

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00 pm
12/20/2022

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Barry Whiteford
Bobby Knox
Larry Denesha

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept the minutes from 11/15/22 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes-4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 12/20/2022

November Report:

12 dog licenses	\$ 60.00
Hunting licenses commission	34.36
0 marriage licenses	.00
11 Certified copies	110.00
2 Building permits	50.00
0 Town Hall donation	.00
0 Impoundment fees	.00
Fax & copy money	<u>.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$254.36
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	16.00
NYS Department of	.00
Decals	<u>\$892.64</u>

Total Disbursed \$1163.00

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard

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

BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing

SUPERVISOR REORT: 12/20/2022: Timothy White

1- Financial Report

-Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the town clerk.

-Account balances as of December 20, 2022, for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and street light fund have been filed with the town clerk.

-The balances are showing are revenues for the year coming in quite a bit higher then expenditures going out which will leave us in good shape again this year.

RESOLUTION # 76 Budget Modifications

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

-Budget modifications, increase A1620.1 operation personal service by \$167.33 and decrease A5132.4 garage and pit personal services by \$167.33. Increase A1910.4 unallocated insurance by \$749.00 and decrease A1990.4 contingent by \$749.00. Increase A1920.4 municipal dues by \$99.00 and decrease A1990.4 contingent by \$99.00. Increase A9060.8 health by \$4,407.85 and decrease A9010.8 state retirement by \$4,407.85. Increase DA5140.1 brush personal service by \$2,025.60 and decrease DA5110.1 general personal service by \$2,025.60. Increase DA9060.8 health by \$29,007.38 and decrease DA9010.8 state retirement by \$14,326, and A600 general fund by \$14,681.38. This will balance all accts.

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

Superintendent Meilleur asked if Tim heard anything on the check from NYPA. Tim stated he got an email from them but no check yet.

Motion by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept Supervisor report as presented.

Ayes-4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr

Nays-0 Motion carried

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- The 2023 budget was passed at the December meeting. It will have a 5.2% reduction on taxes for 2023. In 2022 it was \$8.02 per thousand and 2023 will have \$7.60 per thousand.
- Heap is open for 2023/ monthly income for household are as follows: household of 1 is \$2852.00- household of 2 is \$3730.00- household of 3 is \$4608.00- household of 4 is \$5485.00 per month. Basic heap was \$900.00 and we increased it to \$1,000.00.
- Mortgage tax for Russell is \$11,551.42
- We passed a resolution to NYS to provide funding for MAP (Medication Assistance Program) this is state mandated for St. Lawrence County at a cost of \$420,000.00.
- Our Organizational meeting will be January 3, 2023, at 6:00PM.
- We passed a resolution to update our radio system which was done in 1988 and is VHS. We went with Motorola they had the best bid. We will have 2 additional towers in at Star Lake and Cranberry Lake. The total cost will be 12million 150 thousand dollars. We will use\$5Million from ARPA Funds \$3 million from Fund Balance and we will have a payment of \$958,227 for 5 years to finish paying for it. We also will apply for Peacestop grants. This should get St. Lawrence County up to speed.

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

Ayes – 4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Russell: Bobby Knox

- We sold all the Christmas trees; the BBQ did not go well.
- The annual dinner went great.
- Next dinner will be in April.

DeGrasse: Nothing

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

Ayes – 4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Highway Superintendent Report: 12/20/2022 * Richard Meilleur

We have spent the majority of our time maintaining winter roads.

We have installed new signs at several locations including the Pit. We put up authorized personnel only signs and posted signs.

I have made the state troopers aware of people being in the Pit who don't belong there.

All of our trucks are up and running with no major problems at this time.

We have cleaned up and cut most of the trees that were damaged and bent over from the last heavy snow.

I feel we have some good improvements at the highway department this year even with the cost of fuel and parts prices being considerable higher. We have stayed within budget and should be in good shape coming into the new year.

I would like to thank Tim White for dropping off pizza and soda for the men during the snowstorm.

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

I would like to thank Tess for helping me out on several occasions my first year in office.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Councilor Beachard asked if cameras were put up at Pit? Superintendent Meilleur stated no not yet we did signs and posted it I also contacted the Sheriff and they are patrolling it. I talked to all that have been going in the pit and told them to stay out, now they went in from the back across private land.

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr seconded by Councilor Beachard to accept the Highway Superintendents report and Highway Committee report.

Ayes-4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr

Nays-0 motion carried

RESOLUTION # 77 Audit of bills

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Burnham authorizing the payments of the following bills

Audit Committee Report

December 20, 2022
Sandra Burnham
Timothy White

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	280 – 308	\$38,128.07
Highway	199 - 217	\$44,582.91
Capital Highway Improvements	9	\$37,461.00
Fire Protection -		0.00
Street Lights	12	\$ 799.95

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Councilor Burnham asked if the cement will be poured in ballfield pavilion in the spring. Supervisor White stated yes.
- The Board also wants to Thank Greg Jenne for the beautiful decorations he did on the park gazebo.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Organizational Meeting will be on January 17, 2023, at 5:30 PM and the regular meeting will directly follow.

Supervisor White asked Barry Whiteford if the plowing is better into Donnerville road. He said he has not been in since last storm. Richard stated they have plowed and sanded twice once right after the last storm.

Motion by Kerr Seconded by Beachard to adjourn the meeting at 06:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Tess Eells, Russell Town Clerk

