

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 PM**  
**07/20/2021**

**PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Bobby Knox  
Morris Jeffries

**PLEDGE:**

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

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to accept the minutes from 06/16/2021 as presented by the Town Clerk.

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

**TOWN CLERK REPORT: 07/20/2021**

June Report:

11 dog licenses	\$68.00
Hunting licenses commission	14.52
1 Marriage License Comm.	7.50
2 Certified copies	20.00
5 Building permits	125.00
0 impoundment fee	.00
0 donations	.00
Fax & copy money	.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$ 235.02
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	19.00

NYS Department of Health	22.50
Decals	\$248.48
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Total Disbursed	\$525.00

I paid the Supervisor for penalties and second notice fees and misc.in the amount of \$3,568.27. My tax season went well with no major issues.

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

**BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT:** In supervisor 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 20, 2021, for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.
  - I have spoken with Andy Wood; he is going to come help lay out the bathrooms at the ball field and get ready for concrete. He also mentioned we should put in one handicap stall which I agree. The board agreed that it should be done.

**RESOLUTION** # 46 Budget modifications

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

Increase A1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance Contractual) by \$5,408.79 and decrease A1990.4 (Contingent account) by \$5,408.79. Increase A5680.4 (Transportation Safety) by \$508.19 and decrease A5132.4 (Garage & Pit) by \$508.19. Increase A6510.4 (Veteran Services) by \$275.00 and decrease A7550.4 (Celebrations) by \$275.00. This will balance all accounts.

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

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

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

**LEGISLATURE REPORT:** Given by Supervisor White

- Sales tax this quarter was up 34.89%.
- The Bridge in DeGrasse will not close on July 27<sup>th</sup> as predicted. The County can get the materials but there are no workers available at this time. It may start in October now when workers are available.

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

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

Nays-0 Motion carried

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Bobby Knox stated nothing going on currently we will have to do the work ourselves because we cannot find a contractor.

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

Ayes 5 Beachard, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays 0 Motion carried

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Larry White

All materials from the auction have been paid for and removed from the highway department and from our insurance.

We have been working on the seasonal section of Blackmer road as time allows.

The new broom was delivered on 06/23/2021.

We have cut shoulders on the north end of Pyrites Road as well as the Town Line, Cassidy, Hill, Smith and Hewlett roads.

We have patched all roads to be shimmed and paved.

We helped the county by mowing roadsides and Shared Service time will be used to offset the use of the County shoulder machine.

We have started mowing all town roads scheduled to be paved.

We are now helping Dekalb with their paving.

Throughout our shut down week we had only two issues with downed trees.

This has been a productive 3 weeks and I thank the men.

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Councilor Whiteford apologized for not being available for a highway committee meeting.
- Highway superintendent White stated he feels the board should still consider a new Pick-up truck so he can leave the next superintendent in good shape. The board will get together and look the truck over and decide if a new one is needed.

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

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

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

- The dock should be put back in; Superintendent White stated he got a call from Tess asking if we could get it from where it washed up to on Pleasant street because Mr. Reid kept calling so we took it apart to get it to the bridge. Maybe a cable should be used to secure it. Supervisor White stated he would get it done soon.
- Superintendent White stated he gets calls about Donnerville road where DEC are ticketing people for riding ATV's in there. It has hiking trails and he feels there should be signs posted that (NO ATV's ALLOWED). Tim will contact DEC about the signs.

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

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION # 47\*** Audit Report-Timothy White & sandy Burnham

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

July 20, 2021

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	140 - 170	\$57,217.39
Highway	128 - 142	28,939.49

Capital Improvements	1	\$38,500.00
Fire Protection -		0.00
Street Lights	7	662.57
Total:		

Ayes-5 Beachard, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr  
Nays-0 Motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bobby Knox stated that the corner wash basin grate is plugged up with sand again.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Supervisor White stated we only had 2 applicants for maintenance person so Peter Burnham will stay on as maintenance person. The board feels he is doing a great job.
- Superintendent White stated he is having a hard time finding a metal cabinet to store flammable items in at the barn. Tess asked if he checked with the county surplus or maybe W.B.Mason will have something that will work.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by  
Tess Eells, Russell Town Clerk

