

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00pm
03/16/2021

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Larry Denesha
Morris Jeffries

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: nothing

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford
Seconded by Councilor Kerr
To accept the minutes from 02/16/21 as presented by the Town Clerk
Ayes-4 Beachard, White, Whiteford, Kerr
Nays-0 motion carried

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 03/16/2021

February Report:

19 dog licenses	82.00
Hunting licenses commission	2.76
0 marriage licenses	.00
15 Certified copies	150.00
2 Building permits	50.00
0 Impoundment fee	.00
0 donation for community room	.00
Fax and copy money	60.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	<u>\$344.76</u>
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	21.00
NYS Department of Health	.00
Decals	47.24

Total Disbursed

\$413.00

I have collected 77.95% of Town & County taxes \$1449435.04 as of 3/8/21.

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford
Seconded by Councilor Beachard
To accept the Clerk Report as presented
Ayes-4 Beachard, White, Whiteford, Kerr
Nays-0 motion carried

BALL FIELD COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

SUPERVISORS REPORT: 03/16/2021 Timothy White

Financial Report:

-Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the town clerk.

-Account balances as of March 16, 2021 for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and street light fund have been filed with the town clerk.

-The Town of Russell will be receiving \$200000.00 from the last stimulus bill the Federal Govt passed. I would like to split it between the General Account and Highway Account. It cannot be used to lower taxes or for pension plans. There are other stipulations on how it can be spent until I read more on it and talk to our attorney, I am going to leave it in General Account. We should know more next meeting and we can discuss what to do then with it.

- The Pee-Wees would like to use the ball fields this year and I was wondering what the board thought? I think it will be okay the vaccine is supposed to be available for everyone around May. As long as everyone follows the CDC guidelines, I think we can open up the fields and the community room. What does the board think? The Board agrees as long as guide lines of CDC are followed.

- March 17th the vaccine is available to our highway workers. I would like Larry to let them know if they want it they can call the Department of Health or get on-line and sign up. It seems to be working the numbers in the county have been dropping as the vaccinated numbers climb. It has been a long year for everyone, and I hope we are headed in the right direction to get everybody back to normal life.

- Larry White asked about the parking area up by old school had the survey done so they can work on it. Tim stated yes it was done but then COVID struck so I need to get with the lawyer to sign papers. Tim and Larry will get together to look at the lines so work can start on the extra parking area.

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

Ayes – 4 Beachard, White, Whiteford, Kerr
Nays – 0 Motion carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- COVID: as of today we had 17 new cases down from a week ago.
- St. Lawrence is doing great with the vaccines. There have been 232131 tests done as of today.
- The DMV drive through is open now for registrations and plates.
- WE thought the state was cutting social services by 20% but now it is 5%.
- The bridge on CR 17 in DeGrasse is on the list.
- The broadband survey is going well 944 received so far and 144 of them have no service. Please go to **Stlawrencecountybroadband.com** to do the survey.
- The pandemic Relief: Russell will get \$20000.00 the first payment within 60 days and the second payment in 2022.
- We have a Interim Public Health Officer Jolene Munger to replace Dana Maguire.
- Sprinkles ice cream shop in Dekalb will open May 1st.

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to accept the legislature report as presented.

Ayes - 4 Beachard, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Russell: Bobby Knox

- We are having a ham dinner April 17th 3pm – 6pm call to reserve a dinner-take out only.

DeGrasse: nothing

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept FD reports as presented.

Ayes –4 Beachard, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HIGHWAY SUPEINTENDENT REPORT: Larry White

Most of our time has been on plowing and sanding.

We have refilled one of our woodsheds for next fall and have about enough wood on hand for the other one.

We now have the use of a bucket truck and are removing trees and dead limbs on several roads.

We are working on the road brooms for next month's use.

With the warmer weather we have had no water issues.

We have moved all men to day shift with the better weather; but will move them around if needed.

I thank the men for a job well done all winter.

Salt for this year was down 15-20 ton. Councilor Beachard asked how much the town usually uses? Larry stated last year 314.69 ton was bought.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:

We went over pick-up trucks. I got estimates for a new 2021 Ford with the same setup as the one we bought last and it will cost \$41000.00.

We went over the Brooms/ the tow behind one we have we bought used from the county and the motor is shot.

Option 1. Through NORTRAX is a 2021 Eddynet RBRD-08 8" Tow behind sweeper with 24.8 HP Diesel motor for \$36000.00.

Option 2. Through Tracy Road is a new 84" Paladin Tow Behind sweeper for \$13540.00.

RESOLUTION # 33 New 2021 Eddynet Tow Behind sweeper

A motion was made by Supervisor White and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order the 2021 Eddynet RBRD-08 8" Tow Behind Sweeper with 24.8 HP Diesel motor for \$36000.00.

Ayes -4 Beachard White Whiteford Kerr

Nays -0 Motion carried

Superintendent White stated that the CHIP's money will be fully reinstated. The PAVENY and EXTREME WINTER money is gone but could come back. And we should get \$40000.00 back from the state.

Councilor Whiteford stated the insulation in the wall where the chimney at the barn was put in needs to have more put in. He also stated a new exhaust fan is needed where the men work.

The highway super stated that a fan could be put above the bench where a window was, and it would help a lot with the exhaust. He said he stopped at Tractor Supply, but they said we did not have an account to get one. Tim will stop in at Tractor Supply because we have an account under the Town of Russell there he thinks.

Councilor Whiteford also stated that the lighting is bad in the work area at the barn. Larry said he would pick up some bulbs and painting it a lighter color would help brighten it up also.

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Beachard to accept both reports as presented.

Ayes 4 – Beachard, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAILS REPORT: David Whiteford

- Nothing to report other than the dock can go on April 1st.

GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT: David Whiteford

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept these reports as presented.

Ayes – 4 Beachard, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 34* Audit Report-Timothy White & sandy Burnham

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	# 55 – 76	\$18221.71
Highway	# 43 – 64	\$31185.91
Capital Improvement	# 0	
Street Lights	# 3	\$ 802.37

Ayes-4 Beachard, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Councilor Beachard asked about getting the steps fixed coming up to the Town Hall. Supervisor White stated that Bobby Knox and himself plan on fixing them with mortar and then sealing them. They are also going to redo the mortar and seal the big steps going up the Theatre when weather is warmer.

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Beachard to adjourn the meeting @ 6:35 pm

All were in favor

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk

