

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @6:00pm
08/17/2021

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Morris Jeffries
Larry Denesha

The pledge of allegiance:

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr
Seconded by Councilor Beachard
To accept the minutes from 07/20/2021 as presented by the Town Clerk
Ayes-4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr
Nays-0 motion carried

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 08/17/2021

July 2021 Report:

11 dog licenses	\$62.00
Hunting licenses commission	10.49
2 Marriage License Comm.	15.00
8 Certified copies	80.00
4 Building permits	100.00
0 impoundment fee	.00
Fax & Copy Money	.00
Donations	.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	<u>\$267.49</u>
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	17.00
NYS Department of Health	45.00
Decals	179.51

Total Disbursed \$509.00

Motion by Councilor Burnham
Seconded by Councilor Kerr
To accept the clerk Report as presented
Ayes-4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr
Nays-0 motion carried

BALL FIELD COMMITTEE: In supervisor report

SUPERVISORS REPORT: 08/17/2021 - Tim White

1. Financial Report
 - Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - Account balances as of August 17, 2021, for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.
 - Andy Wood and I met and came up with a list of supplies needed to start the bathroom and grill area work. We have lined up some volunteers to help with the work also. I picked up the fence and most of the post also, and we are hoping to start this weekend.
 - Larry asked at last meeting about the road that goes to the river in Downerville. I spoke to the DEC, and the officer told me that that road is ATV legal to the parking area. If the ATV's stay on the road or in the parking area they are fine. They **cannot drive down to or in the river**. He also stated there were no ATV's beyond this point, he said there were signs in the parking area and he check to see if they are still there.
 - I have received the verification letter from the state that we will receive \$182,741.00 from the coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund. Half the money will come this year and the rest next summer.

RESOLUTION: # 48 Budget Modification

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

THEREFORE, decrease A1990.4 (contingency account) by \$67.75 and increase A5680.4 (transportation safety) by \$67.75. this will balance the accounts.

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

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

Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays - 0 Motions carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- Speaking of the Coronavirus recovery funds; It is supposed to be used for anything that was adversely affected by COVID. My advice is whatever you spend it on keep receipts and an account of where it was spent. Just in case the town gets an audit on it.
- COVID: Public Health will do appointments for on-site vaccinations. As of Friday -Monday there were 120 new cases mostly unvaccinated people. Public Health recommends people wear masks in public areas.
- The Sheriff is holding new pistol safety classes on August 31st 5-9 Pm and September 1st 5-9 PM you need to register for the class and the cost will be a \$30.00 fee.
- We passed a resolution to get federal aide to help with bridges.
- The 2020 final audit report showed sales tax at 65.4 million. It has been going up since 2017.
- Larry White asked why does the county cut highway but never anything at Social Services. That is state mandated, and it prevents any cuts. The state sets the number of cases Social Services can have also. Larry White stated our government overall likes to do handouts.

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

Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Russell FD - Bobby Knox and Sandy Burnham:

- We are still looking for someone to install our kitchen which includes putting up new cupboards, installing the counter, sink, stove etc.
- We will be having a Election Day luncheon on November 2, 2021.

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

Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Highway Superintendent Report: 08/17/2021 * Larry White

We have completed our paving with 9.25 miles covered; 3.35 top and 5.9 shim.

We have helped Dekalb and Edwards with their paving and we want to thank them as well as Canton, Pierrepont, and Hermon for their help with us.

We are now working on shoulders.

We have cleaned around guide rails as time allows.

We have installed driveways on the Cassidy, Colton and Backus roads and 1 crossing pipe.

We have taken a truck to Stadium International for repairs.

This has been a productive and busy month and I thank the men.

Councilor Beachard stated he was asked why the town highway is doing driveways. Larry stated we work within the 25 feet from center of road to ditch; so, we install pipes that the landowner purchases for new driveways. If the pipe already exists, then we replace it because after they are in, they become the towns because they are in the 25-foot distance.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: Larry White

- I figured after all the paving projects were done, I have \$15,392.59 left over.
- There was some discussion about the amount left over but it came out that the \$15,392.59 was correct.
- Larry would like to do some shimming on the West Road and Backus Road with it.
- The board wants to hold off a month to see if the county can help with the paving before the highway men lay it down.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Beachard to accept the Highway and Highway Committee reports as presented.

Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAILS & GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL REPORT: David

Whiteford: Nothing to report.

RESOLUTION # 49 Audit Report-Tim White & Sandra Burnham

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	171 - 185	\$ 13,241.33
Highway	143 - 161	\$ 29,238.64
Capital Improvements	2 - 5	\$408,971.75
Fire Protection	none	\$0.00
Street Lights	8	\$689.62

Ayes-4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr
Nays-0 motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bobby Knox stated that in DeGrasse a hanging plant is blocking the speed sign by FD.
- Councilor Kerr stated that Tammy Mackin was wondering if Flowers could be hung there, and the town will water them.
- Councilor Burnham stated the maintenance truck is in bad shape, but it runs great.
- Councilor Beachard stated he feels a crew cab truck would do. I talked to people and there is a state rebate for municipalities. Larry stated his men do not need a crew cab truck they use the patching truck when more than a couple go somewhere.
- They discussed why Larry uses a pick-up for plowing the roads; he said it is cheaper on gas and it gets the slush off roads better than big plow truck.
- The board asked Larry to get prices on both crew cab and not and ¾ ton and 1 ton pick- up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Larry asked when the new 2022 budget will be discussed? Tim stated in September.
- Larry gave Tim a list of tools that Jesse needs for the garage; he feels budgeting \$10,000 should get what he needs.

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Beachard to adjourn the meeting @ 6:52 pm

Ayes –4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr
Nays - 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk

