

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 pm
09/21/2021

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Larry Trombly
Larry Denesha
Toni Trombly

Pledge:

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Beachard to accept the minutes from 08/17/2021 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes-4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 09/21/2021

August Report:

5 dog licenses	26.00
Hunting licenses commission	119.91
4 Certified copies	40.00
3 Bldg Permits	75.00
3 Marriage Licenses	22.50
0 impoundment fees	.00
Fax & copy money	.00
0 donations	.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	<u>\$283.41</u>
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	7.00
NYS Department of Health	67.50
Decals	2,105.09
<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>\$2,463.00</u>

A motion was made by Councilor Averill
Seconded by Councilor Burnham
Ayes-4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried
To accept the clerk Report as presented

BALL FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Superintendent White stated that Doug, Bobby, Pete, Andy and himself met at ballfield and went over the plumbing. The pad has been poured for the bathrooms. We will get the 2x4 lumber to frame it in.
- He stated that he will get some volunteers together to work on the fence.

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 September 21, 2021 for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and Street Light Fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION # 50 Budget Modification

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

Decrease A5132.4 (garage & Pit) by \$161.99 and increase A5680.4 (transportation safety) by \$161.99 and this will balance the accounts.

Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Town Supervisor
Timothy White

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

Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- COVID- as of today there were 58 new cases 25 are hospitalized. St. Lawrence County for fully vaccinated is 52.6 %. St. Lawrence county is highest in positive rate of new cases over the 3 counties.
- COVID tests are free at the St. Lawrence Health System and Claxton. They have a rapid test machine and can do up to 80 a day.
- We passed a resolution in August authorizing to join a law suit against big Pharma's for the opioid crisis and we will get \$700 thousand over a 10 year period.
- The Bridge on County Route 27 in DeGrasse is closed.
- Regards to the Hazard Mitigation Survey; I feel someone from Russell should sit in on it. I would be willing to sit in on it also just let me know

when. Tim will set up a time with them and let Larry know when. It is important if the town needs FEMA.

- Yesterday the Operations Committee met and sent out a survey to employees about mask mandates. 52% were against the mask mandate/ we will do a recommendation. We did a resolution against the Federal/ State mandating masks. I feel it should be up to the employer to do mandates.

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

Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

RUSSELL FD: Sandy and Bobby

- We are still trying to get the kitchen done; we would like it done by election day.
- We are having a Election Day dinner November 2nd.

DEGRASSE FD: N/A

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

Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: 09/21/2021 * Larry White

We have completed our work on the seasonal section of Blanchard Hill Road.

We are now mowing roadsides for the 2nd time and have the south side nearly done.

We have sent the tractor to Cazenovia Equipment for electrical repair.

We have been grading gravel roads.

We have cut brush on the Hatch Road.

We have trucked in a gravel stockpile before the pits close to have on hand for spring.

We have helped Hermon, Edwards & Pierrepont with trucking.

We have installed 4 pipe crossings on the Blackmer Road and 1 driveway pipe on the Given Road.

We have been patching on all our roads.

We have taken the new truck to Champlain for its first service.

We are now screening sand and should be completed next week.

This has been a busy and productive month and I thank the men for a job well done.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: N/A

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept the HWY Superintendent and HWY Committee reports.

Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

HORSE TRAILS AND BLUEWAY TRAILS REPORT: David Whiteford N/A

A motion was made by Councilor _____ and seconded by Councilor _____ to accept the report as presented.

Ayes –

Nays –

RESOLUTION # 51* Audit Report-Timothy White & Sandra Burnham

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	186 - 206	\$14,246.07
Highway	162 - 184	\$44,909.37
Capital Improvements	-	.00
Streetlights	9	\$689.62

Ayes-4 Beachard, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Tim presented a cost for a new truck for highway. Larry White was not at the meeting so Supervisor White stated we should wait until Larry is here, but Councilor Burnham stated we need to move on this to get it ordered. The plow that we have will fit on this truck.

RESOLUTION # 52 New 2022 F-Series SD

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

THEREFORE, the town board authorizes ordering a new 2022 F-450 Crew w/ Dump body at the cost of \$52,581.00. They want to get it in Gray not red.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor White stated the town needs a snowblower for winter and we got 3 quotes:
 1. P1724 24 inch at \$1799.00
 2. Simplicity IS24 24 inch \$1499.00
 3. Husquavana ST224 cost \$899.00

RESOLUTION # 53 New Snowblower

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard
Seconded by Councilor Kerr

THEREFORE, the town board authorizes the purchase of the Simplicity IS24 24-inch snowblower at the cost of \$1499.00.

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

The board was given the Standard Work -Day Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials to review.

RESOLUTION: # 54 Standard work- day resolution reporting

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to Accept the 2021 Standard Work- Day Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials as presented.

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

A motion by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Burnham to adjourn at 6:33 PM.
all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk

