

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 pm
11/19/2019

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Dennis Griffin
Greg Given
Larry Denesha

The Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor White @ 6:03 pm

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- Larry handed in a check for \$77.40 from Attwater Housing for some gravel the town provided.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the minutes from 10/22 11/01 and 11/13 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 11/19/2019

October Report:

15 dog licenses	\$72.00
Hunting licenses commission	117.40
0 marriage license commission	0.00
13 Certified copies	130.00
6 Building permits	150.00
1 Impoundment fee	10.00
0 Donation of community room	.00
Fax & copy money	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$479.40
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	19.00
NYS Department of Health	0.00

<u>Decals</u>	<u>\$2,011.60</u>
Total Disbursed	\$2,510.00

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

BALL FIELD REPORT: Nothing to report

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Timothy White 11/19/19

1. Financial Report
 - Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - Account balances as of November 19, 2019 or the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - The 4th quarter sales tax check came in at \$100,197.65.
 - The NYS Comptroller has reviewed the 2019 and 2020 budgets and everything looked good.

RESOLUTION # 62 Budget Modifications

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to authorize the following budget modifications:

- Budget modifications: Increase DA5140.1 (personal Services) by \$1254.00 and decrease DA5110.1 (Personal services) by \$1254.00. Decrease 9060.8 (employee benefits) by \$2116.04 and increase 9010.8 (Employee Benefits) by \$2116.04. Decrease 1990.4 (Contingent) by \$1295.82 and increase A7550.4 (Celebrations) by \$1295.82. Decrease 1990.4 (Contingent) by \$312.97 and increase 9010.8 (State Retirement) by \$312.96. This is to make all accounts balance.

Ayes 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr
 Nays 0 Motion carried

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

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- Our 2020 budget was passed on 11/04 it is the same as last year per thousand.
- A company in Potsdam LC Drivers makes electric motors; they gave me a tour of the company. They want to put an assembly plant out by LOWES, and it will employ around 250 jobs.
- We passed a resolution to fund the St. Lawrence Ida for 4 years.
- He explained how the surcharge works on 911 calls. They want the surcharge distributed out not just put in the state general fund.
- We had 176 tax properties at auction and 172 sold. I don't have a money figure yet to give you.

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

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Greg Given for Russell FD

- We had 12 fire related calls
- 2 men are done with classes now
- WE got a new roof on the building
- We turned the old ambulance into a rescue truck
- Our election dinner went well
- Santa day is December 7th and Christmas Tree sale
- We have a Banquet coming up
- We will have a Chicken BBQ in January
- WE were wondering if the town wanted to go in halves for a LED Display sign for the town.
- We are getting phone and internet through Spectrum

RESOLUTION # 63 LED Display sign

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Averill **Therefore**, the Russell Town Board authorizes the purchase of a LED Display Sign from LED Craft Inc. at the cost of \$6,950 installed and the town will pay ½ of the cost. It has a 5-year warranty, Free training and ½ down and the rest before shipping and installation. It has a 51.2-inch x 76.8 inch wide screen.

Ayes 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays 0 motion carried

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

Ayes 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays 0 Motion carried

Highway Superintendent Report: 11/19/2019 * Larry White

We have added gravel, graded and rolled the gravel roads in prep for winter.

We have our sand screened for winter and will continue to screen as time and weather allows.

We have patched on all roads needing it.

We have all trucks equipped for snow removal and all is going well.

We have the County's stump grinder and have used it on Dutton, Backus, Forbes, Dana Hill and Belleville roads.

We have removed 5 trees on the Dana Hill road and 1 on Belleville road and all wood was taken to the barn.

We have cleaned up the trees from the high winds on 11/01.

We have replaced a number of road signs and have picked up more to be installed.

We have built 1 new screen for one of plow trucks.

We have ordered a snow pusher for the Backhoe for cleanup in town on heavy snow because of the distance we have to push it.

The men continue to take vacation time and our production remains good and I thank the men.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: Larry White

- Larry went over the quotes for a new Backhoe

RESOLUTION # 64 New Backhoe

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill **Therefore**, the Russell Town Board authorizes the highway superintendent to purchase a 2019 John Deere 310SL with hydraulic thumb and auxiliary hydraulics Backhoe Loader SN # TQ310SLVKF361071 cost \$95,041.83 with the trade in of the 2015 John Deere 310SL SN# 1T0310SLTFF286029 for \$48,700.00 making the total due of \$46,341.83. Purchasing from Nortrax Inc. in Gouverneur, NY.

Ayes 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the Highway Report and Committee Report.

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried

HORSE TRAILS & GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORTS: N/A

RESOLUTION # 65 * Audit Report-Timothy White & Tomorra Averill

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	241 - 261	\$23,976.14
Highway	161- 179	\$88,520.56
Capital Improvements	6	3,300.00
Street Lights	11	694.31
Grand Total:		

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION # 66 for 2019-20 OF THE TOWN OF RUSSELL
HOLDING HARMLESS THE Town of Canton FOR PROVIDING SERVICE FOR
THE 2019-2020 years**

TOWN OF RUSSELL

By Town Board, Town of Russell

**A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by
Councilor Kerr**

WHEREAS, the Town of Russell is desirous of the Town of Canton providing shared services such as paving, shoulder widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Russell and the Town of Canton are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Russell and the Town of Canton desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Russell indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Canton, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part any manner from injury and/or death

of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of neglect or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Town of Russell or any directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$3,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town of Canton shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026

Ayes: 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays: 0 Motion carried

Town of Russell

BY: Supervisor White

NEW BUSINESS: none

Motion by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Burnham to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk

