

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 pm
11/17/2020

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Larry Denesha

The Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor White @ 6:00 pm

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- Tess asked the board what they feel about letting people use the community room with the rise in COVID cases. The board stated that after the holiday to hold off letting people use the room until we see where the COVID issue is going.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Averill and seconded by Councilor Burnham to accept the minutes from 10/20/2020 and 11/10/2020 as presented by the Town Clerk.

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 11/17/2020

October Report:

9 dog licenses	\$60.00
Hunting licenses commission	184.24
0 marriage license commission	0.00
2 Certified copies	20.00
8 Building permits	200.00
0 Impoundment fee	.00
0 Donation of community room	.00
Fax & copy money	<u>100.00</u>

<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$564.24
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	17.00
NYS Department of Health	0.00
<u>Decals</u>	<u>\$3,461.76</u>

Total Disbursed \$4,043.00

- I am appointing Sandy Tyo as my deputy clerk.

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

BALL FIELD REPORT: Nothing to report

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Timothy White 11/17/20

1. Financial Report
 - Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - Account balances as of November 17, 2020 or the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION # 57 Budget Modifications

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

- Budget modifications: decrease A1990.4 (Contingency account) by \$994.00 and increase A1910.4 (unallocated Insurance) by \$994.00. Decrease SL5182.4 (Russell Street Lights) by \$65.14 and increase SL5182.4 (DeGrasse Street Lights) by \$65.14. This is to make all accounts balance.

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

- Larry stated last month that he thought my account balances were off. Me and the Bookkeeper got together and compared our numbers and we both have the same account balances. We could not find where the discrepancy would be.

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

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- COVID we had 10 new cases today, 108 are active, 629 total. In October we had 84 cases and in the last 7 days we have had 120 cases. Most are related to gatherings. We encourage people to stay home, wear masks and social distance and wash hands frequently.
- The 2021 budget passed on 11/02 meeting.
- The sales tax negotiations are still going on.
- The 2020 real property tax auction had 110 parcels with 388 bidders. They made 2.3 million dollars; 1.4 million last year. 1.2 million was from back taxes that were owed.
- There are 2 Bills on the State Senate and Assembly requesting more Legislatures for counties.

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr 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: Bobby Knox

- We are having a chicken BBQ on December 5th \$10.00 a meal until gone and Christmas trees for sale \$40.00 each.
- We may have a Chicken BBQ in January or February.

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

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

Nays - 0 Motion carried

Highway Superintendent Report: 11/17/2020 * Larry White

We have replaced the tires on 1 plow truck and the grader.

All trucks have been through their annual inspection.

We purchased a replacement for our patch truck and would like to put the old one up for sale.

The new plow truck should be here around the end of November.

We installed a turnaround area at the bridge on the Dutton Road.

We have graded and rolled all gravel roads.

We have completed the pipe work on Dana Hill road, and all went as planned.

We have completed shoulders on the paving projects on Boyd Pond and Blanchard Hill roads.

We have completed helping Pierrepont with drilling and blasting.

The men continue to use up vacation time.

Kevin will retire on 11/27/2020, we wish him well and thank him for many years with the Highway Department.

He will be replaced with Larry Trombly on 11/30/2020.

This has been a productive month and the men have gotten us in good shape for winter and I thank them.

Councilor Whiteford asked how much the truck sold at auction International Larry stated \$3,800.00

Larry stated that the contract with the DEC went through for Firewood. Should get 70-80 cords for \$217.00.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: Larry White

- Nothing to report

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

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

Nays-0 motion carried

HORSE TRAILS & GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORTS: David Whiteford

- Nothing from DEC on the horse trails
- I pulled the dock out at the bridge site

RESOLUTION # 58 * Audit Report-Timothy White & Tomorrah Averill

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	225 - 248	\$11,943.48
Highway	173- 194	\$43,305.05
Capital Improvements	8-9	\$36,387.54
Street Lights	11	688.71

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- The person that bought the Ferris mower on Auction International came to get it and it would not start or stay running. They said they bought it under the assumption it ran well. It will cost quite a lot to fix it. What does the board want to do? They will buy it for \$200.00. The board said sell it and Tim will call Auction International about it because they will still want their commission.
- Tim stated he has not received a check yet for the truck that we sold on there.
- Tim stated that the sales tax check came in \$30,000.00 more than we budgeted. Larry Denesha stated the sales tax was 4.9% higher in October than it was last year in October.
- Councilor Whiteford stated he had some info on solar lights for the streetlights, there are grants that can cut 56% on the light bills. He will get the info to Supervisor White to check into it.
- Tess explained the paperwork from CivicPlus to do a new website that people can get forms and pay online. Cost would be \$6,000.00 to set it up and \$2,000.00 a year maintenance. The board found it to be too expensive for our small town.
- Superintendent White talked about the CHIPs and said we will be \$30,000 less for 2021. He also stated he will go through his paperwork to see why he is off from the Supervisor accounts.
- Councilor Averill stated she will be her last meeting in December she will do a resignation letter.
- Superintendent white stated Jesse may have the screener up and going in next couple days.
- Sandy stated the FD lacks 4 Christmas decorations yet for the poles and they will all be new.

Motion by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Burnham to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk

