

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 PM
07/27/2022

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Morris Jeffries
Larry Denesha
Trudy Hendrickson
John Stransky

PLEDGE:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Burnham to accept the minutes from 06/21/2022 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes-3 Beachard, Burnham, White
Nays-0 motion carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- Morris Jeffries asked why the meeting was changed from 7/19 to 7/27. The supervisor stated we did not have enough board members to do business.
- Trudy Hendrickson stated she lives at the Attwater Housing and walks uptown with a walker. She would like to see sidewalks fixed. The sidewalks are bad on the back streets also.
- Supervisor White stated there is no sidewalk on the bridge he will contact Don Chambers about the bridge issue and maybe signs that state shared roadway can be put there.
- Trudy stated people say she could get hit walking with the walker, she said she could wear a safety vest if needed to be better seen.
- John Stransky stated that some villages do sidewalks and the property owners have to keep the walks cleaned and sanded in front of their property.

- The town finds the sidewalks a liability and expensive to maintain.
- Larry Denesha stated go with the signage to start with.
- Richard Meilleur stated Dave Smith from North Woods Road gave him receipts for tires that have blew on that road. Michaels has caused the road issue not the town, they are responsible for the tires. Richard is trying to set up a meeting with Power Authority to address the issue of the road.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 07/27/2022

June Report:

12 dog licenses	\$78.00
Hunting licenses commission	9.40
1 Marriage License Comm.	7.50
9 Certified copies	90.00
3 Building permits	100.00
0 impoundment fee	.00
0 donations	.00
Fax & copy money	<u>.00</u>
Revenue to supervisor:	\$ 284.90
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	22.00
NYS Department of Health	22.50
Decals	<u>\$160.60</u>
Total Disbursed	\$490.00

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham
 Seconded by Councilor Beachard
 To accept the clerk Report as presented
 Ayes-3 Beachard, Burnham, White
 Nays-0 motion carried

BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: nothing to 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 27, 2022, for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and streetlight fund have been filed with the Town Clerk.

• **RESOLUTION # 55** **Budget modifications**

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

Decrease A1990.4 (Contingent) by \$614.00 and Increase A1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance account) by \$614.00. This will balance all accounts.

Ayes – 3 Beachard, Burnham, White

Nays – 0 Motion carried

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

Ayes – 3 Beachard, Burnham, White

Nays – 0 Motion carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- The Dutton Road bridge is now open.
- The Regional Group met to discuss 2022 budget. County has 572 miles of roads the 2022 budget will do 44.6 miles of road so the financial committee will use money from the unappropriated Fund Balance to do 10 more miles.
- We passed a resolution for finishing the highway buildings so we will take \$600,000 from the Fund Balance to finish the jobs. Russell Highway buildings are essentially done.
- We contracted with a group that specializes in investigating DSS. Their findings were Policies and procedures were not clear and the staff did not know what they were or where. Safety Assessments were good. The documentation was not good. The Commissioner has a plan to move forward to reach the goals of fixing the issues. He will report to the Legislature Board when done.
- Our August 1st meeting will be held at the St. Lawrence County Fair.
- Budget season is approaching, and we will try to hold the line.
- The St. Lawrence University asked to borrow \$100 million from IDA. I asked how much they had in their account, and they said \$400,000 million, so I voted no I was the only one that did out of 15 members.
- The county has 70% of property in St. Lawrence County with 501C status so they pay no taxes. I feel they should pay some towards taxes.
- Trudy Hendrickson asked why do they need the money?
- Larry stated the university has 750 employees.

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

Ayes-3 Beachard, Burnham, White

Nays-0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Bobby Knox stated the Alumni breakfast was not a good turnout.
- We will have a November 8th election luncheon not sure what will be served yet.
- Richard Meilleur stated Greg Given, Fire Chief wants the driveway at pump house paved and FD will pay for it. Some FD members said it was the first they heard of it so they want this tabled for now until they meet. Supervisor White stated maybe the FD and Town can go in halves on it.
- John Stransky stated Hermon Rescue stated budget time is coming and they said the paid EMT there 7am – 3 pm will get \$20.00 an hour and with a 9% inflation Russell will need to increase their contract by \$3,500 a 2% will not cover the costs for 2023.
- John stated they have 3 going to do EMT training and it costs \$700 each to sign up and if they don't go, we do not get the money back
- Supervisor White stated we will have to pass a resolution to override the 2% cap this year.
- John said the good news is we have been approved to do free COVID testing at Hermon Fire Department. He gave us a flyer where people scan the code to register. August 1st is the launch day.

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

Ayes 3 Beachard, Burnham, White

Nays 0 Motion carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Richard Meilleur

. We have finished cleaning up all the downed trees from the last big storm.

We trucked blacktop for Dekalb for 1 week on shared services.

We have started mowing roadsides for the second time.

We have started screening sand.

We are working on the parking area for the ballfield by the old school.

We will be starting our paving projects soon.

I would like to thank the men for another safe and productive month.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Doug Beachard stated the \$714.70 refund from North Star Salvage should be put back in highway account.
- Superintendent Meilleur presented his agreement to spend town hwy funds for the roads he plans on doing.

RESOLUTION # 56 Agreement to spend town hwy funds

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Burnham to authorize the spending of \$429,057.79 on 77 miles of town roads including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof:

Improvements the following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of town highways:

- From POP Funds: On the road commencing at .4 miles from dead end (Boyd Pond RD) and leading to west a distance of .4 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$43,776.35 Type 6 width 18' thickness 1.5" Top.
- From EWR funds: on a road commencing at .5 mile south of Town Line Rd (Pyrites-Russell Rd) and leading to South .4 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$31,785.24 Type 6 width 18' Thickness 1.5" Shim.
- From EWR funds: On the road commencing at 1.2 miles South of Town Line Road (Pyrites-Russell RD) and leading to South a distance of .3 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$24,435.25 Type 6 Width 18' Thickness 1.5" Shim.
- From PAVENY Funds: On a road commencing at Smith Road (West Rd) and leading to North a distance of .8 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$65,664.53 Type 6 Width 18' Thickness 1.5" shim.
- From CHIP's Funds: On a road commencing at .5 South of Town Line Rd (Pyrites-Russell RD) and leading South a distance of 1 mile there shall be expended not over the sum of \$83,750.00 Type 6 Width 18' Thickness 1.5" Top.
- From CHIP's Funds: On a road commencing at .8 miles North of Smith Rd (west Rd) and leading to North a distance of .5 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$40,000.00 Type 6 Width 18' Thickness 1.5" Shim.
- From CHIP's Funds: On a road commencing at Smith RD (West RD) and leading to North a distance of 1.3 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$102,850.00 Type 6 Width 18' Thickness 1.5" Top.
- From CHIP's Funds: On a road commencing at Hill RD (Cassidy RD) and leading to North a distance of .5 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$36,796.42 Type 6 Width 16' Thickness 1.5 Shim, plus any unused funds from projects a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h as far as funds will go.
- Ayes – 3 Beachard, Burnham, White
- Nays – 0 Motion carried

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

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Ayes – 3 Beachard, Burnham, White
Nays – 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 57* Audit Report-Timothy White & Sandy Burnham

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

July 27, 2022

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	158 - 186	\$20,336.23
Highway	121 - 139	\$37,395.45
Capital Improvements	0	
Fire Protection -		0.00
Street Lights	7	706.37
Total:		

Ayes-3 Beachard, Burnham, White
Nays-0 Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Supervisor White and seconded by Councilor Burnham to enter Executive Session at 6:50 Pm to discuss Personnel Matters:
Motion by Supervisor white to exit Executive Session at 7:04Pm and return to regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Beachard to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by
Tess Eells, Russell Town Clerk

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Watertown Daily Times

Invoice #: dae8c542
Date: 07/20/2022

Bill To
Town of Russell Town Clerk

Customer Email
russellnyclerk@gmail.com

Affidavits will be mailed or emailed (as ordered) 7 days AFTER THE
LAST INSERTION DATE.

Description	Publish Date	Amount
PUBLIC	07/22/2022	\$7.43
Affidavit(eMail)	0	\$0.00
Affidavit(Mail)	0	\$0.00

Total: \$7.43
Balance:
\$7.43

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RUSSELL NOTICE OF MEETING

The Russell Town Board
meeting scheduled for July
19, 2022, will be re-
scheduled for July 27,
2022 at 6:00PM

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Watertown Daily Times**

Invoice #: ce67edf2
Date: 06/29/2022

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Description	Publish Date	Amount
PUBLIC	07/01/2022	\$22.96
Affidavit(eMail)	1	\$20.00
Affidavit(Mail)	0	\$0.00

Total: \$42.96
Balance:
\$42.96

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**NOTICE OF FILING FINAL
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State of New York,

County of, Jefferson,

The undersigned is the authorized designee of **Watertown Daily Times**, a **Daily** Newspaper published in **Saint Lawrence** County, **New York**. I certify that the public notice, a printed copy of which is attached hereto, was printed and published in this newspaper on the following dates:

July 01, 2022

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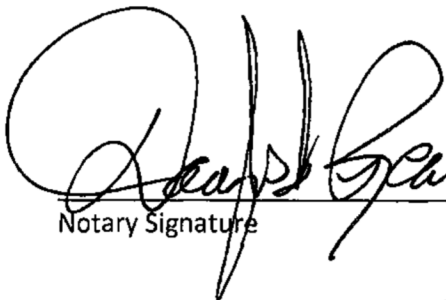
Signature

Eliot T. Putnam

Printed Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

This 07 day of July 2022



Notary Signature

Notary Public Stamp

