

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 PM**  
**10/19/2021**

**PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Bobby Knox  
Larry Denesha  
Morris Jeffries  
Richard Meilleur  
Kathy Meilleur

The 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 09/21/21 as presented by the Town Clerk.

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

Nays- 0      Motion carried

**BALLFIELD COMMITTEE:** none

**TOWN CLERK REPORT: 10/19/2021**

September Report:

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| 16 dog licenses                    | 88.00    |
| Hunting licenses commission        | 431.48   |
| 3 Marriage License Comm.           | 22.50    |
| 10 Certified copies                | 100.00   |
| 3 Building permits                 | 75.00    |
| 0 Impoundment fees                 | .00      |
| 0 donation for community use       | .00      |
| Fax and copy money                 | .00      |
| <u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>      | \$716.98 |
| <u>Disbursed amounts:</u>          |          |
| Ag & Market (spay, neuter program) | 24.00    |

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| NYS Department of Health | 67.50           |
| <u>Decals</u>            | <u>7,443.52</u> |
| Total Disbursed          | \$8,252.00      |

I handed in a cash to the Supervisor in the amount of \$260.00 for a pipe that Larry gave me on 10/5/21

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

**SUPERVISORS REPORT: for October 21, 2021 –Timothy White**

1. Financial Report
  - Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the Town Clerk.
  - Account balances as of October 19, 2021 for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and Street Light Fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.

**RESOLUTION # 55 Budget Modification**

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

- Budget modifications decrease A5132.4 (Garage & Pit) account by \$126.04 and increase A5680.4 (Transportation Safety) by \$126.04 and this will balance all the accounts.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Beachard to accept the supervisor report.

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

**LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha**

- As of today, there are 63 new COVID cases, 24 hospitalized; the county positivity rate is 8.64%. Statewide positivity rate is 2.4%.
- There will be some redistricting in 2022 for federal, state, and county; my district #6 will be one that changes.
- The county highway buildings are coming along good.
- At the online tax sale there were 105 parcels, 301 bidders, \$1 million757 thousand was made. There was \$146,000.00 in taxes owed so \$811,000.00 was made on foreclosures.

- Broadband survey had 2,079 responders, and 96% were residential homes. The Planning Office will move forward on it.
- We signed a contract to have DSS reviewed and what actions should be taken.
- The bridge in Degrasse is coming along good.
- We will be presented a budget at the next Monday meeting.
- Councilor Whiteford asked if there was any certain reason for the increase of COVID cases? Larry stated the Delta Variant is more contagious now and some positive cases do not show any symptoms but test positive.
- Councilor Whiteford stated he drives for Social Services, and we only get .44 cents a mile reimbursement and a lot of drivers are quitting because of gas prices is the county considering a raise in mileage? Larry will ask at budget meeting.

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

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Russell – Bobby Knox

- ¾ of the new kitchen is done
- We are having a Turkey dinner on Election Day at 4:00 PM all takeout meals
- December 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a chicken BBQ starting at noon all takeout meals till gone and trees will be for sale starting at 10:00am
- Sandy stated the FD will need a new furnace at the cost of around \$20,000. Also a truck will need new tires.
- Tim stated some of the old cupboards from the FD kitchen will be used at the cook shack part at the ball field.

DeGrasse – nothing

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

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

Nays – 0 Motion carried

#### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: 10/19/2021 \* Larry White**

- Larry stated at a DOT meeting they were told that a list of town seasonal roads should be in the minutes yearly.

TO BE ADDED TO MINUTES EVERY NOVEMBER  
LIST OF SEASONAL ROADS FOR 2021-2022

Backus: 0.7 miles from Forbes road to end

Blackmer: Lake George to 0.5 miles  
Cole: 0.7 miles from Nolan road to end  
Colton: County Route 25 to the end  
Cook: 0.8 miles from Silver Hill to the end  
Donnerville: 1.3 miles from County Route 24 to the Clare line  
Forbes: 0.4 miles from Boyd Pond road to 1.3 miles  
Mackin: 0.5 miles from County Route 17 to the end  
McCarthy: 0.9 miles from County Route 17 to the end  
Ritz: Full Length  
Silver Hill: Cook road 1.35 miles toward Curtis road  
Silver Hill: 0.2 miles from Curtis Road to Spicer Road  
Thurstan: Full length  
Webb: Full Length

We have cut brush and trees on several roads.

We have split and piled approximately 10 cords of wood outside that will be covered to put in this winter.

We have flushed the water from the wood boiler and lines.

We have patched all roads as needed and replaced a pipe crossing on the Lazy River Road.

We have completed screening sand and mixed 100 ton of salt.

We have cut shoulders on 1 mile of Fordham Hill Road.

We have made necessary repairs to sanding equipment and cleaned and painted.

I got prices for the pick up's the board asked for; but I see at the last meeting someone got a price for a truck we did not need. As I told all of you's the month before and you's agreed to purchase it at a cost of \$10,000.00 more plus no plow. I find it hard to believe you's know more of the highways needs then I do.

Fuel tanks outside need painting.

I have tried to keep debt out of the highway department.

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:** nothing

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to accept the Highway Superintendents reports.

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

Superintendent White asked if Larry Trombly could have a letter put in the minutes:

**LARRY TROMBLY:**

I Larry Clayton Trombly would like to ask that this letter be in the town meeting minutes please:

Richard Meilleur and myself had spoken before our Democratic Caucus this summer. We both decided to let the voting democrats decide which of us would be better candidate for the Town of Russell highway superintendent; we both felt it was in the towns best interest to only have two candidates for this position and whichever person lost would back out and support the winner. Richard won the caucus, and I can not get my name off the independent ballot. Please do not vote for me this election.

Thank you,

Larry Trombly

(original hand written letter is in clerks office if someone wants to see it)

**HORSE TRAILS REPORT:** David Whiteford -Nothing to report on this  
**GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAILS REPORT:** nothing to report

**RESOLUTION # 56** \* Audit Report-Timothy White & Sandra Burnham

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

| Fund                 | Vouchers  | Total       |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| General              | 207 – 230 | \$12,194.39 |
| Highway              | 185 – 208 | \$35,041.34 |
| Capital Improvements | -         | \$ .00      |
| Street               | 10        | \$770.80    |

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

Nays -0 Motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Councilor Burnham stated she would like to get bids on getting the big steps to Theatre and the steps leading up to the town Hall redone.
- Supervisor White will contact Bill Peacock and Richard Hance to get prices on doing the steps. They can be patched for now.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The board received a letter from Supervisor Perry from Hermon asking to exempt the Hermon Village Water Works Parcel ID # 13.001-2-16. Their pump is on Town of Russell Property. The board reviewed the paperwork they were supplied.

- Richard Meilleur stated the Town of Hermon charges for water & sewer so why shouldn't the town receive compensation for it.

**RESOLUTION # 57** Hermon Village Water Works

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

**Therefore**, the Russell Town Board denies the request from Hermon Town Supervisor to give a tax exemption on the Hermon Village Water Works from the Tax # 132.001-2-16.

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

Nays - 0 Motion carried.

**REVIEW TENTATIVE BUDGET:**

- Supervisor White asked if the board reviewed the Tentative budget?
- Supervisor White stated he will get with Jesse on what tools and specialty tools needed for the town barn.
- Morris Jeffries asked if the tools were for the town or Jesse. They are for the Town the town use to send jobs out to be done but with certain specialty tools Jesse can do them at the barn.
- The Board will meet on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM to review the Tentative budget.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to adjourn the meeting at 6:44PM all were in favor

Respectfully submitted by  
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk