

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 PM
10/20/2020

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Larry Denesha
Michael Perry Jr.
Jasmine Nezezon

The pledge

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 Pm by Supervisor White

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: none

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Averill and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept the minutes from 09/15/20 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes- 3 Averill, White, Kerr

Nays- 0 Motion carried

BALLFIELD COMMITTEE: none

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 10/20/2020

September Report:

13 dog licenses	70.00
Hunting licenses commission	419.70
3 Marriage License Comm.	22.50
21 Certified copies	210.00
5 Building permits	125.00
0 Impoundment fees	.00
0 donation for community use	.00
Fax and copy money	<u>.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$847.20
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	19.00

NYS Department of Health	67.50
<u>Decals</u>	<u>7,230.30</u>
Total Disbursed	\$8,164.00

A motion was made by Councilor Averill
 Seconded by Councilor Kerr
 To accept the clerk Report as presented
 Ayes – 3 Averill, White, Kerr
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

SUPERVISORS REPORT: for October 20, 2020 –Timothy White

1. Financial Report
 - Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - Account balances as of October 20, 2020 for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and Street Light Fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION # 52 **Budget Modification**

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

- Budget modifications decrease A1990.4 contingent account by \$1,086.76 and increase A1910.4 unallocated insurance by \$1,086.76. Decrease DA5110.1 general personal service by \$2,609.00 and increase DA5120.1 bridges personal service by \$2,609.00.

Ayes – 3 Averill, White, Kerr
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

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

Ayes- 3 Averill, White, Kerr
 Nays- 0 Motion carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT:

- 365 COVID cases to date. The graph is showing a increase now.
- We are reviewing our budget for any minor changes it looks good for 2021 the tax rate will be down .9 cents per thousand.
- Sales tax was up 4.74% this quarter so it looks like we will be ahead this year. County sales tax will be used for items the state use to pay.
- The property tax sale is online from October 16 through October 26. There will be no in person auction this year. It is being done by Auctions International again.

- Home delivered meals from Office of the Aged are still being done 1900 meals county wide. A couple places are temporarily closed and helping other places. They will open back up. The Office of the Aged is looking to hire 3 people at \$13.75 per hour.
- Bobby Knox stated that the new sluice on CR 17 has some bumpy areas in it. It is probably settling.
- The tree on CR 25 was taken down.

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

Ayes – 3 Averill, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Russell – Bobby Knox

- We had a poor turnout for the spaghetti dinner
- We are having a Turkey dinner on Election Day at 4:00 PM all takeout meals
- December 5th we will have a chicken BBQ starting at noon all takeout meals till gone

DeGrasse – nothing

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

Ayes – 3 Averill, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: 10/20/2020 * Larry White

We have been working with the county as needed for shoulder work.

We have repaired shoulder washings on Cassidy, North Woods, Pestle, West and Fordham Hill roads.

We have cleaned up scrap metal that was dumped at the Pit.

We have got all trucks through inspections.

We have been patching roads as time allows.

We have replaced driveway pipes on Town Line and Fordham Hill roads and removed un-needed steel from pipe on the Cook road.

We have completed roadside mowing and the mower and tractor have been serviced and stored.

We have completed brush cutting on the Boyd Pond road and will be chipping the remaining brush as time allows.

We have been looking into the catch basin and piping at the corner of Pestle and Pyrites Russell roads and the county plans to repair the drainage.

We have graded the washed sections of the South Russell cemetery.

We have completed paving the Boyd Pond road and we thank the towns of Hermon, Dekalb and Pierrepont for their help trucking. We will be doing shoulder work soon. We are helping Dekalb with their paving.

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

Councilor Averill asked Larry if they are happy with the progress they have made after being shut down from COVID? He stated they have made good progress.

Larry stated that the parts for the Screener will not be here for awhile because they come from Germany and they were just sent out 4 days ago he thought they were already shipped. We should be able to get enough screened when the parts get here.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT

- There is an issue with a pipe on Dana Hill with the beaver, so I ordered a 5-foot plastic pipe to replace the one there. We are going to do it like the one we did on the Spicer road we will put a sleeve in it and crushed stone.
- We will install a couple turn a round areas on the Dutton Rd.
- Street light pole 9-1 has light out on Mill Street.
- There is water running down by Chimney on back of Town Hall it needs to be looked at.
- I got a list of surplus items we can bid on from County. I would like to put a bid in on a truck. We can use the money we get from selling the truck on Auction International to pay for this one.
- I also want to bid on some cylinders from Tenco.
- Charlie and I went over the Burnell road and I still want to top it next year not seal it. Topping will be around \$48,000 and sealing will be \$21,000 I feel it will last longer topping it. We need to discuss this more in the spring.
- We got a Barrett bill in late so I would like the board to authorize paying it prior so we can get the bills in so we can get the CHIP's money back sooner.
- Larry stated that his figures are different than the Supervisor in account DA5130.4 I have \$38,889.76 and you have \$58,357.82 Larry thinks something was not taken out of that account. Tim and Brenda will investigate it.

RESOLUTION # 53 Paying Barrett Paving prior to audit

A motion was made by Councilor Averill and seconded by Councilor Kerr to authorize paying Barrett Paving bill of \$31,862.54 for paving to settle bills to get CHIP's reimbursement on Capital Improvement Projects.

Ayes – 3 Averill, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

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

Ayes - 3 Averill, 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 # 54 * Audit Report-Timothy White & Tomorra Averill

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	198 – 224	\$12,310.53
Highway	156 – 172	\$28,848.39
Capital Improvements	-	\$.00
Street	10	\$658.89

Ayes- 3 Averill, White, Kerr

Nays -0 Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor White presented the local law dog law to the board that was done in 2010 He feels the board authorized the lawyer to draw it up a public hearing was held, and it was adopted. It has 1st offense \$25 2nd \$50 3rd \$75 and so forth so he feels this law should be enforced. He asked the board to review it and see what they think.

REVIEW TENTATIVE BUDGET:

- The change is 1.7% from 2020
- We are below the 2% tax cap
- The main changes were in salaries with 2% raises and I put all deputies and maintenance workers at \$12.50 per hour.
- In capital Improvement for a truck in 2020 we put \$85,000 and this year will be \$100,000 in 4 years we can have the new truck paid off.

- Larry had a change in highway he wanted the money for Town of Edwards moved up \$500 went from \$4,000 to \$4,500
- We are in good shape budget wise
- Bobby Knox stated that the 1st column under highway fund is wrong. It should be \$869,940 not \$843,914. Tim will correct it, good call Bobby.

RESOLUTION # 55 **Accepting the Tentative budget as Preliminary budget w/ the changes.**

A motion was made by Councilor Averill and seconded by Councilor Kerr to **THEREFORE**, accept the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget with the changes. We will hold the **Public Hearing** for the preliminary Budget on at the **Town Hall November 10, 2020 at 6:00 Pm** to be advertised.

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

Ayes – 3 Averill, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Larry asked the board if himself and Tim agreed on a bid from Auction International for the used truck and Ferris mower can we let them go for that amount. The Board stated that was fine.

Respectfully submitted by
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk