

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
04/27/2021
@ 6:00 pm @ Russell Town Hall

Present:

Tess Eells/ Town Clerk
Supervisor White
Councilor Burnham
Councilor Whiteford
Superintendent White
Councilor Beachard
Councilor Kerr

Guests:

Bobby Knox
Tom & Brenda O'Brien
Richard & Kathy Meilleur
Larry Trombly
Matt Scott
Paul Hull

Pledge

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

The PeeWee presented a cost writeup for 6- 7ftx30ft Dugouts at a cost of \$6,651.51.

Player Benches with back \$909.99 each.

Permanent chain-link backstops 30ft ones \$2,689.00 each and 40ft at \$3,829.00 each.

The Board agrees the benches are to be done and the fence needs repairs on them, and money was already budgeted for the 1st base fence line of \$1,500.00.

Covering the pressure treated boards by the playground with poly board and sealed should be done so children will not get slivers from them. Also, the board would like a couple new benches put by the playground for parents to be able to watch their children. Matt asked are we replacing them or just adding more? They will all be replaced with new ones.

A total of 13 new benches will be needed for a cost of \$12,000.00.

Matt Scott feels the dug-out buildings are not needed because when it is hot out, they hold the heat in, and players do not sit in them especially the above ground ones.

The backstops for 3 fields will be a coat of \$8,067.00 for the 30 ft ones.

Brenda O'Brien stated the fences need to be fixed.

Matt Scott asked about skinning the in-fields? The board stated no that will not be done.

Supervisor White stated eventually he would like to see a fence put around the upper field.

Councilor Beachard stated that the children's REC wants to buy a grill.

Supervisor White stated it costs \$240.00 a month for port-a-pots at the Blanchard Hill fields. He would like to get the bathrooms done also. There use to be bathrooms there so we can just hook back into that water source. He thinks putting them in over by pavilion will work along with a concession stand.

Tim stated he has a shallow pump that can be used and David Whiteford stated he has a pressure tank that can be used. They feel the water to the bathroom could be turned on the first of May and shut off in September. All the coaches will have keys to them.

It was asked who will clean them and the board stated our maintenance person will. The labor will be done by volunteers. Tim will get prices for the bathroom.

Paul Hull stated that the Fire Department would like to buy the grill for the Peewee's. Check with Tammy Carlin to see if it was purchased yet.

RESOLUTION # 36 Purchasing Benches and Back stops

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Kerr:

Therefore, the Town Board authorizes to appropriate \$30,000.00 to be moved from the General Fund Balance and be put in the Children's Rec Fund A7311.4 to be used to purchase benches, back stops and for work on the concession and bathroom areas.

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Councilor Burnham stated that the Kiosk in the Town park is broken and should be removed.

She also stated she would like to see the stairs leading up to the Town Hall to be redone.

Councilor Kerr agreed and stated that some landscaping like topsoil and rolling would improve the park also. A picnic table was suggested for there.

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to authorize removing the Kiosk from the Town Park. All were in favor of this motion.

Highway Superintendent White presented the board his Agreement To Spend Town Highway Funds road projects:

RESOLUTION # 37 Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Kerr to authorize the following:

GENERAL REPAIRS the sum of \$233,121.00 may be expended for general repairs upon 77 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewal thereof.

IMPROVEMENTS:

- a. On the road commencing at CR 24 – Burnell road and leading east a distance of 1.2 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$56,220.59 type T6 width of traveled surface 18 feet thickness 1.25 inch. (Extreme Winter)

- b. On the road commencing at CR 24 – Pyrites Russell road and leading to north a distance of 1.45 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$65,676.17 Type T6 width traveled surface 18 feet Thickness 1.25 inch (PAVENY)
- c. On the road commencing at West road – Pyrites Russell road and leading to South distance of 0.55 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$29,023.83 Type T6 width of traveled surface 18 feet Thickness 1.25inch (CHIPS)
- d. On the road commencing at Blanchard Hill (Boyd Pond) and leading to East a distance of 2.47 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of 75,200.00 Type T6 width of traveled surface 18 feet Thickness 1.25inch. (CHIPS)
- e. On the road commencing at Pyrites Russell road (West Road) and leading to East a distance of 2.35 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$87,700.00 Type T6 width of traveled surface 18 feet Thickness 1 inch (CHIPS)
- f. On the road commencing at CR 17 (Blanchard Hill Road) and leading to North a distance of 3.25 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$42,725.00 Type T6 Width of traveled surface 18 feet Thickness 1 inch and shim remaining sections as needed (CHIPS)
- g. On the road commencing at Lazy River road and leading to North a distance of 2.5 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$12,509.03 Type T6 width of traveled surface 18 feet Thickness 1 inch and shim sections as needed as far as funds go plus unused funds of C,D,E & F.

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 38 New John Deere Riding Mower

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Burnham:

Therefore, the board authorizes the supervisor to purchase a John Deere Lawn mower from LOWE’s for \$2,200.00 and he will pick it up on Friday.

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Superintendent White stated he will get the info for the pick- up truck for Auctions International to sell.

The board will advertise the old John Deere mower to sell with sealed bids to be opened at May 18th meeting. Tim will get info to Tess to advertise it.

The Board has no problem allowing a soft ball tournament fund raiser to be held at our fields. Motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Kerr to adjourn at 7:15PM

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

The minutes were submitted by
Tess Eells/ Russell Town Clerk