

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ the Russell Town Hall 04/21/2020 @ 6:00 pm

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Pledge

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the minutes from 03/17/2020 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 04/21/2020

March 2020 Report:

11 dog licenses	\$56.00
Hunting licenses commission	.00
1 Marriage License Comm.	7.50
3 Certified copies	30.00
0 Building permits	.00
0 Town Hall Donation	.00
0 impoundment fee	.00
Copy & fax money	.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	<u>\$93.50</u>
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	15.00
NYS Department of Health	22.50
Decals	.00
<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>\$131.00</u>

As of 04/14/20 I have collected 81.44% of the taxes \$1,394,445.44

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham

Seconded by Councilor Averill
To accept the Clerk Report as presented
Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr
Nays-0 carried

BALL FIELD REPORT: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor White

1. Financial Report
 - Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - Account balances as of April 21, 2020, 2020 or the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION # 35 Budget Modification

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Burnham to authorize the following Budget Modification:

- I would like to decrease the general fund balance by \$9,697.64 and increase garage and pit contractual by \$9,697.64 this will pay for the used oil furnace already agreed upon.

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

- I would like to keep the community room closed to the public until at least May 15th. I would like the boards input on their thoughts to either keeping the highway crew off until May 15th or starting to run half the crew one week and the other half the following week starting May 27th. It looks like things may be able to start to return to normal around the 15th of May. I would like to keep the clerk's office the same until the 15th of May.
- Councilor Kerr thinks keeping ½ crew one week and ½ crew next week would be fine. Councilor Burnham feels keeping it like it is until May 15th and then do ½ crew would be better until further notice about the corona issue or until things change.
- The board has decided to keep the highway as is until May 15th and keep community room closed and the Town Clerk on 8:00am – noon until May 15th and see from there.
- Supervisor White also stated he has put the purchasing of the new plow truck on hold till we see where all this goes.

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

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

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Nothing

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Russell: The FD decided we may cancel Summerfest because of the PAUSE situation.

DeGrasse: None

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

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 Motion Carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: 04/21/2020 * Larry White

With the shut down in place we have done only projects that needed addressing now.

We have swept all the roads outside of the village.

We graded most of the gravel roads.

We patched roads as needed and kept the beaver areas cleared.

Rob Kirkpatrick's last day for work is today. We thank him for a job well done over the years and I thank him for a great job done as my deputy. We wish him well in retirement.

I now appoint Harold Cook as the Deputy Highway Superintendent.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:

The board wants a chance to look over the Roads the highway plans on doing this year before they sign the Agreement To Spend town Highway Funds for 2020 as presented by Superintendent White.

Supervisor White feels that just sealing the Burnell road would be enough and the extra funds could be used on other areas. Councilor Kerr mentioned the Boyd pond road, that is on the schedule for 2021. He also stated that he can call Superintendent White to plead his case on the roads he wants to do. Councilor Averill asked what other roads need work? The board will review the roads and vote at next board meeting on May 19th.

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

Ayes – 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAILS & GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT: David Whiteford - None

RESOLUTION # 36 * Audit

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to authorize the payment of the following bills

Audit Committee Report
April 21, 2020
Tomorrah Averill
Timothy White

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	81 - 101	\$ 17,815.07
Highway	63 – 76	\$ 23,150.86
Capital Improvements		\$.00
Street Lights	4	<u>\$ 690.73</u>

Ayes-4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr
Nays-0 Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Burnham to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by
Town Clerk – Tess Eells

