

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 PM
10/22/2019

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Denny Griffin
Morris Jeffries
Alan Reed
Jack White

The pledge

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- Alan Reed introduced himself as the new St. Lawrence County Risk Manager. They will be selecting an IBS person soon. They are doing data on some claims so they can come up with a remedy for inconsistent claims. He stated their budget looks good and on target. The board congratulated him on his job appointment.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the minutes from 09/17/19 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes- 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays- 0 Motion carried

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 10/22/2019

September Report:

16 dog licenses	100.00
Hunting licenses commission	288.34
0 Marriage License Comm.	.00
8 Certified copies	80.00
7 Building permits	175.00
2 Impoundment fees	20.00
0 donation for community use	.00

Fax and copy money	.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$663.34
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	28.00
NYS Department of Health	.00
<u>Decals</u>	<u>4,923.66</u>
Total Disbursed	\$5615.00

I attended the Government Conference on 10/15 and went to these classes.

- Organizational records for an OCS audit (state audit) what the clerk needs to get ready for one.
- Electronic Death Registry and Vital Records. The new electronic Death Registry was implemented in April 2019 so now it is all done electronically.
- Standard Workday Reporting- this was just a refresher course on what and why this resolution is done for state retirement people.

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

BALL FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report

SUPERVISORS REPORT: for October 22, 2019 –Timothy White

1. Financial Report
 - Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - Account balances as of October 22, 2019 or the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - I will have a Tentative budget in the mailboxes for Friday. I would also like to set a date for the end of next week to go over the budget with the board. We will meet on Friday November 1st at 5:30 Pm at the Town Hall.
 - I was wondering if Larry could get the backhoe and give me a hand with getting the dock out of the river next week.
 - I have met with the Canton Town Supervisor and have a Hold Harmless Agreement for everyone to look over for the next board meeting. It is the same agreement we do with the county.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the supervisor report.
 Ayes- 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr
 Nays- 0 Motion carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Nothing to report

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Russell – Bobby Knox and Sandy Burnham

- Chicken and biscuit dinner on election day November 5th starting at 4:00pm
- Santa Day and tree sale on December 7th
- Christmas party planned December 14th
- We would like to have help putting up Christmas decorations before Thanksgiving. The town will help if Highway cannot help, they will rent a lift truck from LeBerge & Curtis.
- We would like to paint the pump house and we will paint the outbuildings at FD yet.

DeGrasse – Tomorra Averill

- The bridge on CR 27 in DeGrasse was closed and repaired on October 21st and the DeGrasse FD parked a truck at the church in case it was needed.

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

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: 10/22/2019 * Larry White

We have completed shoulders on the last paved sections.

We have completed mowing roadsides including seasonal roads.

We completed the repairs on the Spicer road bridge. We have also made repairs to one of the wing walls.

We have patched in the section of Fordham Hill road that washed out and will shim this section with T7 Hot mix.

All men attended the last of our MSHA and quarterly safety meetings.

We have replaced the sand screen in our Screener and started screening.

We have graded and rolled all gravel roads that needed it and added gravel to some sections.

We have replaced a pipe crossing on the Backus Road seasonal section and lowered a pipe crossing on the Cook road.

We have removed 2 trees from the housing area and the wood taken to the barn.

Twice per week we must clear beaver areas on the Hewlett, Cook, Silver Hill and Pyrites-Russell roads.

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

Bobby asked if the green truck was back, Larry said yes, it is repaired and cost about \$7500.00

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:

- The committee went over the Spicer road bridge work
- I talked to Don Chambers about CHIP’s reimbursements. He said Canton pays with a Credit card and they accept that as proof instead of all the vouchers. Russell does not have a credit card the Supervisor stated. As soon as the last two checks are cashed the bills will be sent in for reimbursement.
- Larry also stated that the Extreme Weather money may be gone, and this is the last year for NYPAVE money. They may send a bus to Albany to protest these being taken away.

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

Ayes - 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Ayes – 0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAILS REPORT: David Whiteford -Nothing to report on this

GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAILS REPORT: nothing to report

RESOLUTION # 57 * Audit Report-Timothy White & Tomorra Averill

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	220 – 240	\$10,692.15
Highway	137 – 160	\$53,161.13
Capital Improvements	4-5	\$42,655.24
Street	10	\$667.15

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays -0 Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jack White asked if the local law for dogs was done yet, Tim stated he is waiting for some paperwork for the parking area up by old school is ready

so Henry can do both at same time it should be done by the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Morris Jeffries stated the Russell signs are looking bad now can something be done with them.
- Tess stated they would have held up if they were sealed once a year or so but they were not done.

A motion was made by Councilor Averill and seconded by Councilor Kerr to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk