

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 PM
10/18/2022

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bobby Knox
Trudy Hendrickson

The pledge

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 Pm by Deputy Supervisor Beachard

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: none

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to accept the minutes from 09/20/22 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes- 4 Beachard, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays- 0 Motion carried

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 10/18/2022

September Report:

22 dog licenses	130.00
Hunting licenses commission	383.82
1 Marriage License Comm.	7.50
7 Certified copies	70.00
1 Building permits	25.00
0 Impoundment fees	.00
0 donation for community use	.00
Fax and copy money	.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$616.32
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	36.00
NYS Department of Health	22.50

Decals	6,627.18
Total Disbursed	\$7,302.00

Just to let you know how much we make in revenue from DEC for the month of September I sold \$7,011.00 and the town gets \$383.82, and DEC gets \$6,627.18. We get a % of each license sold.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham
 Seconded by Councilor Whiteford
 To accept the clerk Report as presented
 Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

SUPERVISORS REPORT: N/A
BALLFIELD COMMITTEE: none

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha N/A

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Russell – Bobby Knox

- The cabinets are painted
- We are having a dinner on Election Day
- December 3rd we will have a chicken BBQ starting at noon and trees will be for sale if we can get them starting at 10:00am
- FD will hand out Halloween candy
- December 10th is the Christmas party at 6PM

DeGrasse – nothing

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to accept the FD reports as presented
 Ayes – 4 Beachard, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: 10/18/2022 * Richard Meilleur

- Tess 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 2022-2023

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 been busy cutting brush and dead trees on the Cassidy, Pestle Street and Hill roads.

We have put down 304 inches of crushed gravel on 9 tenths of a mile of the North Woods Road per agreement with NYPA. Also, we paved 4 tenths of a mile on Lazy River Road which started at the Hermon Town Line and went to the construction entrance for the power line. We used left over CHIPS funds that will get reimbursed when the check comes from NYPA.

We have cut shoulders on the Marshville Road.

We picked up the new insert sander that we ordered.

All the trucks have been serviced and are ready for winter. We have harnessed up one truck and we have replaced sprockets and chains on all sanders that needed to be replaced. We will be harnessing up the rest of the trucks this month.

I placed an order for 75 tons of salt; that should get us to the 1st of the year with what we had left over from last spring.

We have gone to five (5) 8 hour days Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

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

Richard asked the board to do a resolution authorizing using ARPA FUNDS for sander chains, blades, and snow plow parts.

RESOLUTION # 70 ARPA FUNDS

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Whiteford: **THEREFORE:** the Town Board authorized the purchasing of sander chains, blades and snowplow parts with ARPA FUNDS as per ARPA guidelines for towns filed under revenue loss (6.1) which entails anything that is a normal budgeted item, would be allowable.

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

Superintendent Meilleur stated we did get preliminary plans for town hall steps. They looked good except we want railings on the center landing also. The plans were sent to Jeffords Concrete we are waiting on how many anchors we need etc and then I think we can put it out to bid this fall.

Councilor Whiteford asked why Lazy River Road paving we did is wavy? Richard stated it will get Type 6 paving on it next year and that will take care of that.

The Town Barn looks good with the crushed gravel in place.

Sandy asked if the fuel tank meters were in place and Richard stated yes they are all done.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: nothing

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

Ayes - 4 Beachard, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr
Ayes – 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 71 * Audit Report-Douglas Beachard & Sandra Burnham

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

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	234 – 260	\$37,403.65
Highway	168 – 184	\$68,062.86
Capital Improvements	7	\$28,996.95
Street	10	\$920.43

Ayes- 4 Beachard, Burnham, Whiteford, Kerr
Nays -0 Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 72 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr: **Therefore**, the Russell Town Board Will hold a Preliminary Budget Public Hearing on November 1, 2022, at 6:00 Pm at the Russell Town Hall.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Whiteford to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM all were in favor

Respectfully submitted by
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk