with their paving and Edwards with trucking.

We have removed 2 large trees on the Forbes road and cut brush on sections of Blanchard Hill, Pyrites Russell roads as well as sections of the Dutton road.

We have installed fill on the shoulder section to be raised on the Lazy River road.

On 06/20 the heavy rains took out a section of the road on Fordham Hill.

We still need to know the boundaries for the parking area at the old school ball field. Supervisor White stated the paperwork is with the town lawyer.

We have replaced 1 pipe on Curtis road and 1 on Silver Hill road and 2 on Cook road and 1 on the Hill road.

We have completed mowing roadsides for the first time.

We have blended material from our pit for the base of the fill areas on Lazy River and Blanchard Hill roads we applied we will coat with crushed gravel.

We are hiring a replacement for Bill to start next week. Brenda is doing the paperwork needed. Councilor Whiteford asked who it is; Larry stated Ryan Miller. His last report on Bill was he is not coming back.

We are assisting the county with drilling in Massena.

This has been a productive month and I thank the men for their effort.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:

- We went over the CHIPS projects
- Talked about Bill's replacement
- I have 4 young men working for the summer; Carter Wright, McCallister Sawyer, Jake Cleary and John Griffin.
- I received notification for the CHIPS paperwork they want it by the 12th.
- We received the Extreme Winter Recovery money for 2019 \$36,543.32.

RESOLUTION # 47 Extreme Winter Recovery Projects

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Averill to **THEREFORE**, authorize Improvements the following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of town highways: on the road commencing at CR 24 (Mill Street) and leading to Pestle Street, a distance of .27 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$13,700.00, Type T6 hot mix, width of traveled surface 16 ft, Thickness 1.5 inch.

On road commencing at Mill Street (Maiden Lane) and leading to Pestle Street a distance of .09 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$5,180.00, Type T6 hot mix shim, width of traveled surface 16 feet, Thickness 1.5 inch

On the road commencing at 1 mile south of CR 24 (Blanchard Hill road) and leading to South a distance of as far as it will go there shall be expended not over the sum of \$17,663.32 + (funds go) Type T6 hot mix shim, width of traveled surface 18 ft, thickness 1 inch subbase prep for 2020 paving.

A motion was made by Councilor Averill Seconded by Councilor Whiteford to accept the highway and highway committee reports as presented:

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

HORSE TRAILS & GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT: David Whiteford

Blue-way - Just want to know about the ramp for the new dock. Tim will get with David on Thursday.

Sandy stated it was slippery getting onto the dock.

Horse trails- nothing to report

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

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

RESOLUTION # 48* Audit Report-Timothy White & Tomorra Averill

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

July 16, 2019

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	157 - 174	\$ 7,222.62
Highway	101 - 111	21,272.39
Capital Improvements	2 – 3	238,580.13
Fire Protection -		0.00
Street Lights	7	587.96
Total:		

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

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Larry White asked Larry Denesha where the county paving was being used with the extra funding the county got. Larry Denesha stated near Beaver Creek.\ and on CR27 to 27A.

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by
Tess Eells, Russell Town Clerk