

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 PM**  
**07/21/2020**

**PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Bobby Knox  
Larry Denesha

**PLEDGE:**

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

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

- Bobby Knox stated that in the Sunday paper there were some USDA news for grants for plows etc.
- Bobby also stated that the catch basin by the 4 corners by Town Hall is full and should be cleaned out.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the minutes from 06/16/2020 with a correction under New Business that the Boyd Pond road project will be done under Capital Improvement not out of General Repairs at the June meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr  
Nays-0 motion carried

**TOWN CLERK REPORT: 07/21/2020**

June Report:

11 dog licenses	\$44.00
Hunting licenses commission	21.34
1 Marriage License Comm.	7.50
8 Certified copies	80.00
8 Building permits	200.00

0 impoundment fee	.00
0 donations	.00
Fax & copy money	<u>.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$ 352.84
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	11.00
NYS Department of Health	22.50
Decals	<u>\$973.66</u>
Total Disbursed	\$1360.00

I paid the Supervisor for penalties and second notice fees in the amount of \$4,053.74

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr  
 Seconded by Councilor Burnham  
 To accept the clerk Report as presented  
 Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr  
 Nays-0 motion carried

**BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT:** Nothing to report

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Timothy White

1. Financial Report
  - Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the Town Clerk.
  - Account balances as of July 21, 2020, for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.
  - We still have not received the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter sales tax check; until we receive it and get a better idea on revenue loss, I would like to extend the resolution to suspend the general repair spend agreement for another 30 days.

**RESOLUTION # 42** 30 day extended spend agreement for general repair

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to extend the Resolution # 38 of 2020 to another 30 days to suspend the spend agreement for general repairs.

Ayes – 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr  
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

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

Ayes – 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr  
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

**LEGISLATURE REPORT:** Larry Denesha

- Sales tax was not looking good, the Co. Treasurer gave a report for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sales tax was up 6.02% over what was budgeted, and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was 6% under what was budgeted so for the year we are about even.
- We had 1 new COVID case, we have 244 cases 232 are released, 3 deaths. 23,785 have been tested and 21% of population were positive tests came back from other states. 23 cases from May 20 – July 1<sup>st</sup> 19 were a systematic. We had 300 COVID complaints, they go to the state and then to the County Attorney.
- The Burn Ban has been lifted.
- There will be 2 more food distributions. July 30<sup>th</sup> at the St. Lawrence University 9am to noon and one on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Gouverneur Community Center 9am to noon.
- I voted against having the Bass Tournament in St. Lawrence County because parades, graduations etc. could not be held so I feel that should not either. Next year if things are better, I will vote in favor of it. Also, money to pay for the tournament was supposed to come from gaming and so far, none has.
- Census is at 52.9% for St. Lawrence County.
- Bobby Knox asked if the County was paying the \$30,000 for Bass Tournament even though it is being held at Clayton, Larry said no.

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

Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays-0 Motion carried

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Sandy Burnham

- Nothing going on currently
- The Kayak was won by Jon Smith

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

Ayes 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays 0 Motion carried

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Larry White

We still have a few sections of roadsides to mow as soon as the needed parts come in then we will go around again.

We removed a short section of clay from under Dana Hill and added gravel.

We have our screener and stackers in place for screening.

We have stripped the hilltop on Project # 6 in Boyd Pond and blasted, removed 1 lane and shoulder and are now using it for the roadbed. We started drilling the other and needed a part for the compressor.

We have cut brush on Project #4 as well as shoulders.

We have started shoulder cutting with the county and adding material to the Boyd Pond project shoulders.

We should complete paving today on all projects except Boyd Pond.

We will now be working with Hermon and Dekalb on their paving and I thank them for their help on ours.

This has been a productive month and I thank the men.

We completed paving today.

We are waiting for the shoulder machine to get here.

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:** no meeting

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr Seconded by Councilor Averill to accept the highway and highway committee reports as presented:

Ayes – 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

**HORSE TRAILS & GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT:** David Whiteford

- The dock is twisted, and it needs to have a path weed eater to the dock.
- I talked with Deb Christie and it was set up for the peace Corp to do some work and it has been cancelled. They are trying to get a trail up to Edwards also.

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

Ayes – 5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION # 43\*** Audit Report-Timothy White & Tomorra Averill

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

July 21, 2020

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	142 - 163	\$ 9,182.46
Highway	108 - 122	17,535.08
Capital Improvements	-	0.00
Fire Protection -		0.00
Street Lights	7	614.85
Total:		

Ayes-5 Averill, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays-0 Motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Larry White handed in a time sheet for the hours the men worked during the shutdown from 03/17/2020 to 05/11/2020 to the Board Members and Supervisor.
- Larry White also stated that if there were extra funds left from the projects, he just finished he would use it on the Boyd Pond road project. There are several pipes he wants to replace so they can settle before paving is done.
- There was discussion about the pipe that was replaced by Steve Johnsons on CR 25. Also, the County is just paving sections on CR 25 not the whole road.
- David asked about the way CR 15 in Rensselaer Falls was done, the machine chews up old black top and they add gravel to oil and it lays it back out. David stated it looks nice.
- Larry Denesha stated the bridge by Lake George road in DeGrasse is going to be worked on for 3 weeks and the Beaver Creek bridge will be closed 3 months this bridge is not in Russell.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Averill to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by  
Tess Eells, Russell Town Clerk

