

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @6:00pm
08/20/2019

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Ken Hadfield
Jack White
Dennis Griffin
Larry Denesha

The pledge of allegiance:

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr
Seconded by Councilor Whiteford
To accept the minutes from 07/16/19 as presented by the Town Clerk
Ayes-4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
Nays-0 motion carried

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 08/20/2019

July Report:

12 dog licenses	\$78.00
Hunting licenses commission	10.38
3 Marriage License Comm.	22.50
8 Certified copies	80.00
6 Building permits	150.00
0 impoundment fee	.00
Fax & Copy Money	.00
Donations	<u>65.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$405.88
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	22.00
NYS Department of Health	67.50

<u>Decals</u>	<u>177.62</u>
Total Disbursed	\$673.00

I have paid the Supervisor tax penalties, 2nd notice fees and Misc. in the amount of \$3,449.29.

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

BALL FIELD COMMITTEE:

- Old Timers ball tournament this upcoming weekend
- Matt mentioned doing something with the fence
- Supervisor White stated no info from town attorney about the parking area up on the hill yet.
- September 8th there is a Kickin-4-Kaus kickball tournament

SUPERVISORS REPORT: 08/20/2019 - Tim White

Financial Reports

- The details of all income and expense transactions for July have been filed with the Town Clerk.
- The account balances as of August 20, 2019 for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and St. Lighting Funds have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - I have met with Hermon Rescue and we are working on a contract for them to provide rescue service for the Town of Russell. It will provide a paid EMT for the towns. I think this will be beneficial to the residents of Russell.
 - I have been working with Deb Christy on the Multi-use trail; she is working on a few more trails and next month we will set a date for a public hearing.

RESOLUTION # 49 Budget Modifications

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr authorizing the supervisor to do the following budget modifications:
 Increase DA5010.4 Highway Administration by \$29.00 and Decrease DA532.4 Garage & Pit Contractual by \$29.00.
 Ayes – 4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept supervisor report as presented.
 Ayes – 4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays - 0 Motions carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- Good news we adopted the workers comp fund and it will be 11.5% decrease for Russell.
- Sales Tax- we got a committee to negotiate by the 1st of the year to see how it will be distributed for the next few years.
- There will be early voting this year from October 26 to November 3rd only at the Board of Elections Office in Canton. It was signed into law by NYS and it will be a big expense to the county.
- We passed a resolution opposing a Senate Bill HR1345. This bill takes incarcerated peoples benefits away from them and the county must fit the bill and as soon as they are out of jail, they get all their benefits given back to them. It is a big cost burden for the county. This bill passed unanimously because it is a burden on taxpayers.
- The census 2020 will be sending out packets for people to fill out and send back it can also be done online; and if you do not send it back there will be someone coming to your door. The Census DOES NOT call or send emails to people please ignore these if you get one.
- Councilor Whiteford asked if a question about citizenship will be on the census.
- Councilor Burnham stated that the brush across from Hartman's house needs trimming.
- Discussion about spraying guide rails etc. was held. Larry Denesha stated that if spraying within 100 feet of a home, school, business etc. people are supposed to be notified a herbicide is being used.

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

Ayes – 4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Sandy Burnham

- The alumni breakfast was a success
September 14th we will have a BBQ
- Santa Day will be December 7th on a Saturday
- No report from DeGrasse FD

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

Ayes – 4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Highway Superintendent Report: 08/20/2019 * Larry White

We have completed weed eating and brush removal around all guide and bridge rails.

Ryan Miller started on 7/22 to replace Billy Hance.

We completed drilling for the county on the bridge project.

We repaired the driveway at the South Russell Cemetery.

We have repaired several minor wash outs on shoulders.

We have cut shoulders on the Dutton, Lafaver, Blanchard and sections of Boyd Pond and Forbes roads.

We have cut brush on the Dutton and Blanchard Hill roads.

We have been patching roads and filling woodsheds as time allows.

We have mowed some sections of roadsides for the 2nd time and started today on more.

We have completed the hill section on Blanchard Hill and are now on Lazy River; the main sections of fill are in place on Lazy River and we are checking to see what blasting is required.

We have worked with Edwards, Hermon and Dekalb and they helped us truck in fill for our projects.

The summer youth program has ended, and we thank the boys for their help.

We have replaced pipes on the Hill and Dutton roads.

We hope to be ready for our remaining paving within 2 weeks.

I handed in a check from Timm's Salvage to the clerk in the amount of \$417.05 for scrap metal.

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

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: Larry White

- No meeting this month

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

Ayes – 4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAILS & GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT: David Whiteford

- I checked today at bridge dock and now that the water has gone down I think it will be better to be put in another spot; and the brush needs to be cleared along the bank I had plans to do this but didn't get it done. Supervisor White will contact Darryn about getting the bank cleared up from brush and keep it that way.

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

Ayes – 4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 50 Audit Report-Tim White & Tomorrah Averill

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	175 - 198	\$ 12,596.22
Highway	112 - 124	\$ 17,567.73
Capital Improvements	-	.00
Fire Protection	none	\$0.00
Street Lights	8	\$628.11

Ayes-4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Board discussed what to add into the Local Law for the control of dogs for an impoundment fee. They will do \$10.00- \$20.00- \$30.00 fee within a 30 day period for any dog owned by that person. Jack suggested the board read the whole local law and see if anything else should be changed while it is being done again. Tim will get everything to town lawyer.
- Jack also suggested the board should consider setting money in the budget to hire someone to do a door to door enumeration.

RESOLUTION # 51 Reappointing Amy Hunt to be Sole Assessor

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford

Seconded by Councilor Kerr

THEREFORE, the Russell Town Board will reappoint Amy Hunt as the Sole Assessor for the Town of Russell for a 6-year term beginning October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2025

Ayes- 4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays- 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 52 appointing Kenneth Hadfield as Deputy DCO

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford

Seconded by Councilor Kerr

THEREFORE, the Russell Town Board appoints Kenneth Hadfield to be Deputy Dog Control Officer.

Ayes – 4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Burnham to adjourn the meeting @ 6:40 pm

Ayes – 4 Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays - 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by

Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk