

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 pm
12/17/2019

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Greg Given
Bobby Knox
Larry Denesha
Dennis Griffin

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: none

A motion was made by Councilor Averill and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept the minutes from 11/19/19 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr
Nays-0 motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 12/17/2019

November Report:

10 dog licenses	\$ 46.00
Hunting licenses commission	33.90
0 marriage licenses	.00
4 Certified copies	40.00
1 Building permits	25.00
0 Town Hall donation	.00
0 Impoundment fees	.00
Fax & copy money	<u>.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$144.90
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	12.00
NYS Department of Health	.00
Decals	<u>\$581.10</u>

Total Disbursed \$738.00

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

BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing

SUPERVISOR REORT: 12/17/2019

1. Financial Report

- Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the Town Clerk.
- Account balances as of December 17, 2019 or the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.
- I have looked into a waste oil furnace to help heat the back bays. We have approved to have another heat exchanger put in at \$5-6 thousand dollars. The cost for a 350,000 BTU waste oil furnace is \$10,000.00 this includes a 250-gallon tank, the flues and copper lines and this unit heats from the floor up vs trying to heat from the ceiling down. Larry agrees this would be the better way to go for our money.
- I have been working on the end of the years balances and the estimates are looking like we will be about \$42,000 to the good in the general account and about \$20,000 to the good in the highway account which is great news.

RESOLUTION # 67 Waste Oil Furnace for Town Barn

Supervisor White made a motion and Councilor Burnham seconded the motion

Therefore, the Russell Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to spend \$10,000.00 from the General Fund Balance to purchase a new Waste Oil Furnace for the Town Highway Garage.

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 68 Budget Modifications

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

- Budget modifications: Decrease DA5110.1 (general repairs personal services) by \$525.70 and increase DA5120.1 (bridges personal services) by \$525.70. Decrease DA5110.1 (general repairs personal services) by \$11,713.90 and increase DA5240.1 (brush and weeds personal services) by \$11,713.90. Decrease A1220.4 (Supervisor contractual) by \$166.88 and increase A3310.4 (traffic control) by \$166.88. Decrease SL5182.4 (Russell Street lights) by \$62.72 and increase SL5182.4 (DeGrasse Street Lights) by \$62.72. This is to make all accounts balance for the year.

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Timothy White
Town Supervisor

Motion by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept Supervisor report as presented.

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 Motion carried

BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: nothing

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- Russell should have gotten Mortgage tax in amount of \$7,637.79
- We had additional sales tax of \$1 million 350 thousand dollars, so we did a contract to set up for Credit and Debit payments for the county.
- Our Organizational meeting will be January 2, 2010 at 6:00PM
- We had 3.9 million in the contingency account for 2019 to date we used 2.8 million and 1.1 million will go in the fund balance.
- He discussed the new criminal laws that will take effect in 2020 and stated they had requests for another Deputy DA, 2 more Sheriff personnel requested and 1 for Emergency Services. Also discussed the new Bail Reform being mandated for misdemeanors.
- DANC is opening a Recycling plant in Harrisville in the spring.
- We are in sales tax negotiations with Ogdensburg, this will not affect the sales tax for towns.
- Larry White gave Larry D. a map of ash trees in Russell for the ash borer study. Bobby Knox stated he saw in the paper where Forestry company's wanting to buy the ash trees.

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

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Russell: Greg Given

- Santa Day went well we had 64 kids
- We had 5 Fire calls
- The Christmas Dinner had a good turnout 58 people attended.
- We sold 25 Christmas trees
- We ordered the LED sign it will be \$550 for shipping

- We only hung up the new Christmas decorations there are 6 empty drops so maybe the town can pay for 3 and the FD will pay for 3 and they will all be new ones.

DeGrasse: nothing

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

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Highway Superintendent Report: 12/17/2019 * Larry White

We have completed screening sand on 11/21 with more than enough for the winter.

The new backhoe has been delivered they will pick it up to install the thumb when it comes in. We have switched the insurance from the old one to the new one.

We have set the solar panels for winter.

We have built an extension on the woodshed to connect both sheds and Darryn installed the lights.

We have stored several pieces of equipment at the Pit barn for the winter.

We removed 4 trees on the Dutton road with the National Grid crew.

The men have completed using up vacation time.

I handed in a check from Timm's Salvage for metal of \$80.36 to Tess

A good deal of our time has been on plowing and sanding.

I thank the men for a job well done.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: nothing this month

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

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried

HORSE TRAILS & GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT:
nothing

RESOLUTION # 69 Audit of bills

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill authorizing the payments of the following bills

Audit Committee Report
December 17, 2019
Tomorrah Averill
Timothy White

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	262 – 289	\$19,592.97
Highway	180 - 201	\$41,631.93
Capital Highway Improvements	7	\$46,341.83
Fire Protection -		0.00
Street Lights	12	\$ 719.72

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

- Highway Superintendent asked Supervisor White to keep him informed about the power usage at the town Barn so he will not go over the 2000 kilowatts. Supervisor White stated we keep track January, February and March

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Supervisor and Fire Chief Greg Given signed the new Russell Volunteer Fire Department and Town of Russell Contract that starts January 1, 2020.
- Councilor Averill stated Kevin Albern was asking if the board was having any more walls repaired up in the Theatre this next year. Supervisor White stated it is being addressed.

RESOLUTION #70 Reappointing Jack White to Board of Review

A motion was made by Councilor Averill
Seconded by Councilor Kerr

THEREFORE, the Russell Town Board will reappoint Jack White as a member of the Board of Review for the Town of Russell for a 5-year term beginning October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024

Ayes- 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays- 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 71 JCAP Grant Budget Modification

A Motion was made by Councilor Averill

Seconded by Councilor Kerr

THEREFORE, the Russell Town Board authorizes decreasing the General Fund Balance by \$8,624.96 and increase the Contingency Fund A1990.4 by \$8,624.96 to cover the 2019 JCAP grant for the Court House.

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

- The Organizational Meeting will be January 21, 2020 before the Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 Pm at the Russell Town Hall.

Motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Town Clerk – Tess Eells